



Washington Tree Farmer

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A newsletter for certified Tree Farmers in Washington

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Management Plan Workshops

Three Workshops will be held to help Landowners update their management plans, write new plans, and get their designation for forestland. Putting your ownership into Designated Forestland will save you money on property taxes.

Washington State Tree Farmer of the Year for 2009 in Regional Contest

The Mueller-Sack Tree Farm, 2009 Washington State Tree Farmer of the Year, has moved on to Regional competition. The 203 acres was certified as Tree Farm #90 the same year it was purchased by Stan Mueller and John Sack in 1976. At the time of acquisition, it was mostly pasture and alder. With lots of hard work and a three stage conversion process, it is now a fine example of a Working Tree Farm. Congratulations to Stan and John!!!

Washington State Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year (OTFY) for 2010

will be announced at the 2010 WFFA Annual Meeting. There are two nominees, owners **Earl and David Ingebright** of the Valhalla Tree Farm and owners **John MacRae and Candance Ranney** of the MacRae Family Tree Farm. Earl and David have 70 acres of certified woodlands that have been in the WTFP program for 40 years. John and Candance have 240+ acres of certified woodlands that have been in the WTFP program for 57 years. Special recognition will also go to the OTFY for the Lewis County Chapter, **Jim and Tricia Murphy** and OTFY for the Clark County Chapter, **Charlie Swift**. WTFP invites you to attend the WFFA Annual Meeting to support these Outstanding Tree Farmers.

You are invited to attend the

2010 WFFA Annual Meeting

plans, write new plans, and get their designation for forestland. Putting your ownership into Designated Forestland will save you money on property taxes. More information will follow but save the date if you are interested.

Workshops currently planned are:

May 22 - Lewis Co.

June 19 - Clark Co.

June 26 - Spokane

ATFS in the News!

Chuck Leavell, family woodland owner and Rolling Stones keyboardist, wrote an excellent op-ed for CNN on how **small forests can be a big help in curbing carbon emissions.**

[Read it here.](#)

Washington State Green Building Legislation ACTION NEEDED!

Check out the [action alert](#) to protect Tree Farmers from the two bills that have been introduced in the Washington State Senate by Senators Kastama, Rockefeller, and Ranker, SB 6598 and SB 6599, that will, in effect, prohibit the use of wood from certified Tree Farms in the construction of new buildings that receive tax

Meeting to support these Outstanding Tree Farmers.

You are invited to attend the 2010 WFFA Annual Meeting "Forests: The Original Green"

**Hosted by South Sound and Olympic Chapters
of the WFFA
on beautiful Hood Canal**

Sunday - Monday, April 25-26, 2010

Registration form is available [here](#)

For **Lodging** at Alderbrook Resort - call 360-898-2145
by March 1, 2010 to receive the special rate.
[Link](#) to the Alderbrook website

Sunday's tour will be on the Hama Hama Tree Farm,
2008 Washington State Tree Farm of the Year

Contact Erica Norquist at the WFFA office with any questions
at 360-736-5750 or by email her at
info@wafarmforestry.com

New 2010-2015 Standards of Sustainability

Attend a Landowner Q&A Webinar

The American Tree Farm System is offering a series of Internet-based webinars this year that will feature additional information for landowners, volunteers, and forestry consultants. The one-hour webinar will cover how the new Standards will impact current forest management practices. Click below to register for one of these sessions.

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Quick Links

[Washington Tree Farm Program](#)

[Washington Farm Forestry Association](#)

[American Tree Farm System](#)

[Sustainable Forestry Initiative](#)

[Washington Forest Protection Association](#)

[Tuesday, April 13 from 1:00-2:00pm](#)

[Thursday, May 13 from 1:00-2:00pm](#)

[Tuesday, September 14 from 1:00-2:00pm](#)

[Tuesday, October 13 from 1:00-2:00pm](#)

[Tuesday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00pm](#)

For more information on the Standards or to register for a webinar, visit the [ATFS web site](#)

Printing this newsletter

If you would like to print this newsletter to read more carefully or save for future reference, don't worry about using up your expensive color ink. The background colors that are used to catch your attention don't print.

PEFC Audits

The American Tree Farm System is now PEFC accredited and assessments of a percentage of the tree farms in the system nationwide are required. Washington will be among the Western Region States that will have random tree farms selected for assessments by Price Waterhouse Cooper in 2010. The assessors will be looking for conformance to standards required by PEFC as of 2009. These inspections of randomly selected tree farms require that the management plan is current. A plan from 5 years ago with no updates or additional entries does not show active management. Even if no practices took place, you should still update your plan to reflect that information and adjust any management timelines if necessary. As a reminder, Stewardship Plans that are current are accepted by ATFS as a valid management plan.

2011 Tree Farmer Magazine

Tree Farmer Magazine's Editorial Board is seeking content for the 2011 calendar year. Articles can address: how-to, forest management issues, tax issue, tools and techniques, family forestry, sharing your experience, new technology, policy issues, generational or financial topics. All topics will be given consideration by the editorial board which also takes into consideration previous editorial calendars to ensure the

same information is not repeated. Stories are balanced from across the country so that every region is included. Don't forget to provide the name(s) of possible writers who could be considered experts on the topic. There's a wealth of experience out there that can be shared with our readers. Please send with your suggested topics in an email to Brigitte Johnson, Tree Farmer Magazine's executive editor at bjohnson@forestfoundation.org or call ATFS at 202-463-2462. For only \$18 per year, you receive 6 issues with articles about and for tree farmers just like yourself. The magazine is great for education and information about the Tree Farm Program. I encourage you to subscribe.

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