



Washington Tree Farm Program
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Washington Tree Farm Program News

Letter from the Chair

First, I want to congratulate Greg and Sue Pattillo who have moved on to be finalists for the Regional Tree Farmer of the Year recognition. Greg and Sue will represent Washington and compete against Oregon to become the Regional Tree Farmer. You can read their wonderful story here: <https://www.treefarmssystem.org/greg-and-sue-pattillo-from-washington> Washington State Tree Farmers are always the cream of the crop among Tree Farmers in the Nation. If you or someone you know are interested in being considered in the Tree Farmer of the Year recognition program for 2017, please contact Elizabeth at info@watreefarm.org. It's not too early to start the nomination process.

Washington State Tree Farm Committee has finalized our memorandum with American Tree Farm System to become a certified pathway State. This decision came after years of discussion to ensure that we have a need and desire for certification here in our State. As a certified pathway State we will be able to ensure landowners can sell their wood through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative supply chain. We will recognize landowners (like the Pattillos) for their stewardship, and we will help new landowners find out where to start to become land stewards. Finally, we will remain aligned with the strongest voice for forest landowners on the National level—the American Tree Farm System and American Forest Foundation.

Being a Certified State means that we are holding ourselves to a higher standard and we will create our future as a successful non-profit organization. One thing that will help guide us on our path to success is our recently completed Strategic Plan. You can learn more about our Strategic Plan on the next page.

As the new Chair, it is important that I hear from you about what you want from the Tree Farm Program and ideas to help make Tree Farm stronger in our State. Please feel free to email me at chair@watreefarm.org or call me at (360) 515-1340 anytime. With your help, I am looking forward to growing Washington Tree Farm Program.

Sincerely – Tammie Perreault

75th Anniversary Celebration

Although we are just a few months into 2016, we are well on our way to celebrating 75 years of American Tree Farm System. On January 20th we kicked off our celebration



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Thank You.

with a day at the State Capitol in Olympia—if you were in Olympia that week you may have driven by our banner that said “Sustainable Forestry Started Here.” Tree Farmers came into town and visited legislators and participated in a noon-time ceremony led by the Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark. You can read the proclamation signed by Governor Inslee here.

Our celebration continued at the National Leadership Conference in Seattle. Twelve attendees from Washington State joined Tree Farmers from across the Nation to develop the skills and knowledge for the future of American Tree Farm System. You can see photos and learn more about National Leadership Conference here at www.treefarmssystem.org

The next big 75th Anniversary event will be held June 17th and 18th. On the 17th you can join us for the Tree Farmer of the Year luncheon held during the Washington Farm Forestry Annual Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia. Tom Martin, President and CEO of American Forest Foundation (the parent organization of American Tree Farm System) will be our guest speaker at the luncheon. On Saturday, June 18th we will gather at the “Home of Tree Farm” in Montesano with a morning ceremony and afternoon Tree Farm tour. Please watch our website www.watreefarm.org for more information.

Interested helping with the 75th Anniversary Celebration in Montesano on June 18th?

Please contact Loren Hiner at: www.lhiner@montesano.us

Administrators Notes: The data from 2015

Last year we had 219 inspections, we brought in 35 new tree farms. We have 915 Member tree farms with 704 members.

Looking for content for our newsletters. If you are doing something interesting on your tree farm that you would like to share with other tree farmers, please contact Elizabeth Ide at (360) 602-1603 or email info@watreefarm.org

Join us! Come out to our next Quarterly Meeting: July 14th, 2016.

25 Oldest Tree Farms

First Name	Last Name	Initial Date
Paul	Alvestad	11/1/1944
Robert	McIntosh	6/1/1949
Panhandle		3/1/1952
Merrill & Ring		3/1/1952
HammaHamma		5/1/1953
Frank Family		12/1/1953
John	Macrae	12/15/1953
Guy	Bennett	7/1/1954
David	Townsend	8/1/1955
Warren	Bushnell	7/1/1956
Lorita	Wefer	9/24/1956
Philip	Swenson	12/11/1956
Curt	Gauthier	12/1/1957
Dardean	Wheaton	2/1/1958
Don	Assink	4/1/1958
Henry&Chapman LLC		12/1/1958
Oxely Family		10/1/1959
Wilcox family	farms	10/1/1959
Heather	Hansen	10/1/1959
Diane	Garmo	4/1/1960
David	Overton	10/1/1960
William	Stewart	3/1/1961
Westergreen T.F		3/17/1961
Doug	Shellenberger	10/1/1961
Mark	Kirkland	11/1/1961

Strategic Plan Update

What does Washington Tree Farm Program do? First and foremost, we provide Certification for small forest landowners across the State of Washington. In addition to Certification, we work to help landowners access resources and programs to ensure the private forests remain part of the landscape.

Our Strategic Plan outlines three “sub” committees. For a copy of our strategic plan, please contact Elizabeth Ide at info@watreefarm.org.

Executive Committee—our State Officers

Communications Committee—led by Nicole Hill

Technical Committee—co-led by Bob Obedzinski and Dave Houk

We are looking for new members to serve on the Communications and Technical Committee. Both of these committees provide an excellent opportunity to develop and enhance current strategies in communication and the technical resources to support inspectors and tree farmers. This is a great opportunity for both tree farmers and inspectors to bring forward new ideas and make them a reality. If you are interested or know someone who would be a great fit for these committees please let us know at info@watreefarm.org.

Hire a Master Logger

The American Forest Foundation’s (AFF) 2015-2020 Standards of Sustainability of Forest Certification Standard 8 “Forest Product Harvests and Other Activities” gives guidance to attain the services of qualified contractors. Navigating Washington State’s Forest Practices Act rules and regulations can be a daunting task, especially when monitoring harvest or thinning operations. The Washington State Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee (SIC) provides financial support for the Washington Contract Loggers Association’s «Master Logger Program» and also participates in the training program to promote and foster an understanding of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and to promote sustainable forestry practices on all forestlands in the state. The program is a voluntary education program that accredits individuals and the company they represent. The MLP program provides thirty-two hours (4 days) of training in areas such as forest silviculture and ecology (8 hours) and Washington State’s Forest Practices Act rules and regulations (8 hours). More information on the MLP and a list of qualified loggers can be found in the WCLA

website. <http://loggers.com/master-logger-program/>

75th Anniversary History

Celebrating 75 years of Sustainable Forest Management in Washington State History

1941 Clemons Tree Farm in Montesano, WA is dedicated on June 12, with Gov. Arthur B. Langlie delivering the keynote address. The 120,000-acre Clemons Tree Farm was established to demonstrate fire control and reforestation practices.

1946 Washington State implements its first Forest Practices Act requiring reforestation.

1966 Clemons Tree Farm is rededicated as over 2,500 people gather in Montesano to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Tree Farm movement.

1974 Washington Legislature establishes the initial version of the State’s current Forest Practice Act.

1976 The Tree Farm name and logo are registered as trademarks.

1991 A 50th anniversary celebration is held in Montesano to commemorate the 1941 founding of the Clemons Tree Farm. Washington Senator Slade Gorton delivers the keynote address.

2008 American Tree Farm System receives international recognition and approval by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC), the world’s largest forest certification system.

2016 American Tree Farm System celebrates 75 years of promoting sustainable forestry.

Contact Us

If you have questions, suggestions, or comments about this newsletter, please contact Elizabeth Ide at info@watreefarm.org or phone 360-602-1603. If you have interest in volunteering with Washington Tree Farm Program’s committee, please send a letter of interest/qualifications to the address below.

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