

# *Register NOW for the WFFA* **2017 ANNUAL MEETING and FIELD TOUR**

*Hosted by the Upper Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association*

**May 4-5, 2017**  
**WFFA Annual Meeting**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Bothell, Washington**

**May 6, 2017**  
**Field Tour**  
**Crystal Lake Tree Farm**  
**Woodinville, Washington**



**Tree Farmers Do It All – Wood, Water, Recreation and Wildlife**



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## Tree Farmers Do It All – Wood, Water, Recreation and Wildlife

The Upper Puget Sound (UPS) Chapter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association invites you to join us in South Snohomish County on May 4, 5 and 6, 2017, for our 2017 Annual Meeting (AM17). The Hilton Garden Inn in Bothell is the location for events on Thursday and Friday. Details on registration, location, lodging and driving directions are available on the last page. The Hilton has offered a special room rate of \$124 plus tax (available only through April 13). For those who choose to extend their stay in the area, visit the website for Snohomish County tourism at <http://www.snohomish.org/>.

### *May 4th, 2017 – Early Arrival Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up, Tour of Fritch Mill and Evening Reception*

Those traveling to attend AM17 might opt to arrive early on Thursday. We will offer early check-in starting at noon and host a reception in the evening. While the Executive Board meeting is being held, a tour of the Fritch Mill is available to the first 25 attendees who register. The mill tour takes about one hour and participants will be signed up on a “first come – first served” basis. Those who are interested must register as an AM17 attendee and should contact Jim Owens at [jvobiglake1@msn.com](mailto:jvobiglake1@msn.com).

### *May 5th, 2017 – WFFA Annual Meeting – Tree Farmers Do It All – Wood, Water, Recreation and Wildlife*

Friday’s program will offer a full day of top notch speakers, starting with Håken Ekström’s presentation on current worldwide timber prices and market trends. Again this year, the lunch will feature the Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon. Attendees will have time during breaks to enjoy the Talents of WFFA Art Exhibit, purchase raffle tickets and talk with vendors and exhibitors; details on these items are below. The afternoon includes Ron Munro’s presentation on the History of the Crystal Lake Tree Farm, where our Saturday Field Tour will be held. This year’s dinner banquet will feature David L. Peterson’s presentation on the long-term effects of climate change and the possible impacts on tree farms. As a hobby, Dave grows and nurtures bonsai trees; he will bring a few for demonstration and discussion. See page 3 for Schedule details.

**Talents of WFFA Art Exhibit** – Tree Farms provide a unique opportunity for owners to express the beauty of nature through a variety of art forms. If you have artwork you would like to share, you are encouraged to bring it to AM17. Art forms might include pencil sketches, paintings, photography, wood carvings or even poems, should be art that is acceptable to all audiences and is generally “pleasing to the eye”. Each artist may exhibit up to three pieces of artwork. All artwork shall be displayed on a free-standing easel, or made to lay flat on a table provided by the hotel. No wall hangings will be allowed. Each artist will be responsible for his own artwork, providing his own easel, and neither WFFA nor the hotel will be responsible for artwork that is damaged or lost. Artwork may be displayed starting at 12 PM on May 4th; all artwork must be removed from the hotel by 8 PM on May 5th. Those attendees who wish to exhibit their artwork should contact Ron Munro at [rtmunro@hotmail.com](mailto:rtmunro@hotmail.com). NOTE: This will be an Art Exhibit only. There will not be an art auction or art sale taking place; however, if an artist wants to contribute art for the raffle, please contact Chuck Holland at [cholland@jonesstevedoring.com](mailto:cholland@jonesstevedoring.com).

**Raffle Fundraiser** – A raffle fundraiser will be held on May 5th. The centerpiece of this raffle will be a chainsaw donated by the UPS Chapter. Ticket holders must be present to win. Each Chapter is encouraged to provide at least one item for the raffle. If WFFA members wish to donate items for the raffle they should contact Chuck Holland at [cholland@jonesstevedoring.com](mailto:cholland@jonesstevedoring.com).

**Exhibitors and Vendors** – There is limited space for exhibitors and vendors at the hotel. Those who are interested must register as an AM17 attendee and should contact Bob Layton at [Bob.Layton@afmforest.com](mailto:Bob.Layton@afmforest.com) to complete a vendor form.

**Memorial to Honor Our Members Who Have Passed** – Our attendee binders will include a section that recognizes and honors our WFFA tree farmers from around the State who have passed away within the last two years. If you have a member to honor, please email their name, their birth year and year of passing, Chapter, a photo and a brief description of the individual, their tree farm and their contributions to tree farming to Mike Blais at [belletruffle@comcast.net](mailto:belletruffle@comcast.net) by April 1.

### *May 6, 2017 – Crystal Lake Tree Farm Field Tour*

The AM17 Field Tour will be to the Crystal Lake Tree Farm, located about 8.8 miles east of the Hilton. Originally established as a place for sportsmen to gather, over the last 90 years the Crystal Lake property has evolved into a residential community of 66 families. The Crystal Lake Tree Farm is most likely the only tree farm in Washington State, and perhaps the entire nation, where 66 families live adjacent to, and participate in the management of, a 200-acre tree farm that they collectively own. We will meet at the tree farm on Saturday morning at 9:30 AM. Then we will walk on a well-maintained trail through a variety of timber stands that range from 5 years old to 90 years old. Throughout the walk we will have the opportunity to discuss fish bearing waters, invasive species, wetlands, soils, “oversize” timber, laminated root rot and plantation management. A box lunch will be available for those attendees who pre-register. This should be a great opportunity to see how Crystal Lake’s Tree Farmers Do It All!

## Washington Farm Forestry Association 2017 Annual Meeting Schedule

### Thursday, May 4, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn, 22600 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021

- 12:00-6:00 PM **Early Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up** – Hilton Lobby  
1:00-5:00 PM **WFFA Executive Board Meeting** – Hilton Bothell Room  
2:00-4:00 PM **Fritch Mill Tour** – 18507 Waverly Dr. SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 – ONLY for first 25 registered attendees  
6:00-8:00 PM **Evening Reception** – Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and No Host Bar – Hilton Pacific Room

### Friday, May 5, 2017 | *Tree Farmers Do It All – Wood, Water, Recreation and Wildlife*

Hilton Garden Inn, 22600 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021

- 8:00-9:00 AM **Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up and Continental Breakfast** – Hilton Ballroom  
9:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Chuck Holland, Master of Ceremonies, Jones Stevedoring Company and UPS Chapter Member  
Elaine Oneil, WFFA Executive Director  
9:15 AM **Keynote Speaker** | Håken Ekström, principal, Wood Resources International  
*Worldwide Timber and Wood Markets*  
10:00 AM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, View Art Exhibits, Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments  
10:20 AM **Domestic Saw Log Markets** | Eric Fritch, owner, Fritch Mill  
10:50 AM **Two Upper Puget Sound Farm Forestry Tree Farms** | Duane Weston and Jim Owens  
11:20 AM **Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon** | Tammie Perreault  
1:00 PM **Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship Recipient Award**  
1:20 PM **WSU Extension Service Award** | Kevin Zobrist, Associate Professor, WSU Extension Forestry  
1:35 PM **American Tree Farm System Certification Program** | Tammie Perreault, Washington Tree Farm Program  
1:55 PM **History of the Crystal Lake Tree Farm** | Ron Munro, UPS Chapter Member and Crystal Lake Resident  
2:25 PM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, View Art Exhibits, Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments  
2:45 PM **Stewardship Amidst Dynamic Change**  
Patti Playfair, WFFA President  
Elaine Oneil, WFFA Executive Director  
4:00 PM **WFFA Annual Business Meeting/State Elections/Annual Report**  
5:00 PM **Social Hour – No Host Bar** – Hilton Ballroom  
6:00 PM **Dinner and Evening Program** | David L. Peterson, Research Biologist, U.S Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station: *How to Adapt Your Tree Farm to Climate Change*

### Saturday, May 6, 2017 | *Crystal Lake Tree Farm Field Tour*

23909 Crystal Lake Road, Woodinville, WA 98077

- 9:30 AM **Attendee Check-in**  
10:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions and Depart on Field Tour**  
Attendees will be divided into smaller groups for a walk on a well-maintained trail through a variety of timber stands from 5 years old to 90 years old. Throughout the walk we will have the opportunity to discuss: fish bearing waters, invasive species, wetlands, soils, “oversize” timber, laminated root rot and plantation management.  
12:30 PM **Lunch** | Box lunches available for those who pre-register

Visit the WFFA website, [www.wafarmforestry.com](http://www.wafarmforestry.com), for additional information about the Annual Meeting.

**If you have questions, please contact the following individuals:**

**Annual Meeting Registration** – Kelly Zandell – 360-388-7074 – [info@wafarmforestry.com](mailto:info@wafarmforestry.com)

**Talents of WFFA Art Exhibit** – Ron Munro – [rtmunro@hotmail.com](mailto:rtmunro@hotmail.com)

**Raffle Fundraiser** – Chuck Holland – [cholland@jonesstevedoring.com](mailto:cholland@jonesstevedoring.com)

**Exhibitors and Vendors** – Bob Layton – [Bob.Layton@afmforest.com](mailto:Bob.Layton@afmforest.com)

**Memorial to Honor Members Who Have Passed** – Mike Blais – [belletruffle@comcast.net](mailto:belletruffle@comcast.net)

*We look forward to seeing our farm forestry friends and making new ones!*

## **Register NOW for the 2017 WFFA Annual Meeting!**

**Registration:** The registration fee for the conference is \$100 per person until April 1, 2017. After April 1, the fee is \$120 per person. Registration includes Thursday's evening reception, Friday's educational programs, refreshments, and the Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon of BBQ Buffet. Additionally, the Friday night dinner banquet is \$42 per person. There is also a pre-purchased boxed lunch available for Saturday's Field Tour for \$15 per person. The Friday night banquet and the Saturday lunch can be purchased separately from, or in addition to, the conference registration.

**Location:** All activities on Thursday and Friday will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bothell. On Saturday, the Field Tour will be held at the Crystal Lake Tree Farm in Woodinville. Attendees must provide their own transportation to the Crystal Lake Tree Farm; parking will be provided in the vicinity of the Crystal Lake Community Clubhouse. You may register for only the Field Tour Lunch without registering for the full AM17.

**Lodging:** Reduced rate rooms will be available at the Hilton Garden Inn (22600 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021) until **April 13**. Call 425-486-0400 for reservations; make sure to say you are with "WFFA" to receive the group rate of \$124, plus tax. After April 13, room prices will be based on availability.

**Driving Directions: Hilton Garden Inn, 22600 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021**

**From I-5 N:** Take Exit 154AB to merge onto I-405 N toward Bellevue, WA-518 W. In 600 feet, keep right to merge onto I-405 N toward Bellevue. In 26 miles, take Exit 26 onto WA-527 toward Bothell, Mill Creek. In 0.4 miles, turn right. In 200 feet, turn right.

**From I-5 S:** Take Exit 182, to merge onto I-405 S toward Bellevue, Renton. In 3.7 miles, take Exit 26 onto WA-527 toward Bothell, Mill Creek. In 0.3 miles, turn right onto Bothell-Everett Highway toward Bothell. In 500 feet, turn right. In 200 feet, turn right.

**Crystal Lake Tree Farm, 23909 Crystal Lake Road, Woodinville, WA 98077**

**From I-5 S:** Take Exit 194 onto Everett Ave toward US-22 E, Wenatchee. In 0.2 miles, keep left on US-2 E toward Snohomish, Wenatchee. In 2.3 miles, keep right on US-2 E toward Snohomish, Wenatchee. In 2.7 miles, keep right on WA-9 toward Arlington, Bothell. In 0.3 miles, turn right onto State Hwy 9 SE. In 5.2 miles, turn left onto Broadway Ave and follow directions below\*.

**From I-5 N:** Take Exit 154AB to merge onto I-405 N toward Bellevue, WA-518 W. In 600 feet, keep right to merge onto I-405 N toward Bellevue. In 23 miles, take Exit 23 toward WA-522, Woodinville. In 0.9 miles, keep right to merge onto WA-522 E toward Woodinville and follow directions below\*.

**From the Hilton Garden Inn (approx. 15 min.):** Turn right onto Bothell-Everett Highway. In 700 feet, make a U-turn at 228<sup>th</sup> St SE. In 800 feet, keep right to merge onto I-405 S toward Bellevue. In 3 miles, take exit to merge onto WA-522 E toward WA-202 E, Monroe. In 0.3 miles, keep left to merge onto WA-522 E and follow directions below\*.

\* In 5.5 miles, turn right onto Paradise Lake Rd. In 100 feet, turn right onto Bostian Rd. In 0.6 miles, turn left onto 87<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. In 1 mile, you will arrive at the Tree Farm parking lot.