



Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation

February, 2011

Final President's Message

By Kristan Johnson,

Hi folks,

It's been a real pleasure writing this column for more than 7 years, and a joy working with so many wonderful and dedicated folks. I want to thank Kim Siebert who has joined me in making the logos, signs, and banners that give the fresh and happy face which WWFRF wears today.

Although I am retiring as president, I plan to remain active as a Board member, and hope to focus on some of my favorite projects in the FruitGarden, like espalier.

My stepping-down opens the opportunity for you to step-up and share your leadership skills as part of our new 2 year successional position: (one year as vice-president followed by one year as president).

Many years ago, when I was first asked to design the 7 acre Fruit Garden, I had recently finished designing a large park in Port Townsend. As the WWFRF Board embraced my designs for the Fruit Garden I was asked to join the Board. Subsequently, the NWREC director requested that I come up with an overall design that integrated all 4 of the Skagit Display Gardens into one harmonious, free flowing 11 acre garden, with pathways intersecting and crossing over from one garden into the next, while allowing large vehicle access throughout. It is truly a marvel to look at all that has been accomplished through the years of volunteer effort to make the Fruit Garden what it is today!

My latest project has been finishing the "WWFRF Event video loop", which details the excitement at our 4 annual events. We are going to use it for the first time in our FruitBooth at the Northwest Flower & Garden Show, so stop by and see if you are one of the many smiling faces enjoying a day in the Fruit Garden! If you haven't yet signed up for a shift at award-winning FruitBooth, contact me at: fruitgarden@olympus.net.

We will also be showing the event video in the lobby at the Winter Field Day, which is all about POLLINATORS, so Bee There! There will also be also pruning, grafting, scionwood & rootstock sales, and even a honey tasting table...Sweet!

See you there,

Kristan



Kristan leading the crew on the day we began planting the Fruit Garden espalier in 2002.

Richard Ball, Kim Siebert, De Arbogast, Kristan Johnson, Claude Dilly, Mystery Person – Can you name him? Send email to kimsiebert@gmail.com

Feb 25th Board Meeting

10 AM – 1 PM
Plymouth Congregational Church,
1217 6th Ave., Seattle Rm 321

All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

March 5th General Membership meeting agenda *Followed by the Board meeting*

12:30 – Financial Report – Walt

12:40 – Research Proposals

12:50 – Presentation/Vote on Change to Articles of Incorporation (See complete Resvision of Articles elsewhere in this newsletter.)

1:00 – Presentation/Vote on Changes to the By-laws (See complete revision of the Bylaws on the website www.NWfruit.org.)

1:15 – Presentation/Vote of Board nominees by the Nominating Committee

Board Meeting

1:20 – Nomination of Officers – Vote

1:25 – Board Orientation - Committee Assignments

Volunteer in the Fruit Garden!

Volunteering in the Fruit Garden is a great chance to meet new friends and learn more about growing fruit. The Fruit Garden volunteers meet every Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To volunteer contact Tom Wake at:

thomas.wake@att.net



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WWFRF Financial Report: 12/31/2010
 By Walt Kropp, WWFRF Treasurer, Board Member

Current Funds

	Begin 2010	Income	Expenses	End 2010	+/-
General Fund*	3914.57	7867.35	6461.03	5320.89	1406.32
FS Research¹ Funds	0	4823.00	5810.00	-987.00	-987.00
Fruit Garden Funds	40369.04	6996.07	9278.59	38086.52	-2282.52
Total Funds	44283.61	19686.42	21549.62	42420.41	-1863.20
As Per Bank Difference				42420.67	.26

General Fund

Income	
Membership Dues	7848.00
Coffee Donations	19.35
Total Income	7867.35
Operating Expenses	
Board Meeting & Retreat Expenses	174.71
D & O Insurance	790.00
Fall Field Day	39.29
General Liability Insurance	927.00
Lobbyist Services	2.00
Northwest F & G Show	343.00
Printing & Mailing	1782.10
Video Cost	450.00
Winter Field Day	375.00
Cherry Picking	75.00
WA State Registration & Charity Fees	20.00
WAACO (Pro Bono Attorney) Application	50.00
Website	481.95
Winter Field Day Expenses	1400.98
Total Expenses	6461.03
Difference	1406.32

Foundation Sponsored Research

Income	
General Donations	3323.00
Maintain Plum Block	500.00
Move Cherry Block	1100.00
Total Income	4823.00
Total Expenses	
Maintain Plum Block	500.00
Move Cherry Block	1100.00
WSU Addendum #20	4300.00
Difference	-987.00

Fruit Garden Funds Summary

Income	
Apple Sales	1496.00
Donations	2043.07
Fruitbooth Sales	1936.76
Interest	380.84
Scionwood Sales	1139.40
Total Income	6996.07
Expenses	
Fruit Garden Expenses	4475.71
Debit Card	2617.17
WSU invoice	1858.54
Fruitbooth Expenses	1270.73
Rootstock Cost	195.70
Signs	1214.08
SFF Expenses	1692.37
Travel Expenses	100.00
Video Costs	330.00
Copies Anthacnose DVD	180.00
SFF Video	150.00
Total Fruit Garden Expenses	9278.59
Difference	\$ -2282.52

Summer Fruit Festival

Income (All Categories)	\$1796.07*
Expenses (All Categories)	\$1692.37
Difference	\$ 103.70

*Mostly registration and fruit booth sales, SFF income is included in main financial report under "membership dues" and "Fruitbooth" categories.

1. Foundation Sponsored Research

*General Funds may pay for Research, But Research and Fruit Garden are restricted funds and do not pay operating costs.

We owe WSU \$4300 for Addendum #20 (2008) with two payments of \$2150 to be paid in the first half of 2011.

We owe WSU \$8600 for Addendum #21 (2009) with two payments of \$2150 to be paid in the second half of 2011, and two payments of \$2150 to be paid in the first half of 2012.

WWFRF Board Resolution Creates Endowment Fund

The WWFRF Board of Directors is pursuing the creation of an Endowment Fund. An endowment fund is basically monies that are donated specifically for creating a legacy of income for a specific purpose. The principal of the fund (donated monies) is invested, and only the interest is spent. Initial feedback suggests WWFRF would be best served by establishing a bifurcated or split fund, and donations can be made specifically to benefit either Research or the Fruit Garden. WWFRF is still setting it up, but you can make donations to the Endowment Fund now. Send you checks, specifying whether for "Research Endowment Fund" or the "Fruit Garden Endowment Fund" to Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation, c/o Walt Kropp, 29838 Marine View Dr. SW Federal Way, WA 98023. If you wish to contribute to both just specify the percentage for each. This is a great way to make a lasting contribution for yourself or in memory of loved ones to WWFRF. For a general discussion of what an endowment is go to:

<http://nonprofit.about.com/od/fundraisingbasics/a/startendowment.htm>

PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATION ALONG WITH THIS FORM

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$5000 \$1000 \$500 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$_____ (Make check payable to WWFRF)

To make a donation by credit card go to: <http://www.networkforgood.org/> and type in "Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation" in the box labeled "charity".

Please designate my monetary gift toward:

- Where it is needed most!
- Fruit Display Garden
- Fruit Variety Trials
- Sampling and Field Days

I would like to volunteer!

- In the Fruit Garden
- To help with Summer Fruit Festival
- On sampling and field days
- By doing work that can be done from my home

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email address _____ Phone # _____

Please make my gift: In Honor of: In Memory of:
(Name of person) _____
Address of person or person's family _____

(So we can notify them)

Thank you.. Please send to: Walter Kropp
WWFRF Treasurer
29838 Marine View Dr. SW
Federal Way, WA 98023

Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax accountant for details.

Credit cards accepted!

Here's how to donate to WWFRF or renew your membership through Network for Good:

- 1) Go to www.networkforgood.org (we now have a direct link on our website to Network for Good.)
- 2) On the first screen, type 'Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation' in the box labeled 'charity'
- 3) On the second screen click 'donate now'
- 4) On the third screen, type in the amount you wish to give and specify whether this is a one-time or recurring donation. Also, in the box labeled 'designation', please specify whether you are paying membership dues or giving a donation, or giving a donation specified for the demonstration garden.
- 5) The fourth screen gives you the option to change the information you have given. Click 'proceed to checkout'.
- 6) Subsequent screens ask you for your email address, credit card information and other relevant data. You also have the option to add an additional 4.75% of your donation to your total to cover the amount we pay Network for Good for processing.
- 7) You will receive an acknowledgment of your donation by email.

WWFRF Board Meeting

November 13, 2010 10am – 1:00pm

Held at the Broadview Public Library, Seattle.

Board members present: Kristan Johnson, Sam Benowitz, Bob Baines, Shirley Kropp, Walt Kropp, Bill Davis, Kim Siebert, Jay Scott, Rachel Petrich, Christy Nieto, Richard Fairfield.
Other members present: Mike Ewanciw, Roger Downey

Moving forward – Bob suggested that we take useful information from past research and make articles from it. Bill suggested that we work together with other local groups such as WCFS to gather information about growing fruit in the various areas of Western Washington. Rachel suggested that we should publicize other non-WWFRF site trials. It was also suggested that we create a FAQ on the internet covering information from the WSU website.

WWFRF purpose – Richard motioned that we appoint a committee to review and clarify WWFRF's purpose since WWFRF's purpose as our focus has shifted in the past several years; to evaluate how we are different from other groups and propose several alternative purpose statements. Seconded by Shirley. Passed unanimously. Bill, Richard, Bob and Shirley will be on the committee. The BOD will have a retreat to discuss the findings of the committee.

Theme for Winter Field Day – Pollinators – We will have speakers about various types of pollinators including bees. We may have bees put into the Fruit Garden since pollination has not been as good as it could be.

Summer Fruit Festival theme- 20th Anniversary: the Fruit We have Studied/Kickoff for the Endowment Funds with a picnic in the garden.

Endowment – We will introduce the Endowment Fund to the membership in the January newsletter.

Liaison for STFS – Mike Ewanciw will be our liaison for the Seattle Tree Fruit Society. He has been appointed as a board member by presidential appointment and will be up for election at the general meeting in March.

Facebook – We now have a Facebook page that is especially geared for younger members and to send out reminders of events.

Treasurer's Report – Walt - We are changing the reporting of WWFRF funds to more clearly show that designated research donations have always been separate from general funds. Membership dues pay for operating expenses with any amount over operating expenses going to research. All donations go to research unless earmarked by the donor for something else. We have \$6558 in

Non-restricted and \$36856 in the Fruit Garden. The treasurer's report is available on the web site. Rachel motioned that we accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Sam. Passed.

Travel expenses – Richard motioned that out of pocket expenses for travel items such as ferries, parking, and \$0.15 per mile for extraordinary duties beyond normal duties, board members may be reimbursed by sending an itemized summary of these expenses to the treasurer. Seconded by Rachel. Passed.

Marketing Committee – suggestions from Bob – Traveling display for events, apple ID workshop, fund intern to write articles, advertising, make ID brochure, host forum of fruit groups, network to collect data for region, community orchard in Seattle, try to keep the booths of related groups near us at the Garden Show.

Draft Budget for 2011 – Walt – With discussion the following changes were made: Fruit Garden donations raised to \$1000, estimate for travel expenses added at \$500, board meeting expenses raised to \$200, publicity and marketing lowered to \$1000, marketing campaign lowered to \$1000, metal kiosk panel with vinyl headers changed to 3 vinyl kiosk panels. Bob moved to accept the amended budget, seconded by Christy. Passed with Rachel and Richard opposed. The budget can be changed at any board meeting.

Change of President – Kristan Johnson is retiring after 7 years as president, but will still be continuing with his volunteer work for WWFRF. Bob Baines will serve as meeting facilitator for the next board meeting.

WWFRF Retreat Meeting

February 5, 2011 10am – 3:00pm

Held at Bob Baines home in Seattle.

Board members present: Kristan Johnson, Bill Davis, Kim Siebert, Rachel Petrich, Walter Kropp, Shirley Kropp, Bob Baines, Sam Benowitz, Jay Scott, Mike Ewanciw, Richard Fairfield.

Other WWFRF members present: De Arbogast

Finance Committee – Rachel – The Finance Committee consisting of Rachel, Walt and Georgene Lee, met and reviewed the accounts and signed a statement that the WWFRF treasurer's accounts for the period of 1/1/2010 – 12/31/2010 were kept in accordance with the by-laws. Georgene suggested that we improve our process by putting un-designated donations into operating expenses. Bob motioned that we have two (2) signatories available on all accounts and allow any board member to be a signatory. Seconded by Rachel. Passed unanimously.

Summary of Purpose – Richard – Richard presented the committee's recommendation for an updated summary of purpose for WWFRF. After discussion Shirley motioned that we change Article III of the Articles of Incorporation to read "To promote and support research and provide education for growing fruit in Western Washington State." Seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously. There is a consensus of the Board of Directors that the Fruit Garden is for educational purposes.

Richard motioned that we have a Standing Rule item that the Board of Directors will implement our purpose within the following four categories: 1. Science Based Research. 2. Education. 3. Anecdotal Research. 4. Fruit Garden Management. Seconded by Walt. Passed unanimously.

Committee Report Collector - Shirley motioned that we have a Standing Rule item that a person be assigned to collect the reports of the committees 1-2 weeks before board meetings and disseminate a combined report to board members one week before board meetings, and collect budget proposals from the committees by the end of September and forward them to the Treasurer. Seconded by Kim. Passed unanimously. Bob has agreed to fill this position.

Articles of Incorporation – Kristan motioned that we amend Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation to read:

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this foundation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the foundation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) if the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Said distribution shall be made pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board at a properly convened board

meeting.

Seconded by Rachel. Passed unanimously.

Changes to Bylaws – Richard motioned that the bylaws be accepted in totality as presented in written form today on February 5, 2011. Passed. (The changes are printed in the February, 2011 newsletter and on the website.)

Endowment – The kickoff for the endowment has been postponed to give time to set up the endowment. People may still contribute to the endowment by designating donations for the Endowment Fund, either for Research or for the Fruit Garden and the funds will be held and placed into the Endowment when it is created.

Presidency Succession – The board resolves to pursue the process for creating a succession for Vice President and President so the nominating committee can recruit candidates.

Notice of By-law Changes

Additions in **bold** - deletions in ~~strike through~~.

Complete by-laws with changes available on our website at www.NWfruit.org as only the changes are included in this newsletter.

These changes have been adopted by the Board of Directors on 2/5/2011 and will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting in the Auditorium on 3/5/2011, which all members are encouraged to attend.

BY-LAWS OF THE WESTERN WASHINGTON FRUIT RESEARCH FOUNDATION

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 4. Notice of Meetings.

~~Written~~ Notice of each annual meeting of members or any special meeting, stating the date, time, and place thereof shall be given by the **Recording/Corresponding** Secretary or the person(s) calling the meeting. Notice shall be by personal delivery, ~~or by~~ mail, **email notice to such members who have so consented**, or other written media to each member entitled to notice of the meeting, not more than fifty (50) days nor less than (10) days before any such meeting. [**Amended by Board vote 2/5/2011**]

ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS

Section 8. Notice of Meetings of the Board of Directors.

~~Written~~ Notice **by email** of the time and place of each meeting of the Directors shall be given by the ~~Corresponding~~ **Coordinating** Secretary or the person or persons calling the meeting, not more than fifty (50) or less than ten (10) days before the date of such meeting, to each officer. [**Amended by Board vote 2/5/2011**]

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Number.

The Officers of the foundation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a **Recording/Corresponding** Secretary, a ~~Corresponding~~ **Coordinating** Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors from the membership.

[**Amended by Board vote on 3/25/06 and 7/8/06 respectively**]

Section 7. Recording/Corresponding Secretary.

The Recording/Corresponding Secretary shall keep the minutes of membership meetings and board meetings, and maintain them in one or more books provided for that purpose. He/she is the recording officer of the foundation and the custodian of its records, except such as are specifically assigned to others, as the treasurer's books. He/she will keep a register of the name and post office address of each member. He/she should also keep one book in which the constitution, by-laws, rules

of order, and/or standing rules should all be written. He/she should, previous to each meeting, for the use of the President, make out an order of business, showing in its exact order what is necessary to come before the meeting. **He/she shall send out proper notices of all called meetings and of other meetings, when necessary, and conduct the correspondence of the foundation, except as otherwise provided by the By-Laws. [Amended by Board vote 3/25/06]**

Section 8. ~~Corresponding~~ Coordinating Secretary.

~~The Corresponding Secretary shall send out proper notices of all called meetings and of other meetings, when necessary, and to conduct the correspondence of the foundation, except as otherwise provided by the by-laws.~~ **Coordinating Secretary shall coordinate all field days, special events and educational events with the board and various committees. [Amended by Board vote 7/8/06]**

If required by the Board, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties as the Board may determine. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually. ~~by an auditor or auditing committee~~ **The examination can be in the form of an audit or a review by an internal review committee** of not less than three (3) members, who are satisfied that the Treasurer's Annual Report is correct and who shall sign a statement that the report is correct.

The treasurer shall be responsible for overseeing the creation of a yearly or multi-year budget, with the assistance of other Board members, to be voted on at the last Board meeting of each calendar year. A draft budget shall be made available to the rest of the Board for discussion no less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The budget, once adopted, becomes the governing financial document for the organization. Additions to the document may be proposed and voted on at any Board meeting. [Amended by Board vote 7/10/2010]

ARTICLE VI. INDEMNIFICATION This foundation shall not, to the extent possible under the Nonprofit Corporation Act, Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 24.03, indemnify current or former officers or directors of the foundation. The Board of Directors shall have the power to purchase and maintain, at the foundation's expense, public liability, **director and officer's liability**, or property insurance on behalf of the foundation. **[Amended by Board vote 2/5/2011]**

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION Upon the winding up and dissolution of this foundation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the foundation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) if the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. **Said distribution shall be made pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board at a properly convened board meeting. [Amended by Board vote 2/5/2011]**

Notice of Changes to Articles of Incorporation

Article III. The purposes for which the corporation is organized is as follows: **To promote and support research and provide education for growing fruit in Western Washington State.**

Article VI. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this foundation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the foundation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) if the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. **Said distribution shall be made pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board at a properly convened board meeting.**

We need a volunteer coordinator!

Volunteer opportunity

Are you outgoing and have great organizational skills? We need help placing volunteers into volunteer slots at our 4 yearly events, as well as helping coordinate those volunteers on the day of the event (don't worry, you will not do this alone!). Our current volunteer coordinator is also our membership chair and would like some of her time freed up to focus on membership duties. If you are interested please contact Christy Nieto at

wwrfmembership@earthlink.net or (360) 820-8586.

Winter Field Day & Open House: March 5, 2011

in cooperation with
Washington State University, Northwest Washington Research and Extension Center
16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

All about POLLINATORS

8:30 – 9:00

Registration (required for all attendees)

Admission free for WWFRF Members: (included in annual dues)
Admission Non-Members: \$15.00/ Individual
\$30.00/ Family (including non adult children)



The Marketplace in West Room

8:30 – 10:00 &

ROOTSTOCK & SCIONWOOD SALES (No apple scionwood from the FruitGarden due to anthracnose, but uncontaminated apple scionwood will be available from other sources.)

HONEY TASTING TABLE

9:00 – 11:00 &
12:00 – 1:30

GRAFTING OF PURCHASED SCIONS & ROOTSTOCK Grafting Services are provided for Educational purposes and thus limited to 5 trees per membership (with Bill Davis, Greg Giulani, Bernie Hilgart)

Workshops, Lectures and Panels in Auditorium

9:00 – 9:50
9:55 – 10:40
10:45 – 11:15
11:15 – 11:55

RELIABLE GRAFTING (with Bernie Hilgart)

HONEY BEE COLONY COLLAPSE SYNDROME (with Tim Lawrence)

BEYOND HONEY BEES: the Other Pollinators (with Dave Hunter)

PANEL ON POLLINATORS (with Tim Lawrence, Dave Hunter, David Feinberg, James Tunnell, Bill Davis)

Lunch and Social Hour in Auditorium

12:00 – 12:30

(Please bring your own lunch and beverage) We invite you to bring a non-refrigerated snack to share with the group! (see Newsletter)

12:30

QUILT RAFFLE

Annual Business Meeting in Auditorium

12:30 – 1:30

(Election of Officers and Board Members)

Demonstrations in the FruitGarden

1:30 – 2:10

HONEY BEES (with David Feinberg & Tim Lawrence)

PRUNING PEACHES, PLUMS, YOUNG TREES (with Bob Norton)

TOP GRAFTING OLDER TREES (with Bernie Hilgart)

2:10 – 2:50

ESPALIER (with Kristan Johnson)

PRUNING OLDER TREES (with Bob Baines)

PRUNING THE ODDITIES: gooseberries, currants, et al. (with Diane Hall)

2:50 – 3:30

WORKING WITH MASON BEES (with Dave Hunter)

PRUNING BLUEBERRIES (with De Arborgast)

PRUNING GRAPES (with Jim Taylor)



Be sure to check out the honey tasting!

2011 Scionwood list

Additional varieties may be available at event

Cherry	Plum	Asian Pear	European Pear	Apple	Apple
Bing	Beauty	Atago	Bosc	Alkemene	Karmijn de Sonneville
BlackGold	Coe's Golden Drop	Chojuro	Clapp's Favorite	Akane	King Edward VII
Early Burlat	Early Laxton	Hamese	Comice	Ashmead's Kernal	Liberty
Hudson	Imperial Epineuse	Ichiban Nashi	Concorde	Belle de Boskoop	Red Booskoop
Kristin	Methley	Kosui	Conference	Brown Russet	Red Fleshed Crab
Lapins	Seneca	Mishirasu	Highland	Centennial	Shay
NY45288	Shiro	Shinseiki	Orcas	Chehalis	Shizuka
Rainier	Valor		Rescue	Cherry Cox	Spartan
Schneider	Victoria		Red Clapps Favorite	Dayton	Tony Gravenstein
Sweetheart	Victory		Seckel	Dolgo	William's Pride
Vandalay				Ellison's Orange	Winston

Rootstocks that will be available at the Winter Field Day

Apple – EMLA 27, 26, 7 and Bud 9
 Pear – OhxF 333, Quince BA29c
 Plum – Krymsk 1, Mariana 2624
 Cherry – Krymsk 5

Enterprise
 Evereste
 Fiesta
 Freyberg
 Honeycrisp
 Hudson's Golden

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Annual memberships cost \$25/year for Individuals and \$40/year per Family (Parents with their minor children). Membership entitles you to the newsletter, participation at all Field Days/Open Houses and Sample the Harvest Days, at no additional charge; other types of memberships are also available. Visit nwfruit.org and download the membership form OR contact **Christy Nieto, Membership Chair**, at 360-820-8586, email: wwfrf-membership@earthlink.net for a membership form.

The **WWFRF Newsletter** is printed 3x/ year in February, June, and September and mailed to all members.

FIELD DAYS/ OPEN HOUSES are free to members, and open to non-members for One-Day only fees of @ \$15/ Individual and \$30.00/ Family (Parents with their minor children) at **each** event.

- **The Winter Field Day/ Open House** is the first Saturday of March, and consists of hands-on pruning, grafting and budding, talks on insects and pests, scion wood sale, and root stock sale.
- **The Summer Fruit Festival** is the 3rd Saturday of August and covers various topics, some of which may be best fruit varieties for our area, harvest techniques, preservation and storage, orchard mason bees, fertilizer and nutrition, home wine and cider production, cooking tips and of course, fruit tasting and Sample the Harvest from pre-picked fruit.

HARVEST DAYS are free to members, and open to non-members @ \$15/ Individual and \$30.00/ Family (One household only) at **each** event:

- **Sample the Harvest Days** are held in July and October. The following fruit is harvested in season: cherries, pears, plums, and apples. Paid members and non-members are allowed to keep their portion of the harvested fruit.
- **Special Volunteer Harvests** occur on an as-needed basis to assist the WSU NWREC staff in harvesting specific fruit for data collection. This harvest is open to paid members only, and paid members are allowed to keep a portion of the harvest.

WWFRF would like to thank our commercial members.

Bee Diverse - www.beediverse.com
 Beez Neez - www.beezneeziary.com
 Northwoods/One Green World - www.onegreenworld.com
 Raintree nursery - www.raintreenursery.com
 Skagit Farmers Supply - www.skagitfarmers.com



Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation Membership Form

Please check one box ONLY: Renewal New Member

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ 9-DIGIT ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I allow notice of meetings to be given to me by email.

Please check all applicable lines to designate type of membership, extra donation, and/or individual or family open house/field day:

_____ \$25 FOR ANNUAL **INDIVIDUAL** MEMBERSHIP *(One person only)*

_____ \$40 FOR ANNUAL **FAMILY** MEMBERSHIP *(Parents with their minor children)*

_____ \$ _____ FOR **GIFT** MEMBERSHIP FOR: *(Please note for Whom Above)*

_____ \$60 FOR ANNUAL **SUSTAINING** MEMBERSHIP *(Individual or family membership with higher level of financial support)*

_____ \$125 FOR ANNUAL **COMMERCIAL (List Only)** MEMBERSHIP *(Includes 3 people, and also includes business name on our website)*

_____ \$200 FOR ANNUAL **COMMERCIAL (Full)** MEMBERSHIP
(Includes 3 people, and also includes a link from our website to the commercial members' website)

_____ AN **EXTRA DONATION** of \$ _____ for WWFRF

_____ \$15 FOR **INDIVIDUAL One-Day** OPEN HOUSE/FIELD DAY **ONLY**

_____ \$30 FOR **FAMILY One-Day** OPEN HOUSE/FIELD DAY **ONLY** *(Parents with their minor children)*

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO DO THE FOLLOWING FOR WWFRF (please check all applicable lines):

_____ TO HELP WITH FIELD WORK AT THE **WWFRF FRUIT DISPLAY GARDEN** (usually held every Thursday from 9am-12noon; March-Nov.)

_____ TO HELP WITH FIELD WORK AT THE **WSU NWREC** in Mount Vernon

_____ TO HELP SET UP THE DAY BEFORE THE **WINTER FIELD DAY** (FEBRUARY)

_____ TO HELP AT A **SAMPLING DAY**: Please check ALL applicable boxes: Parking Registration
 Bag Distribution

_____ TO HELP AT **FRUIT TASTING/ROOTSTOCK SALES**

_____ TO HELP WWFRF ON AN **ONGOING BASIS**

_____ TO HELP WWFRF AT THE **NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW** in Seattle (usually held in February every year)

_____ TO HELP WWFRF AT VARIOUS **DISPLAY BOOTHS** presented in _____ COUNTY

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