



# Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation

June, 2012

## President's Message

*By Sue Williams,*

Summer in the Fruit Garden is beautiful. We have had a good fruit set this spring. Now we are beginning to thin the fruit on the trees as we begin to watch for the June "drop". **The garden needs you**, our volunteers, to help thin the fruit for optimal quality that we all enjoy in the fall. The Imperial Epineuse Plum tree is so loaded with fruit that we have had to thin the fruit a great deal this week, so unusual for a plum tree. Some varieties, such as the Rescue pear, set so perfectly as to rarely need thinning as evidenced by the trees we have in the garden.

Come join us on Thursday mornings. I have always loved the opportunity to spend time in the garden with so many knowledgeable great folks such as Bill and De. Hazel provides coffee and sweet treats. I bring something hot from the oven as well, when I have a chance to come.

We have seen changes in the garden with the addition of new fruit varieties and the loss of several trees to disease and voles. This is also an opportunity to learn how to manage the garden by choosing the right varieties, monitoring the plants, trees and ground closely, carefully applying chemicals as appropriate, and taking other actions to maintain the health of the garden. Volunteering also provides hands-on opportunities to learn about disease and pest management that a person can apply in their own fruit garden. Look for the article in this newsletter from Tom and De about controlling voles in the Fruit Garden.

We are delighted to be able to have a **Cherry Fruit Day** again, on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to 2 pm. WSU Northwest Research and Extension Center is not conducting research in the Cherry block this year, to allow us this opportunity. The day will include seminars on growing cherry trees in the home garden as well as an opportunity to pick a bag of cherries. To help fund the ongoing maintenance of the cherry tree block, the cost will be \$5 per bag of fruit picked with WWFRF supplying the bag. It is a small price to pay for the wonderful fruit and provide the support WSU needs to keep the cherry block.

Look for information on the **Summer Fruit Festival and Espalier Symposium** planned for Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> at on page of this newsletter. If you have ever wanted to learn more about espalier and its many advantages, come and invite your friends and family. Of course the day would not be complete without a demonstration from Chef Graham Kerr and many other activities. We want to make this the best SFF ever!

I look forward to meeting you and sharing our love for growing and enjoying fruit in the northwest.

Sue Williams

**The Mission of WWFRF is to promote research and provide education for growing fruit in Western Washington State.**



**Tom Wake and Jay Scott helping out at the Winter Field Day**

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## **July 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

2 pm – 4 PM

**after Cherry Fruit Day**

All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

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**WWFRF Financial Report: 12/31/2011**  
*By Walt Kropp, WWFRF Treasurer, Board Member*

**Current Funds**

	<b>Begin 2010</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>End 2011</b>	<b>+/-</b>
<b>General Fund*</b>	5320.89	5712.87	5028.30	6005.46	684.57
<b>FS Research<sup>1</sup> Funds</b>	-987.00	5241.00	6450.00	-2196.00	-1209.00
<b>Fruit Garden Funds</b>	38086.78	3978.25	3820.64	38244.39	157.61
<b>Total Funds</b>	42420.67	14932.12	15298.94	42053.85	-366.82

**General Fund**

<b>Income</b>	
Membership Dues	5655.00
Coffee Donations	14.87
Honey Tasting WFD	43.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5712.87</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Change Articles of Incorporation	20.00
General Liability Insurance	907.00
D & O Insurance	786.00
Fall Field Day	16.99
Northwest F & G Show	375.00
Printing & Mailing	1699.59
WA State Filing Fees	40.00
Website	314.95
Wristbands	41.90
Winter Field Day Expenses	826.87
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5028.30</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>684.57</b>

**Foundation Sponsored Research**

<b>Income</b>	
General Donations	5241.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5241.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	
WSU Addendum #21	2150.00
WSU Addendum #20	4300.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-1209.00</b>

**Fruit Garden Funds Summary**

<b>Income</b>	
Apple Sales	1383.90
Fruitbooth Sales	521.00
SFF	100.00
Other	421.00
Interest	293.35
SFF Day Passes	45.00
WWFRF Raffle	40.00
Scionwood Sales	1695.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3978.25</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Fruit Garden Expenses	1855.52
General	922.19
WSU invoice	933.33
Rootstock Cost	253.62
SFF Expenses	1626.50
Seminar – Jim Taylor	85.00
<b>Total Fruit Garden Expenses</b>	<b>3820.64</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 157.61</b>

**Summer Fruit Festival**

<b>Income</b> (All Categories)	<b>\$810.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b> (All Categories)	<b>\$1626.50</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ -816.50</b>

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

**Addendum #20 has been paid in full.**

**We owe WSU \$6450 for Addendum #21 (2009) with 3 payments of \$2150 due quarterly in 2012.**

# WWFRF Fruit Garden...Update

*By De Arbogast*

Wetter weather, along with new diseases and pests, has kept us on a steep learning curve. We have made progress in controlling Anthracnose and Bacterial Canker using the torching method...quick, no spray.

With "aggressive" pruning, we have downsized most of our fruit trees, providing better air circulation (scab control) and easier fruit thinning.

Our 20 columnar apple trees are looking good. New plantings of Blue Honeysuckle and Honeyberry bushes will provide an earlier fruit crop that may not be pestered by the SWD (spotted wing drosophila) fruit fly. Blueberries, apples and pears are producing well despite an increase in the vole population. Many new plum cultivars have been added. We'll let you know which ones prove best.

Our goals:

- grow the smallest fruit trees possible using dwarf rootstocks along with espalier and Slender Spindle training systems.
- replace disease-susceptible trees with proven disease-resistant cultivars.
- experiment with non-toxic methods of disease and pest control.
- supplement our tree fruit with an abundant variety of small fruit.

Garden Contents 2007 vs 2012

Tree Fruit	#Cultivars		#Trees	
	2007	2012	2007	2012
Apple	50	52	112	175
Apricot	3	2	7	2
Cherry	16	19	23	27
Nectarine	1	1	2	2
Nut	1	1	4	4
Peach	9	11	15	20
Pear	11	12	56	61
Asian Pear	6	8	11	16
Plum	11	21	12	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>332</b>

Small Fruit	#Cultivars		#Plants	
	2007	2012	2007	2012
Grape	7	8	8	14
Blueberry	29	31	129	129
Kiwi	4	4	6	6
Currant	19	16	19	38
Gooseberry	4	4	6	6
Aronia	1	2	2	8
Honeysuckle		13		40
Honeyberry		5		10
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>583</b>

## Volunteer for the Cherry Fruit Day

or the

## Summer Fruit Festival!

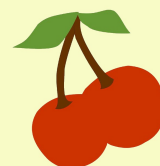
We need volunteers for the Cherry Fruit Day on July 14<sup>th</sup>, and for the Summer Fruit Festival on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We need people to help with various jobs such as registration, parking and clean up. Please contact Christy Nieto, [fieldofgreens@earthlink.net](mailto:fieldofgreens@earthlink.net) if you would like to volunteer for one of these events.



## Cherry Day Event!

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00am – 2:00 pm



**Learn about Tatura Trellising system!**  
**Outwit the spotted wing drosophila!**  
**Cherry sampling!**



**It's loads of fun!**

**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 our website and click on *support-donate* to make a donation through PayPal.**

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: Mike Ewanciw  
WWFRF Treasurer  
11325 Alton Ave. NE  
Seattle, WA 98125

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

**Credit cards accepted through PayPal! Just go to our website and click on *support-donate* to make a donation.**

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**Volunteer in the Fruit Garden!**

**Saturdays at 9:00 am**

**Volunteering in the Fruit Garden is a great way to learn more about how to grow fruit and get to know other fruit loving volunteers! Contact Tom Wake:**  
[thomas.wake@att.net](mailto:thomas.wake@att.net)

# Summer Fruit Festival: Espalier Symposium

August 18, 2012

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

*Free to members of WWFRF; Non-members: \$15 Single or \$30 Family.*

**8:30 - 3:10 Entrance east - Registration - All members & Non-members**

**8:30 - 1:00 Outside west - Sampling: Figs, Plums & Unusual Fruits**

**9:00 - 4:00 Entrance east - Information Booths: WWFRF "Store", Beekeeping, Raintree Nursery, One Green World**

**9:00 - 9:30 Auditorium - Grafting Espaliers - Bill Davis**

**9:35 - 10:15 Auditorium - Introduction & Overview of Espalier - Kristan Johnson**

**9:35 - 10:15 Fruit Garden - Rootstocks and Irrigation Tour - Kim Siebert**

**10:20 - 11:50 Auditorium - Espalier Panel - Kristan Johnson as Moderator, Dave Connors, Zsafia Pasztor, Sam Benowitz, Dr. Robert Norton**

**10:30 - 11:30 Fruit Garden - General Fruit Garden Tour**

**11:00 - 2:00 Entrance east - Patty Pan Grill - Mixed gourmet, under big oak tree**

**12:00 - 12:50 Auditorium - Anthracnose Video**

**12:00 - 12:50 Fruit Garden - Summer Pruning - Bob Norton**

**12:00 - 12:50 MG Pavilion - Intro to Fruit Tree Pest Management - Bob Baines**

**12:30 - 2:00 Kitchen - Sampling of Aronia Sorbet**

**1:00 - 1:50 Auditorium - Cooking with Fruit - Graham Kerr**

**1:00 - 1:50 Fruit Garden - Pruning Unusual Fruits - Zsafia Pasztor**

**1:00 - 1:50 Fruit Garden - General Fruit Garden Tour - De Arbogast**

**2:00 - 2:50 Auditorium - Unusual Fruits - Jim Gilbert**

**2:00 - 2:50 Fruit Garden - Espalier Tour - Kristan Johnson**

**2:00 - 2:50 Fruit Garden - Antique Apple Tour - Dr. Bob Norton**

**3:00 - 3:50 Auditorium - Fruit Research: Past, Present, Future - Sam Benowitz**

**3:00 - 3:50 Fruit Garden - Unusual Fruits Tour - Jim Gilbert**

**3:00 - 3:50 Fruit Garden - General Fruit Garden Tour - Tom Wake**

**12:00 - 4:00 Tasting - Wine & Cider: Tulip Valley Vineyard (1 mile west on State Route 536)**

**WWFRF Board Meeting**

February 11, 2012 1:13pm – 4:00pm

Held at 500 Westlake in Seattle

Board members present: Sue Williams, Kristan Johnson, Bob Baines, Kim Siebert, Sam Benowitz, Walter Kropp, Shirley Kropp. Mike Ewanciw, Jay Scott, Bonnie Swanson, Bill Davis, Sarah Graham

Other WWFRF members present: Rachel Petrich

Guests: Carol Miles

**Treasurer's Report** – Walt - Income is down 5K from last year. Thank you to Georgene Lee, Rachel Petrich, Mike Ewanciw, Walter Kropp and Shirley Kropp who are on the finance committee. Walt reviewed the financial report. Kristan motioned that we accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bob. Passed unanimously.

**Membership** - PR campaign by publicity committee Sarah, Bob, Christy and Mike to report at next board meeting. Shirley to send old blurbs to Sarah, Mike, Carol, and Rachel for the Winter Field Day for PR.

**MOU** - We need to have some way of reminding ourselves that we need to start working on a new MOU in 2014.

**Motions at Meetings** - We need to have a review of passed motions from the last couple of meetings.

**City Fruit – Gail Savina** - City Fruit is 3 years old. They harvest and sell fruit and have classes for homeowners. They have trained volunteers to take care of trees in parks, and have expanded to nine parks. Carol Miles needs a list summarizing the activities or goals of various organization such as WWFRF, City Fruit, and WCFS for the County extensions. Sue, Bill, Gail and Bob are to help organize the information.

**Cherry Block** – Carol Miles stated that the cherry block will not be used for research this year. We may use it for our cherry day with an educational emphasis but we need to help with the costs of maintaining it. Kristan motioned that we support the cherry block with \$500, seconded by Bob. Passed unanimously. It will be decided if we will charge extra for cherries or ask for donations to raise the \$500.

**Pro Bono attorney** – Shirley said that the Pro Bono attorney we were going to be working with is no longer available. Bob motioned that we continue to work to get a now Pro Bono attorney, seconded by Sarah. Passed unanimously.

**Plum trees** – The fruit set on the plum trees was very poor the last two years so the research will continue into 2012 and then be discontinued.

**Research** – Carol Miles asks us to let her know our ideas on what research we would like to see being done.

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**WWFRF Board Meeting**

April 10, 2012 7pm

Conference Call

Board members in call: Sue Williams, Kristan Johnson, Mike Ewanciw, Kim Siebert, Christy Nieto, Jay Scott, Sarah Graham, Keith Rubin.

Other members: Rachel Petrich

**Position of Treasurer** – Kim motioned that Mike Ewanciw be the WWFRF treasurer, seconded by Christy. Passed unanimously. Mike will call a meeting of the Finance committee sometime



after May 2<sup>nd</sup> to talk about the duties of treasurer. Mike, Rachel, Walt, Bob Sue and Bonnie will be on the committee. We need to get a WWFRF PO box.

**Winter Field Day** – We took in \$3190, outgo: \$1274. Net \$2079. The talks took longer than scheduled.

**Anthracnose DVD's** – 3<sup>rd</sup> batch of 40 DVD's was ordered. Sam sells some Half to go to Fruit Booth. Cost \$160. Should make profit of \$240.

**Cherry Day** – We payed \$500 towards upkeep of cherry block. The Cherry Day needs more educational focus. We need to have membership pay something towards the cherries in order to help with the upkeep of the cherry block if we wish for the block to be continued. Possibly we will charge \$5 per bag at the Cherry Day.

**SFF** – We plan to have a \$5 coupon for entry. The food coupon for volunteers will be for \$5 instead of \$10 this year. We hope to make the SFF profitable this year by using more advertising to draw in more participants.

**Meeting ended at 8:05 PM.**

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### **WWFRF Board Meeting**

**May 19, 2012 1pm**

Ballard Library

Board members present: Sue Williams, Kristan Johnson, Mike Ewanciw, Bonnie Swanson, Kim Siebert, Bob Baines

Other members present: Walt Kropp, Shirley Kropp, Bill Davis

Board members on conference call during meeting: Christy Nieto, Jay Scott, Ira Collins

Other members on conference call: Tom Wake, Dennis Davenport

**Bank account signature rights** – Bonnie motioned that the current president and treasurer have signature rights on our bank account, being in the year 2012 Susan F. Williams and Mike Ewanciw respectively. Seconded by Kim. Passed unanimously.

**Budget** – Each item in the budget needs to have a person assigned to ascertain that the item has a sufficient amount. Some items in the past have not had any input and later been found inadequate. We need a contingency fund for each area for unexpected expenses. Mike will write guidelines to be approved at next board meeting.

**SFF** – We are making an extra effort at publicity this year. Afterwords we need to evaluate whether it is worth the cost and effort.

**Fruit Garden** – Some trees have died and need to be replaced. We will ask for donations towards the replacement at events.

**Donations** – We have been using Paypal with better response than Network for Good so will will no longer be using Network for Good.

**End of meeting.**

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**Greg Guiliani grafting fruit trees at the Winter Field Day.**

## 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](http://nwfruit.org) to download the membership form OR use the membership form found on page 11 of this newsletter.

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) for 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](http://www.beediverse.com)  
Beez Neez - [www.beezneeziary.com](http://www.beezneeziary.com)  
Northwoods/One Green World - [www.onegreenworld.com](http://www.onegreenworld.com)  
Raintree nursery - [www.raintreenursery.com](http://www.raintreenursery.com)  
Skagit Farmers Supply - [www.skagitfarmers.com](http://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 would prefer to receive email newsletters instead of by regular mail when WWFRF is prepared to send them.

I allow notice of membership 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)*

**SIGN ME UP TO HELP WWFRF AS CHECKED BELOW** (please check all applicable lines):

\_\_\_\_\_ **FIELD WORK IN THE WWFRF FRUIT DISPLAY GARDEN**

*(usually held every Thursday from 9am-12noon; March-Nov.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **A FIELD DAY** such as our Winter Field Day , Cherry Day, Summer Fruit Festival or the Apple and Pear Day

\_\_\_\_\_ **NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW** in Seattle (usually held in late February every year)

\_\_\_\_\_ **FRUITBOOTH EVENTS** (Throughout the year)

\_\_\_\_\_ **SELLING APPLES AT VARIOUS FALL FRUIT SHOWS** (Seattle & Port Townsend)

\_\_\_\_\_ **BY DOING WORK I CAN DO IN MY OWN HOME USING MY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **SERVING AS A BOARD MEMBER** (4 meetings a year)

**Please make your check payable to: WWFRF and MAIL your completed membership form and check to:**

**WWFRF  
C/O Christy Nieto, Membership  
2609 Cedarwood Ave  
Bellingham, WA 98225**

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**Check out our wonderful newly revised website at: [Nwfruit.org](http://Nwfruit.org),  
where you can see the color version of this newsletter**

**Mission: WWFRF exists to advance fruit horticultural programs for our unique Western Washington maritime climate through advocacy, research, education, and demonstration for the benefit of the general public and the small farmer.**

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