



Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation

June, 2016

President's Message

As I walk through the Fruit Garden I am amazed by the beauty I find to share on our web site. The delicate blooms of the quince are a sight that most people have never seen. This is one of the things that I love about our Fruit Garden - it gives many people the opportunity to see fruiting plants that they would not have the chance to see otherwise.



The Fruit Garden Tour is now complete. If you don't have the opportunity to go through the tour in the Garden, then you can go through the tour through our Home Fruit Garden Tour by going to our website at NWFFruit.org and clicking on [Take the Fruit Garden Tour!](#) at the right on the top menu.

I am very excited about our summer Workshop and Sampling Day on July 16th. I have been wanting to learn more about the pruning of hardy kiwis for quite some time so I appreciate the opportunity to learn from an expert.

Kim Siebert, President

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Fun in the Fruit Garden



Fruit Garden volunteers have many learning opportunities in the Garden. Join the volunteers Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Garden for fun, friends, learning, and the opportunity to serve your community.

If you would like to volunteer in the Fruit Garden contact Tom Wake at info@wwfrf.org

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: NWFRUIT.org and click on support.

Please designate my monetary gift toward: Where it is needed most!
 Fruit Garden

I would like to volunteer! In the Fruit Garden
 At the Winter Field Day
 On sampling 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: **WWFRF**
C/O John Valentine, Membership
811 North 1 st
Tacoma, WA 98403-2013

Check out our website at NWFRUIT.org!

Workshop and Sampling Day

KiwiBob to the rescue!

Saturday, July 16th, 10:30 - 1:30 pm
\$15 for non-members (free to WWFRF members)

Do you need help pruning your hardy kiwis? I do. See my kiwis below.



Do you know that hardy kiwis should be pruned both in late winter and in July? I didn't...obviously.

Bob Glanzman, also known as KiwiBob, will be demonstrating how to prune hardy kiwis on Saturday, July 16th, and also sharing his extensive knowledge about figs, in our Fruit Garden. Our Fruit Garden has 4 figs; I tried some last year and they were delicious. I am seriously considering planting some at home.

After the kiwi and fig workshop, we will have the opportunity to sample some fruit from the Garden and then Bill Davis will be demonstrating the summer pruning of apple trees, followed by a demonstration of bud grafting.

Bud grafting is my favorite grafting method. I find it easier to do than spring bench grafting, which I have never had success with for plums. Just last July I budded a pollinator onto an isolated apple tree and now it is growing well. I have also used it to bud plum trees onto sprouting rootstocks in locations where a diseased tree has been cut down. In this way a replacement tree can be grown on the existing roots from the old tree. *Kim Siebert*

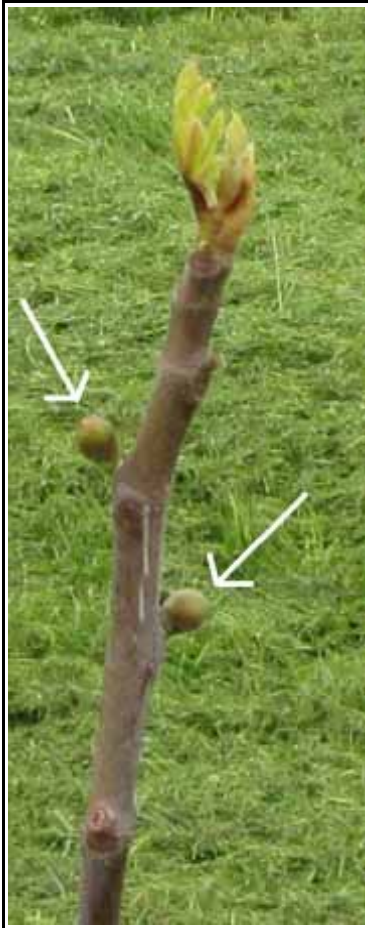
Schedule (*We will begin workshop at 10:30 am, but otherwise the schedule will be flexible depending on how long the workshop lasts.*)

10:15	Registration
10:30-11:30	Kiwi and fig workshop
11:30-12:15	Fruit Sampling
12:15-1:30	Summer pruning of apple trees and bud grafting demonstration
12:30-2:30	Board meeting in Master Gardener's Gazebo

Figs

By Bob "Kiwibob" Glanzman

Figs are handsome shrubs that thrive in rich soil and a warm microclimate. Most varieties can produce two crops a year: first crop, called Breba, on last year's wood, and second crop, called Main, on the current year's wood. (But the Puget Sound Region is usually too cool to ripen the Main crop.) Prune as a multi-trunked shrub for best production in our area.



Breba fruit forming in early April

Correct Varietal selection is imperative. Some varieties that have done reasonably well in Western Washington are Gillette (most reliable), Desert King (or King), Vashon Violet (AKA Brunswick, best taste but not as productive), and Lattarulla. About 90% of the Fig trees sold in Western Washington as "Brown Turkey" are not Brown Turkey but other varieties that have been mismarked.

If possible, plant in a warm microclimate such as near a south facing wall in full sun.

Prune about 1 out of every 3 limbs back to, or nearly back to, its source each spring to encourage renewal growth. The new shoots forced to grow as a result of pruning will produce their Breba crop the following year.

[Photos of figs and fig pruning](#) (Link for email version. Go to our Home Fruit Garden Tour at NWfruit.org and click on Fig if you have the paper version of the newsletter.)

They taste best if picked when soft to mushy and drooping straight down. Some figs are green when ripe and others are darker.

The varieties in the Fruit Garden are:

Brown Turkey
Contessina
Neveralla
Desert King



Figs do not ripen off the tree

Be sure to come to the Fruit Garden event on July 16th to hear Kiwibob.

Board Meeting July 16, 2016

12:30 to 2:30pm in the Master Gardener's gazebo. All members welcome.

The Fruit Garden Tour is complete!

It's time to come visit and enjoy the Fruit Garden's new "40 Points of Interest" sign Tour! Many folks dedicated themselves to this project, and it's wonderful to see how it's helping to bring fruit enthusiasts together to experience the pleasure of successfully growing fruit here in the Northwest.

Beginning at the first sign, which is located at the east Kiosk, a tri-fold map takes visitors on a 45 minute self guided tour of the various *Points of Interest* which exhibit both popular and unusual varieties, as well as displaying various training methods. For instance, Honeycrisp apples are being grown as Slender Spindle, Vertical Cordon espaliers, Horizontal Tee espaliers (on 3 different rootstocks), Belgian Fence espalier, and the giant WELCOME sign espalier. Also, there are



Persimmons in late October



Walnut in April and September

comparisons of Cherry trees grown Tatura trellis, Horizontal Tee espaliers, Fan espalier, UFO espalier (on 3 different rootstocks), and the new Tart Cherry trial.

The information revealed when using each sign's QR or HTML code provides valuable details to further enhance the Fruit Garden experience, such as pictures of the plants at different times of the year, additional cultural information, and a list

of the varieties in the Garden. All of these signs and web pages can be accessed from your home computer by clicking on Take the Fruit Garden Tour! in the top menu at our website, NWFruit.org. As we explore new projects in the Fruit Garden we plan to install additional descriptive signs such as the new Mummy Berry sign, which shows the life cycle of the disease and how we are attempting to suppress it within our blueberry plots.

Please let your "Fruit curious" friends know about this new tour, showcasing the years of hard work that the volunteers have dedicated into making this WWFRF Fruit Garden one of the top attractions of its type in the area.

See you there soon!!

Kristan



The shipova tree in early April

WWFRF Board Meeting
Feb 20th, 2016 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Seattle Conference Center Atrium

Board members present: Kim Siebert, JoeAnne Hilgart, Sam Benowitz, Mike Ewanciw, Bob Baines, Adam Wargacki, Kristan Johnson, Jay Scott, Ira Collins, John Valentine

Mike and John arrived a little after the reading of the minutes.

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

Minutes – The minutes of the January 5th Conference call were read by Kim. Kristan motioned that we approve the minutes as read. Bob seconded. The motion was approved.

Winter Field Day – Jay will handle distribution of the rootstocks Sam brings to WFD

Fruit Garden Committee – 1/3 of mummyberry suppression mulch is deployed. Supplies are on track for completion.

Membership mailing – John reported only 1% of 400+ mailers "returned" (recipient unknown). Need 9 membership renewals to break even on mailer venture.

Action Items from November Meeting -

Kim finished the PowerPoint presentation, which can be customized to fit presentations of various lengths from 5 to 30 minutes or more, depending on how much the presenter talks about each slide.

Carol Miles has clarified that the general membership of WWFRF will not be able to pick fruit from WSU research blocks including the cherry block at our events. We need to decide whether we can have a cherry day event in the Garden or whether we will have to permanently eliminate the event.

Carol Miles has told us that if we wish to contribute to WSU sponsored fruit related research we may do so by giving money as a gift rather than by committing to a certain amount.

The Annual Financial Review was completed. Reported by Mike.

Potential New Officers - Mike will approach Randy Lee about serving on the board.

Winter Field Day Speaker Fees - Mike motioned to allot a total of \$500 for the speaker fees for the Winter Field Day in the WWFRF budget. Kristan seconded. Approved unanimously.

Membership Fees - Vote to raise fees was deferred until the Annual Business Meeting on March 5th.

Newsletter - Kristan motioned to put to a vote by the membership at the annual business meeting a change in medium for 2 of the 3 yearly newsletters from print to email, excepting members without an email address on file. Maintenance of print medium will be tied to a \$5 increase in membership fee. Language of the proposal will be refined in committee. Bob seconded motion. Approved unanimously. Kim and Adam to form committee on specific language of email to notify membership of the vote at the Annual Meeting.

Organizational Growth - Bob committed to organizing or facilitating three events promoting organizational outreach and education (and promotion of WWFRF). A committee consisting of Adam, Mike and Sam with Bob as chair was formed to design a proposal or proposals of plans to 1. Increase organizational outreach 2. work together with other organizations.

Purchase of 30 pruning DVDs - Kristan motioned to authorize the purchase of 30 pruning DVDs from Gary Moulton on close out sale of \$10 ea. Ira seconded. Approved unanimously.

Standing Rules - Kim motioned to approve the *small project initiation* section of the standing rules as amended in board correspondence and at the meeting. Bob seconded. Approved unanimously.

WWFRF Annual General Membership Meeting followed by the Annual Board meeting March 7, 2016

Held at the Winter Field Day

11:30 am – 12:00 am

Main Auditorium - WWFRF, Mt Vernon

Newsletter Format Change -

Kim proposed a change from print format to email format for two of the triannual newsletters. Kristan seconded. The motion was passed with no objections.

Departing Directors and Expired Terms- Sue stepped down from her directorship and the office of president. The terms of Sam, Kim, Mignonne and Jay are expiring. Sam, Kim and Jay stood for another term. Darlene retracted her resignation from the board and stood for election.

Annual Board Meeting

Board members present: Kim Siebert, Sam Benowitz, Mike Ewanciw, Bob Baines, Adam Wargacki, Kristan Johnson, Jay Scott, Ira Collins, John Valentine, Darlene Granburg

Election of Officers -

Kim stood for election as President

Adam stood for election as Recording Secretary

Bob stood for election as Vice President, with the caveat that he will not assume the presidency

Mike stood for election as Treasurer

Ira stood for election as Coordinating Secretary.

This slate of officers was nominated by Kim and elected without opposition.

Allocation of funds for Tart Cherry Trial-

Kristan motioned to allot \$300 to purchase material needed to conduct Tart Cherry Trial. The motion passed unanimously.

Scouting location for next meeting -

Bob and Kim will scout location/meeting space for Board Meeting on or about Saturday, May 21st at 6:00pm

Kim motioned to adjourn, Kristan seconded. The motion passed.

WWFRF Board Meeting

May 23rd, 2016 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Shoreline Library - Shoreline, WA

Board Members on present: Kim Siebert, Bob Baines, Adam Wargacki, Darlene Granburg

Mike Ewanciw arrived late, at 6:45 pm.

Board Members on conference call: Sam Benowitz, Kristan Johnson, Jay Scott, John Valentine (Sam disconnected at 6:40 pm)

Members not present: JoeAnne Hilgart, Ira Collins

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

Minutes – The minutes were of the prior March 5th Annual Membership Meeting were read. The minutes of the prior March 5th Board Meeting were tabled at the motion of Kristan, seconded by Kim.

Fruit Garden Committee

- Free sprays and other applications for the garden have been offered by vendors - Kim motioned that we do not accept gifts of spray products unless that product is already included in the garden plan. Bob seconded, motion passed unanimously (Mike absent, Sam present).

Outreach Committee (Bob Baines - Chair)

- Bob, Mike and Adam presented rough plan to sustainably connect lecturers, presenters and speakers in our membership with groups looking for presentation content. Will continue developing plan

-Sam will forward application for presentation application for Flower and Garden Show.

-Kim will develop marketing materials and handouts for generic WWFRF presentation

Pet Policy

-In response to incident with dog at Winter Field Day, Kim motioned that we formalize a policy prohibiting pets from the fruit garden and allocating \$100 for signage to that effect. Adam seconded. The motion passed 5-2 (Mike present, Sam absent, Bob and Jay dissenting due to WSU probably already having a policy prohibiting pets on campus).

Summer Event

- Dates for summer event were debated (July 16th versus 23rd)

- Kim will nail down date for summer event before newsletter goes out.

Budget Review

-Kim led line-by-line examination for estimation of this year's budget, and made some changes

-Bob motioned to accept changes to budget, Darlene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment.

WWFRF Goals

- Support the WSU Mt. Vernon Research & Extension Center's fruit research programs via grants, public and commercial membership dues, and volunteer participation.
- Create hands-on opportunities for the general public through:
 - Education: seminars on fruit culture, disease, pest control.
 - Demonstration: pruning, grafting and espalier techniques.
 - Fruit Garden: view and sample successful fruit varieties, and teach excellent cultural techniques.
- Creation of a six-acre Fruit Garden to demonstrate the value of fruit growing as a design element in the urban landscape... displaying various aspects of fruit culture to landscape architects, planners and home gardeners.
- Enhance public appreciation of the cultural diversity of our region by displaying fruit varieties from around the world.
- Build and maintain alliances with colleague organizations to ensure the economic viability of Western Washington horticulture.



Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation Membership Form

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____

Please check all applicable lines to designate type of membership and/or extra donation:

_____ \$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 **GENERAL FUND FRUIT GARDEN**

I would like to volunteer to help as follows (please check all applicable lines):

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

_____ HELP AT THE **WINTER FIELD DAY** (1st Saturday in March)

_____ **NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW** in Seattle (usually held in February every year)

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

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

**WWFRF
C/O John Valentine, Membership
811 North 1 st
Tacoma, WA 98403-2013**