

## Masks Are Required

Unlike prior years' Winter Field Days, all activities will be held under tents with open sides, offering some cover from rain but still essentially outdoors, not in the heated auditorium. **Masks and social distancing are required.** It will likely be chilly so wear appropriate clothing. Check our website, [Nwfruit.org](http://Nwfruit.org), the day before the event in case of last minute changes.

## Winter Field Day: March 12, 2022

NW Fruit Garden of Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation  
in cooperation with

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

- 9:30 – 10:00 AM **Registration begins** - All members must first register & hand stamp  
10:00 – 10:05 AM **Orientation and Opening of Sales Tents** – Experts available 10am to 1pm  
10:00 – 1:30 PM **Sales and Grafting of Purchased Scions & Rootstock**

**No Credit Cards** are accepted at the event. **Cash** and **Checks** are accepted.

If you don't have checks be sure to **bring cash**. The proceeds fund our organization's garden and events!

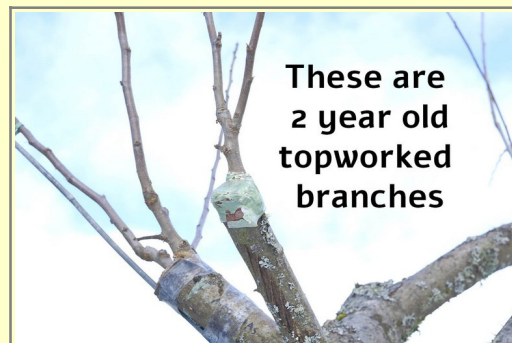
### Pavilion Lectures

- 10:05 – 11:00 AM **Understanding Grafting, Sam Benowitz & Friends** - This class will prepare you for success by demonstrating how and when to do various grafting techniques. This includes topworking, scionwood collection and storage, rootstock options and how to get your newly grafted trees off to a great start. (In addition, experts are available **from 10 to 1** to help you pick out and graft rootstocks and scionwood.)
- 11:00 – 11:50 AM **Griffin Berger Operation Manager of Sauk Farm LLC** - Growing fruit in an organic orchard here in Western Washington.
- 11:50 – 12:30 PM **Break in class schedule** - Lunch will not be available, not even for the volunteers. Bring your lunch and beverages. **Coffee will NOT be available.**
- 12:00 – 12:30 PM **General Membership Meeting and Nomination of Board Members**  
Volunteers are welcome to join the Board of Directors and now's the time! At this Members Meeting nominations are gathered and you will be well received.

### Demonstrations in the Fruit Garden

Several stations will be set up to teach the pruning needed for the various fruits. Most 50 minute sessions are repeated, so you will be able to attend more of the sessions. Some of the initial instruction will be in tents. Then we will go out in the orchard, regardless of the weather, so dress appropriately.

- 12:30 PM **Choose among the following stations:**
- Pruning apple & pear trees with Bob Baines - Goal based decisions including comparison of summer and dormant pruning
  - Blueberry pruning
  - Pruning unusual fruits with Peter Rueckert
  - Orchard Tour with Tom Wake
- 1:30 PM Repeat of same options as above, plus
- Topworking - grafting new scions onto existing orchard trees



## How To Find Your Membership Status

*If the email* by which you received this newsletter begins “Hello NW Fruit **Member**” then your membership is current through March 2022. If the email begins “Hello NW Fruit **Friend**” then your membership is **not current for this event**. Membership expires on the anniversary of the last payment.

You can conceivably pay for membership at the event, but by [paying it ahead of time](#) registration is simpler. **Please note:** All purchases at the event require check or cash. No credit cards.

### Rootstocks For Sale at Winter Field Day 2022

#### Apple Rootstock

EMLA 27	5-8 ft
Geneva 41	7-10 ft
EMLA 26	10-15 ft
Geneva 30	10-15 ft
MM 111	16-20 ft
Antonovka	20-30 ft

#### Pear Rootstock

Old Home x Farmingdale 87 15-20 ft

#### Quince Rootstock

Provence Quince 13-16 ft

#### Plum Rootstock

Krymsk 1 10-13 ft

Marianna 2624 10-16 ft

### About Rootstock Sales

We offer many of the best proven, **certified virus free** dwarfing rootstocks that have a diameter of about 1/4 inch. The height of tree on each rootstock will vary depending on many factors including the vigor of the variety of scionwood grafted on it and methods of pruning.

On the plum rootstock you can graft plums, apricots or almonds but our apple and pear rootstocks are for only apple and pear respectively. (Peaches are compatible with plum rootstocks but don't graft well in the winter and are usually summer budded.) Unfortunately we weren't able to obtain cherry rootstocks this year, but we've added **quince** rootstocks. Some pear varieties can be grafted to quince rootstock, and of course quince grafts to quince. We hope to have some mini dwarf EMLA 27 rootstock interstem pieces for anyone wanting to make an **interstem** apple tree.

### Limits to sales of scions, rootstocks and grafting

***Limit during first two hours or so: per person, three grafts done by our experts, three rootstocks of each variety and three pieces of scionwood per variety.***

When everyone has had a chance to be helped, you can buy more.

#### Scions & Rootstock Prices

Scionwood	\$3
Rootstocks	\$5
Grafts by our experts	\$4

#### Grafting Supplies

Victorianox Grafting Knife	\$25
Felco 8 Pruning Shears	\$60
Bundle 20 Grafting Bands	\$3
Parafilm bud grafting Tape	\$6

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## Scionwood available at Winter Field Day 2022

A wide variety of apple, pear and plum scionwood are planned for the sale. We are taking care that each piece of scionwood is free of oyster scale or other pests but we cannot guarantee it.

We try to collect scionwood about 1/4 inch in diameter to roughly match up with the caliper of the rootstock. Each piece is about ten inches long, is labeled as to variety and is sealed on both ends. Each stick of scionwood can make one or two grafts. In our grafting class and demonstrations we will show you how to graft scionwood not only on rootstocks but also on existing trees in your orchard. Look for the **Topworking Class** in the afternoon.

### Apples

Ananas Reinette  
Arkansas Black  
Ashmead's Kernel  
Autumn Crisp  
Belle de Boskoop  
Bramley  
Celestia  
Chehalis  
Dayton  
Elstar, Daliest  
Freyburg  
Golden Russet  
Gravenstein  
Hatsuaki  
Honeycrisp  
Jonagold  
Jonared  
Karmijn  
Liberty  
Melrose  
Mother  
Newtown Pippin  
Niedzwetskaya  
Nutmeg Pippin  
Roxbury Russet  
Rubinette  
Scarlet Ohara  
Spartan  
Tsugaru, Homei  
Wealthy  
Williams Pride  
Winter Banana  
Wolf River  
Yellow Transparent

### Pear, European

Abbe Fetal  
Bartlett  
Bosc  
Comice  
Doyenne di Juliet  
Klementinka  
Leonardo Moritini  
Onward  
Orcas  
Rescue  
Rosata Moritini  
Russeted Comice  
Spalding  
Starkrimson  
Suij

### Plum

Blues Jam  
Cocheco  
Early Golden  
Gros Ameliorat  
Hollywood  
Imperial Epineuse  
Kuban Comet  
Mirabelle de Nancy  
Obilnaja  
Seneca  
Sweet Treat Pluerry  
Valor  
Victory

### Almond

Halls Hardy  
Reliable

### Cherry

Danube  
Early Burlat  
Emperor Francis  
Hartland  
Lapins  
Sweetheart  
White Gold

### Quince

Aromatnaya

### Pear cross

Shipova  
**Asian Pear**  
Atago  
Chojuro  
Hamese  
Ichiban Nashi  
Mishirasu  
Shinseiki  
Yakumo



Bench grafting at a past Winter Field Day