

The BEELine



Volume 24

WESTERN CASCADE FRUIT SOCIETY

Winter 2004

23rd ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

ROOTSTOCK AND SCION WOOD SALE (\$1 each)

SATURDAY MARCH 13
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

RAINIER VIEW CHURCH
12305 Spanaway Loop Road S
Parkland WA 98444

\$3.00 Single - \$5.00 Family

10AM WCFS Board Meeting

11AM "Growing the Best Grapes" David Johnson, NOFC

12 Noon General Meeting

1PM "Blueberry Culture" Gary Heaton, Clallam

2PM "Compost Tea for Healthy Plants"

Bob Norsen

Rootstocks For Sale

OHXF333 is a semi-dwarf rootstock for European pear; Asian pear can also be grafted onto it.

Bud-9 is a dwarfing rootstock (33% of standard) for apple.

P-22 is a very dwarfing rootstock (25% of standard) for apple.

Citation is a dwarf to semi-dwarf rootstock for plum or peach.

Krymsk 5 is a new dwarfing rootstock for cherry (about the size of Gisela 5).

St. Julian A is a semi-dwarf rootstock for plum.

M-26 is dwarf to semi-dwarf rootstock for apple (45% of standard).

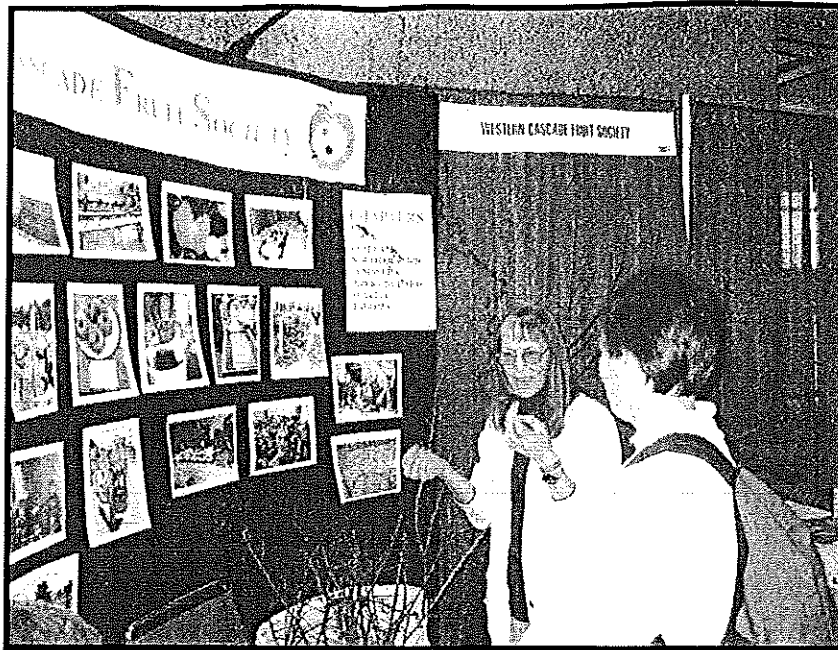
Mm-111 is a semi-standard rootstock for apple (80% of standard).

DIRECTIONS TO RAINIER VIEW CHURCH

12305 Spanaway Loop Road S
Parkland WA 98444

SOUTH BOUND OR NORTH BOUND ON I-5:
Exit 127 onto SR 512. Take the first exit (1/2 mile)
Turn South (Right) onto Steele St which curves left
becoming 116th St S, then curves Right onto
Spanaway Loop Rd S. Continue about 7 blocks.
The church is on the right at the traffic light.

WCFS At The Northwest Flower & Garden Show



The Western Cascade Fruit Society was well represented at the premier garden show of the Pacific Northwest in February. Kathy Ackerman of the North Olympic chapter graciously loaned her commercial booth and expertise as an exhibitor to make this year's booth the best ever. Hundreds of people stopped by during the five day show where they received expert advice on fruit growing from the volunteers as well as handouts and even some grafting demonstrations. The booth had a tent caterpillar egg case on display as well as a fig tree and cherry tree. Although the WCFS does not receive any compensation for this show, the educational opportunities it provides warrants our continued presence since 1974. The volunteers received free admittance as well as the opportunity to get early entrance in return for their three-hour shift. The Seattle, Tahoma, Clallam and North Olympic Clubs sent volunteers this year.

New *BeeLine* Editor Steps Forward

Connie Firehawk regretfully resigned her position as Editor of the *BeeLine* in January. The WCFS extends its thanks to her for stepping forward and helping to revitalize the newsletter. Patti Gotz put out this Winter issue as a temporary editor. The Spring issue will be edited by Mark Lee of the Seattle Tree Fruit Society, a 10-year member of WCFS and knowledgeable about all aspects of fruit growing. Thank you, Mark, for becoming editor on such short notice.

Website: WWW.WCFS.ORG

***BeeLine* Deadlines**

Deadlines for articles for the 2004 *BeeLine* editions are April 15th, July 15th, and October 16th. Submit articles to Mark Lee at [<markl@nytec.com>](mailto:markl@nytec.com)

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**ATTENTION ATTENTION
GOOD FRUIT GROWER
SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Renewals and/or new subscriptions for Good Fruit Grower are due April 1, 2004 to the WCFS Treasurer.

Good Fruit Grower is published semi-monthly January through May, and monthly June through December by the Washington State Fruit Commission.

Group subscriptions are still a bargain at \$17.00/year. In order to receive this rate, all subscriptions must be submitted by WCFS at one time with one check to cover them. Make your check payable to WCFS and indicate if this is a renewal or a new subscription.

Letters To the Editor...



Hi Connie

Sorry to be so slow in responding, but we had such a workload after the Festival that we are just getting some free time now.

We too loved the festival and would have loved to see more. Unfortunately, I have to rely on photos of the other places, although I do get to see the Fulford Hall until about 10 AM, as I make sure it is running well and then I head back to our farm. I have not even had time to see the photos that our photographer took, but hopefully next week.

I did get some apple pie at Fulford Hall by the Womens Institute. They baked 42 pies with 8 varieties of apples. I had a Bramley apple pie with a hint of hot chillies. Great.

I will send an article about our Apple Festival to you for the Bee Line, but I was thinking, it would be great to get an article by one of the NOFC group that visited us. Then it would be a totally neutral report of the festival and to the population at large, probably more believable. Obviously, since I am the organizer, I might tend to embellish. I try not to do that however. Those articles by (continued on page 4)



WESTERN CASCADE FRUIT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



NAME _____

NEW MEMBER
RENEWAL

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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(Check or circle which Chapter you're joining...)

MEMBER-AT-LARGE **\$20.00 Annual Dues**

CHAPTERS:

North Olympic Clallam **\$20.00 Annual Dues**

Peninsula-Kitsap Piper Orchard Tahoma **\$15.00 Annual Dues**

Seattle Tree Fruit *(includes monthly Newsletter)* **\$23.00 Annual Dues**

Donation for Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation/ Mt. Vernon Amount \$ _____ Gift _____ **TOTAL**

WHAT ARE YOU - OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE - GROWING? *(Circle which ones)*

Apples Pears Peaches Plums Cherries Kiwis Nuts Berries Other

How long have you been gardening/growing? _____

Special interests: _____

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someone else, also help us to see the Festival through someone else's eyes.

A few other things, I was going to suggest that in the Bee Line, that WCFS website address be more visible, hopefully in 2 or 3 places in each issue.

I would also like to see a Calendar of Events for all WCFS events. For instance, Deb and I would like to come down to the WCFS scionwood exchange in March. There is no indication anywhere when that will happen and we have to start planning since there are other events happening at that time. So a short calendar in the same place in each issue would be great.

Thanks for doing all your work.

Harry & Debbie Burton of Apple Luscious Organic Orchard, Salt Spring Island, BC

Hi Editor,

The second 12 pt San Serif is much easier to read than the one with all the little feet dangling off it. I'm a Tahoma person myself but anything plain reads faster.

To add to Dave Johnson's comments about tayberries, I found that every time I mixed my rasp-berries, tayberries, blueberries and cascade trailing, I'd get comments like, "This is the best pie I've ever eaten." The flattery stopped when my tayberry patch died out from too much shade. Tayberries freeze and hold flavor remarkably well and maybe even taste better after freezing.

We stir frozen berries into Healthy Choice ice cream and refreeze. For pie, we take the berries out just before serving. Thicken a tin of thawed raspberry juice pour the hot mixture over the frozen berries in a pie shell. Serve immediately. The berries will be half thawed and taste like off the bush.

My experience with boysenberries is the same as Dave's - they're useless.

Miriam Hill