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# WESTERN CASCADE FRUIT SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

FALL 1992

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## *DON'T MISS THE* FALL FRUIT SHOW

at the

### KITSAP PAVILION

1200 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton, Washington  
(SEE PAGE 2 FOR DIRECTIONS)

**Saturday, October 31, 10-6PM & Sunday, November 1, 10-4PM**

**Admission:** Adults, \$2.50; Age 16 & under, free.

**Includes:** Parking, Apple tasting, identification, and pressing your cider

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## FALL FRUIT SHOW PROGRAM

*(10:30am — 4:30pm each day. Reverse order on Sunday)*

**Pruning Fruit Trees in Your Home Landscape**

*Gil Schieber:* Seattle Tilth

**Fruit Drying**

*Deanne DeLong:* Specialist and HP author

**Managing Fruit Trees in the Landscape**

*George Pinyuh:* Extension Agent, TV and Radio Educator

**Fruit Tree Pest Control in Tune with the Environment**

*"Cisco" Morris:* Seattle University Grounds Manager

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## **How To Get To The Kitsap Pavilion and Fairgrounds**

**From Seattle:** Take Ferry to Bremerton. Drive North on Warren Avenue (State Highway 303), which becomes Wheaton Way. Turn left on Fairgrounds Road and drive to Fairgrounds.

**From Tacoma:** Drive across Narrows bridge on Highway 16. Proceed to Gorst and take the Hood Canal exit onto Highway 3. At the Silverdale exit (Also marked as the Newberry Hill exit) turn right into Silverdale. At the first traffic light turn right onto Bucklin Hill Road. Drive east to Nels Nelson Road. Turn right and drive south to Fairgrounds Road. Turn right and proceed to the Fairgrounds parking area at the Pavilion.

**From the Hood Canal Bridge:** Drive south on highway 3 and exit into Silverdale. At the traffic light on Bucklin Hill Road turn left and proceed east as described above.

## **APPLE IDENTIFICATION AT THE FALL FRUIT SHOW**

Experts at identifying fruit will be present to help you learn the name of your mystery apple.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Select fruit that is typical for the tree you are trying to identify in color, size and shape. Be sure to include the stem on the apples. Three or four apples are desirable. Fruit should be washed and free from blemishes if possible. Refrigerate the fruit in a plastic bag if it has to be stored for more than one week.

**QUESTIONS THE EXPERTS MAY ASK YOU:** When was the fruit picked? Is it from a single tree or from a row of trees? Is it from an old orchard or from a new planting? How well does the fruit keep? Is the tree upright, spreading, or willowy? Does it bear on the shoot tips? Is it damaged by scab or mildew? Is it good fresh? Is it good cooked? Please leave your name and address with the fruit so that we can contact you later if additional research is required.

## **FRUIT IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP**

Do you have an interest in becoming knowledgeable in fruit identification? The 1992 Fall Fruit Show will provide you the opportunity.

We are fortunate once again to have the Home Orchard Society (HOS) fruit identification team, headed by Wayne Hufstutter, visit us from Oregon to staff the fruit ID table. We may also have John Parker's (past president of WCFS and current president of our North Olympic chapter) expert help at this table.

We will provide opportunity for those interested in learning fruit ID to work alongside this experienced crew at the ID table. Only a few learners can be accommodated at a time, so please contact Dick Tilbury at (206) 723-9009 to schedule your learning time at the table. It will greatly benefit our organization to have more members trained in fruit ID.

*Dick Tilbury, Seattle*

## **SUBMITTING FRUIT FOR DISPLAY AT THE FALL FRUIT SHOW**

The major feature of our Fall Fruit Show is the displaying of the many varieties of fruit grown by our members. Following are instructions for submitting fruit for display:

Store five to seven specimens of each fruit variety you wish to display along with a note of the harvest time and the variety name. Most fruit will need to be refrigerated to store successfully. If you can, please bring extra specimens for our fruit tasting table.

Anyone planning to display fruit at the Fall Fruit Show should make and bring their own 3" X 5" cards, listing the variety name and other information you may wish to share. Plates will be provided on the display tables. Each plate will hold from three to five specimens, depending on the size of the fruit.

Your WCFS Board of Directors believes that sufficient space is available for everyone who would like to show fruit.

Please prepare a card identifying yourself and your growing area.

The display tables will be ready during the late afternoon on Friday, October 30. We will also be able to accept fruit before 10am on Saturday morning.

Please help us by immediately placing your fruit on the tables provided and identifying them with the appropriate 3"X5" card. This will allow the next displayer to quickly identify where their display space begins. All of one displayer's fruit specimens should be arranged alphabetically within their area. Pear and apple varieties, for example, can be mixed alphabetically. **Thanks for your cooperation,**

**WCFS - Fruit Display Coordinator**

## **DR STEBBINS TASTE TEST FEATURED AT FALL FRUIT SHOW**

Dr. Bob Stebbins, Oregon State University Extension Horticulture Specialist, who "retired" in June after thirty years with OSU, will bring his scientific apple taste testing study to the Fall Fruit Show. Don't fail to be a participant in this important study.

## **FALL FRUIT SHOW — ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA**

We recognize that spouse and children may not be "fruit freaks" like the rest of us and at the request of the WCFS Board have created the following list of **alternate activities going on in the area around the Fall Fruit Show.**

**USS TURNER JOY TOUR** - Tour a Forrest Sherman class "Destroyer" that has been fully preserved (most were converted to fire guided missiles) This is a self-guided tour of a ship that was originally built in Seattle. A major attraction on the Bremerton waterfront.

**BREMERTON NAVAL MUSEUM** - On the waterfront at Bremerton. Includes a "vast array of unique artifacts and hands-on displays....."

**KITSAP HARBOR TOURS** - Three tours of the Kitsap area from thirty passenger tour boats. Affiliated with the preservation of the USS TURNER JOY (DD951). Call 206-377-8924 or find the TURNER JOY on the Bremerton waterfront.

**POULSBO** - A town billed as "Little Norway" and settled in the late 1880's by fishermen, loggers and farmers who felt the surrounding waterways reminded them of fjords. Just north of Silverdale on highway 3. Visit seven local parks, the famous Sluys Bakery, and Historic Downtown Poulsbo.

**OLYMPIC GAME FARM** - Drive through wild animal habitat. Also walking tours.

Proceed to Sequim, a one hour drive from Silverdale across the Hood Canal bridge. On highway 101 turn right on Dungeness Way in Sequim to Woodcock's Road and left to Ward Road then right and a short drive to the game farm.

**DUNGENESS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** - A 5 1/2 mile hike along a spit projecting out into the straits of Juan de Fuca. Includes tour of an operating lighthouse at the end of the spit.

Proceed to Sequim, a one hour drive from Silverdale across the Hood Canal bridge. Proceed west of Sequim several miles on highway 101 and turn right on Kitchen Dick Lane and proceed to Lotzgell Road where you will find the entrance to the Dungeness County Campground and the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge.

**HURRICANE RIDGE IN OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK** - Includes park ranger guided tours and lectures high in the Olympic mountains in the Olympic National Park. Easy access.

Proceed to Sequim, a one hour drive from Silverdale over the Hood Canal bridge. Proceed to Port Angeles. Turn off highway 101 in Port Angeles at Race Street near park headquarters and proceed on up the road to Hurricane Ridge.

**LAZY J FARMS** - A commercial apple grower selling new and antique varieties to the public. Possible available varieties include Melrose, King, and Spartan apples, cider, and European and Asian pears. (We had to include one fruity alternative to the Fall Fruit Show)

Proceed to Sequim, a one hour drive from Silverdale over the Hood Canal bridge. On highway 101 several miles west of Sequim turn right on Kitchen Dick Lane and proceed north to the Old Olympic Highway and west to Geherke Road and then turn right several hundred yards and follow the Lazy J Farm signs.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Words in the news: Change, sustainable, innovative, inchoate, choice. We can apply them all to our own WCFS. Among the many pressures that bear upon us include our society's role in funding shortfall at the Mount Vernon Research Station. The main purpose of the newly organized Western Washington Tree Fruit Research Foundation (WWTFRF) is to obtain donations to replace the lost state funds at the Mount Vernon Station. To accomplish this they plan events such as the Mount Vernon Field Day described on our Summer Newsletter and workshops for which donations for admittance will be requested.

WWTFRF has suggested the possibility that our two societies merge.

I propose that we wait until we can better recognize whether  $1+1=2$ ,  $1+1=1$ , or  $1+1=3$ . Then we can discuss whether their hope to enlist support from commercial interests (probably the biggest difference between our organizations) would be compatible with WCFS's "amateur" focus.

Please note that your board voted on September 26 to send a letter of intent stating that WCFS will donate a minimum of \$1500 toward Western Washington fruit tree research in 1993. This was done to send a message to WWTFRF and Washington State University that they can count on us for help. An immediate donation was not considered expedient until WWTFRF obtains full non-profit status with the IRS, which is expected to happen very soon.

**See you all at the Fall Fruit Show!**

*Paul Donaldson*

## **WWTFRF FIELD DAY AT MOUNT VERNON**

Over four hundred fruit enthusiasts gathered at the Mount Vernon Experiment Station for the Western Washington Fruit Tree Research Foundation Field Day on September 27. Approximately \$3,000 was raised for research through donations and sales. Capital Press, the regional Agriculture-Forest Weekly newspaper ran a front-page story on the event, including a color picture of Dr. Bob Norton examining one of the scab-resistant apples being tested.

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## **ANNUAL SPRING MEETING & ROOTSTOCK/SCIONWOOD SALE**

Details of this March 6 meeting will be highlighted in the Winter WCFS Newsletter. This is your big opportunity to obtain scionwood for many dozens of varieties, talk with the experts and pick up any rootstock that you have pre-ordered from Walt Lyon (see last page for order blank).

## THE CORVALLIS ORCHARD TOUR

The weekend of August 7 brought thirteen WCFS members from Seattle and the Penninsulas to Oregon. Enthusiasm for the trip is very strong among participants — indicating that a similar tour may be planned for the future. The tour included the Germ Plasm Repository on Friday; the Albany Farmer's Market, the Lewis-Brown Variety Trials Orchard, Bob and Monine Stebbins' commercial and home orchards, the Lagerstedts' Peach Place commercial orchard and an evening barbecue on Saturday. We completed our trip with a visit to the Home Orchard Society Potluck Picnic at their arboretum at Clackamas Community College on Sunday.

## WINTER NEWSLETTER DATES

Media to be included in the Winter edition of the WCFS Newsletter must be in the hands of the Newsletter Editor by Friday, January 15, 1993. The Winter edition will be printed/mailed during the week of January 25.

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE (And Apology To Gerald Pate)

Your editor received the following charming and edifying letter from WCFS Life Member, past president, and current president of our North Olympic Chapter, John Parker. His letter was in response to my listing all WCFS Life Members in the last newsletter, and noting Gerald Pate as "deceased."

9-21-92

Dear Dave,

I received the very fine newsletter and read with a great deal of sadness, the passing of Gerald Pate.

Because I had a short conversation with him a short time ago, I phoned him to ask if it was true but he said it was not true, that he was very much alive and well — but you know I never did believe him so I asked to talk to his wife, Maxine, so she asked him if he had died and she got the same answer. Now, she is truthful.

Did you misprint and mean diseased? Thinking that this is what happened I am sending him a "get well" card.

Are people who are, in fact, deceased allowed to attend the (Fall Fruit Show) exhibit free? It would be a nice gesture.

Best and warmest regards,

*John Parker*

P. S., I am still alive (I think) but I feverishly scan the obituary column every day to be sure.

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## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The next WCFS Board Meeting will be on **Saturday, November 7, from 1pm until 3pm** at the Swasey Branch of the Tacoma Library, 7001 6th Avenue, Tacoma. To get there, take the Jackson Street Exit off of highway 16 — the first exit east of the Narrows Bridge. Proceed south two blocks to 6th avenue and then east several blocks to the library. The agenda will primarily be

a Fall Fruit Show de-briefing. We also look forward to welcoming Debbie Heltzer, who has volunteered to transcribe WCFS Board minutes. **Note Time Change For This Meeting.**

Board Meetings are always open to WCFS members (to all, according to the by-laws). Come with suggestions, ideas, comments, criticisms, kudos, etc.).

Remember that we have voted to make the Tacoma Swasey Library our "permanent" meeting place for the foreseeable future.

## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

The September 26 board meeting was filled with last minute Fall Fruit Show details. As noted in the President's Message, we voted a "letter of intent" for a donation from WCFS of "at least \$1500" toward Western Washington fruit tree research jeopardized by recent WSU budget cuts.

## ARE YOUR WCFS DUES DUE?

Check the upper right-hand corner of your WCFS Newsletter mailing label. If you find a big mean green reminder label on your bulletin or if the month and year on the mailing label are past, **you are in danger of being dropped from our mailing list.** If the date is up to three months in the future, you have one more newsletter coming. Please remit dues to Charles Parkman, P. O. Box 128, Carlsborg, WA 98324 or to your chapter treasurer.

## HELP UPDATE THE TEN BEST APPLES FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON LIST

The WCFS list of the ten best apple varieties for Western Washington was compiled in 1985 after a survey of Western Washington apple experts. Continuing research and variety evaluation trials at the WSU Mount Vernon Station coupled with the introduction of new apple varieties since 1985 calls for a re-evaluation and update of this list. The 1985 list included the following (**all of the following lists are in approximate order of ripening**): Gravenstein, Akane, Summerred, Chehalis, Liberty, Gala, Spartan, Jonagold, Melrose, and Mutsu.

During the September 1989 open house at the Mount Vernon Station, Dr. Robert Norton was asked to list his "ten" best apples. With no time for reflection he came up with the following list of eleven apples: Gravenstein, Summerred, Chehalis, Liberty, Gala, Jonamac, Karmijn de Sonnaville, Jonagold, Empire, Melrose, and Mutsu.

King County Dial-Extension audio tape #1824 lists these recommended varieties: Summerred, Akane, Chehalis, Spartan, Macoun, Prima, Jonagold, Melrose, and Mutsu.

WSU Extension Bulletin #EB0937, "Tree Fruit Varieties for Western Washington" by Norton/King/Moulton, revised in April of 1992, uses a rating system to group varieties into four categories: Four Star (Best quality, well adapted, few problems), Gravenstein, Akane, Liberty, Jonagold. Three Star (Promising but with some possible problems), Summerred, Chehalis, Alkemene, Prima, Jonamac, Gala, Elstar, Spartan, Melrose, Idared, and Mutsu. Two Star (Worthy of trial, may have significant problems), Discovery, Earligold, King (Tompkins King), Golden Delicious. One Star (unsatisfactory, severe problems) Yellow Transparent, Lodi, Buckley Giant.

We are requesting our WCFS membership to review the above lists, ***add your personal knowledge and experience***, and jot down your ten best apple varieties on a postcard and mail to: Dave Battey — WCFS Newsletter Editor, Swenson Farm, 40404 SE 70th Drive, Snoqualmie, WA 98065.

Make your evaluation based on personal satisfaction considering taste, ease of growing, disease/insect susceptibility, storage life, etc. Don't forget the older varieties. We'll compile the results and include them in future newsletter articles.

Let us hear from you!

*Dick Tilbury — Seattle*

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## ROOTSTOCK ORDERING INFORMATION

All rootstocks must be pre-ordered for pickup at the Annual Spring Meeting of the Western Cascade Fruit Society, which will be held on March 6 at the Snohomish County Extension Office. Rootstock will not be sold at the meeting. Please correspond with Walt Lyon at the address and phone number listed below if you need to make other arrangements to pick up your order. Please fill out and mail the rootstock order blank printed below.

The following is a list of rootstocks which will be available for delivery at the Spring Meeting:

AMT	TYPE	USE	AMT	TYPE	USE
300	Mark	Apple	300	P-22	Apple
200	M9	Apple	100	M26	Apple
50	M7A	Apple	10	GM 61-1	Cherry
100	OHxF 333	Pear	100	Citation	Plum, Peach, Apricot

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### ROOTSTOCK ORDER FORM *(Please Mail As Soon As Possible)*

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PRICES:      M9, M26, M7A                      \$1.50 Each              10 or more \$1.20 Each  
                   MARK, OHxF 333                    \$1.75 Each              10 or more \$1.50 Each  
                   GM 61-1                                        \$2.00 Each              10 or more \$1.75 Each  
                   CITATION                                        \$2.50 Each              10 or more \$2.00 Each  
                   P22     \$3.00 Each              10 or more \$2.50 Each

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MARK			M26			OHxF 333		
M9			M7A			GM 61-1		
CITATION			P22			<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you wish to purchase rootstocks, please fill out the above form and mail it to me well ahead of the meeting date. Checks should be made out to WCFS and must include sales tax. Mail to: Walter L. Lyon, 19717 80th Avenue NE, Bothell, WA - 98011, (206) 483-5574.

*Walt Lyon, Bothell*

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