



Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation

February, 2009

President's Message

By Kristan Johnson, WWFRF President

Hello everyone,

My, what changes have taken place in the last year for WWFRF and the Fruit Garden!

Due to the amazing outpouring of donations from members of WWFRF, WCFS, and the regional community, we were able to meet our goal of raising \$27,500 toward a matching grant for the Fruit Garden. This \$55,000 is necessary towards establishing a capital base for the Fruit Garden operations, and will greatly help us in developing a self-sustaining system of raising funds in the future. We hope that our new **SUMMER FRUIT FESTIVAL** will eventually bring in enough money to support the Fruit Garden's annual operating budget and secure a fruitful future.

To help usher in that goal we have made some significant changes in our event schedule. We now have **permanent dates for our events every year**: Winter Field Day (1st Sat. of March), Sample the Cherry Harvest Day (2nd Sat. of July), Summer Fruit Festival (3rd Sat. of August), Sample the Apples and Pears Harvest Day (2nd Sat. of October). This allows us to overcome many problematic issues such as: scheduling speakers, planning events, advertising in magazines (which need very long lead times), and getting significant volume discounts on publishing for more than one year's worth of handouts.

Acknowledging the problems with the midsummer soft fruit Sample the Harvest Day (it was canceled this year due to a lack of fruit), we have merged it into the early apple and Asian pear Sample the Harvest Day to become an exciting new **SUMMER FRUIT FESTIVAL**, our biggest event ever!!!

We have purposely held back on advertising our events in the past, because we've been limited by the total number of participants we could accommodate in the NWREC auditorium. So we are now moving the fruit lectures from the Fall field day to the morning of the **SUMMER FRUIT FESTIVAL**. We plan to have a tent with a stage for lectures in the morning and bluegrass music in the afternoon, fruit tasting, with chefs creating fruit delicacies and various foods available for lunch, tours of the garden, and other wonderful things to do.

We're in the process of printing our new WWFRF Fruit Tree Care Calendar, which highlights WWFRF events and has links within our website for detailing general guidelines for growing fruit. We've

WWFRF EVENTS	
www.WWFRF.org	
 Winter Field Day Pruning, Grafting Pest control March 7, 2009 8:30 AM	 Sample the Cherry Harvest Check Website for changes. July 11, 2009 11:00 AM
Summer Fruit Festival Lectures & Food August 15, 2009 8:30 AM	Sample the Apple and Pear Harvest Cider Tasting Oct 10, 2009 11:00 AM

been making good use of our new logo on coffee mugs, tee shirts, etc., if you go to the website you can see all of the new items offered at our "WWFRF Store" and admire De Arbogast's fine work on our website.

And if that isn't enough, Bill Pihl, Bradley Smith and the Fruit Garden volunteers have been hard at work transplanting trees from the Field Trials as well as planting new trees into the Fruit Garden, so you'll have lots of new varieties to taste!

See you soon, and thanks for all of your help,

Kristan

Fruit Gardeners Wanted!



WWFRF is looking for volunteers to contribute to the maintenance and development of a regionally significant Fruit Garden in accordance with the principles of great fruit growing as outlined in the Fruit Handbook for Western Washington WSU publication EB0937.

DESIRED:

- Knowledge of fruit trees
- Desire to grow great fruit

REQUIRED:

- An unconditional passion for fruit
- Adventurous palate

One of the tasks of the new additions to the staff will be to develop and organize, in cooperation with the foundation's board, activities leading to a financially sound operation, such as:

- Public relations:, including placing advertising and features in the media
- Public events
- Tours
- Master-classes for advanced fruit growers
- Acquiring funds from sponsors

For further information please contact:
Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation
or send e-mail mentioning "application" to
fruitgarden@olympus.net

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WE WANT YOU to help us create the biggest event in the history of WWFRF!



That's right, we need each and every one of your abilities and experience to help make the **Summer Fruit Festival** event a success this August 15th.

So if you've ever given a big party before, or have had any experiences with festivals, advertising, parking, signs, managing volunteers, workshop planning, vendors, book keeping, technical support and event set-up or if you would just like to help out, contact **Ellen Cooley at 360-766-7012, email: whodatindat409@gmail.com**

We plan to have live bluegrass music with local cider and wine tasting, jams, marmalades, sorbets, and the like with some vendor's food products as well. Earlier in the day there will be lectures on fruit culture and an opportunity to sample pre-picked fruit.

We will present the awards for the Northwest Fruit Bowl Chef Competition at the Festival and the delicious fruit dishes created by the chefs and culinary schools will be available.

SUMMER FRUIT FESTIVAL



Northwest Fruit Bowl Chef Competition Seattle, August 13, 2009

If you're interested in chef competitions, culinary schools, or if you are simply a good cook or party planner, you won't want to miss your chance to be a part of making the **Northwest Fruit Bowl Chef Competition** happen this summer. Foods created for the Competition will be available at Summer Fruit Festival, which takes place 2 days after the Competition. .

To volunteer email me at fruitgarden@olympus.net or call me at 206-522-3663.

Thanks,

Kristan

WWFRF Financial Report: 1/1/08 – 12/31/08

By Walt Kropp, WWFRF Treasurer, Board Member

Non-Restricted Funds

Operating Expenses

Income

Interest	\$20.76
Membership Dues	\$7,695.00
Spring Field Day	\$1,130.90

Total Income \$ 8,846.66

Expenses

Fall Field Day (2007)	\$ 187.52
Fall Field Day (2008)	\$795.52
Spring Field Day	\$ 80.13
Bank Charges	\$ 21.50
Flower and Garden Show	
(Deposit for 2009)	\$300.00
General Liability Insurance	\$955.51
Director's Liability Insurance	\$772.00
Internet Connection Fee	\$180.00
Outreach	\$220.08
Printing & Mailing	\$1,976.46
Software Purchase	\$135.00
WA State Filing Fee	\$10.00

Total Expenses \$5,633.72

Difference \$3,212.94

Foundation Sponsored Research*

Income

Donations	\$0.00
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Expenses

WSU Addendum #18	
(for fruit research)	\$8,600.00
Narf fee	\$169.00

Total Expenses \$8,769.00

Difference -\$8,769.00

Fruit Garden Funds Summary

Income

Donations (Cash)	\$50,913.97
Donations (Stock)	\$10,130.71
Apple Sales	\$1,255.00
Sale of Landscape Fabric	\$130.00
WWFRF 'Store' sales	\$1,520.00

Total Income \$63,949.68

Expenses

Cost of 'Store' inventory	\$1,673.32
Printing and Mailing	\$1,725.32
Trailer Rental	\$160.00
WWFRF Signs	\$760.97
Fruit Garden expenses	\$6,264.19

Total Expenses \$10,583.80

Difference \$53,365.88

Current Funds as of 12/31/08

Non-Restricted Funds	\$787.02
(Operating Expenses plus Research)	
Fruit Garden Funds	\$ 63,777.09

Total Funds on hand 12/31/08 \$64,564.11

Totals

Total Income (All Categories)	\$ 72,796.34
All Expenses (All Categories)	\$24,986.52
Difference	<u>\$47,809.82</u>

We have not been charged yet for costs of shirts and transfers.

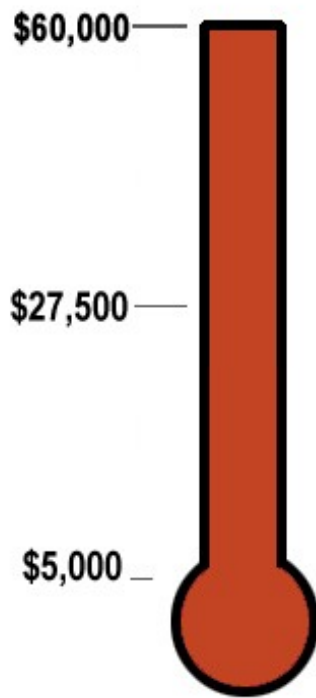
Addendum #18 (2007) has been paid in full.

Letter of Intent to Fund Addendum #19 (2008) has been mailed.

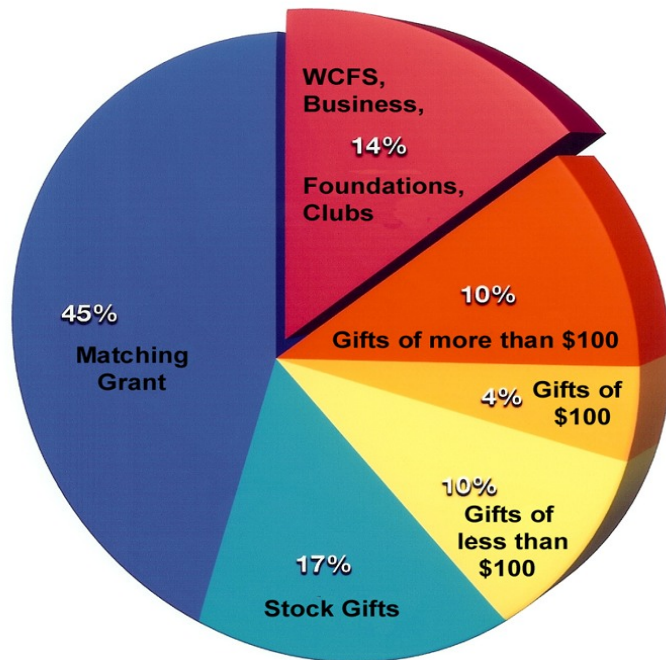
* Research in 2008 was paid for by a combination of 2008 membership dues and existing non-restricted funds from 2007.

In 2008 unmarked donations went to the Fruit Garden to qualify for matching funds. In 2009 all donations to WWFRF, unless otherwise designated, will be applied to foundation sponsored research.

Fruit Garden Donation Thermometer



Donations for Fruit Garden Drive



Thank You!

We reached our goal and with the matching grant raised \$60,000 for the Fruit Garden!

Teddie's Apple Cake

Butter for greasing pan
3 cups flour, plus more for dusting pan
1 ½ cups vegetable oil
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp vanilla
3 cups peeled, cored, and thickly sliced
tart apples, like Honeycrisp or Granny Smith
1 cup chopped Walnuts
1 cup raisins
Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour 9 inch tube pan. Beat oil and sugar together in mixer (fitted with paddle attachment) while assembling remaining ingredients. After 5 minutes, add eggs, beat until mixture is creamy. Sift together 3 cups of flour, salt, cinnamon, and stir until combined. Transfer mixture to prepared pan. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan before turning out. Serve at room temperature with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Serves 8

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: <http://www.networkforgood.org/> and type in "Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation" in the box labeled "charity".

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 Display Garden
- ☐ To help with Summer Fruit Festival
- ☐ On sampling and field days
- ☐ Tell me how I can help

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: Walter Kropp
WWFRF Treasurer
29838 Marine View Dr. SW
Federal Way, WA 98023

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

Credit cards accepted!

Here's how to donate to WWFRF or renew your membership through Network for Good:

- 1) Go to www.networkforgood.org (we will soon have a direct link on our website to Network for Good.)
- 2) On the first screen, type 'Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation' in the box labeled 'charity'
- 3) On the second screen click 'donate now'
- 4) On the third screen, type in the amount you wish to give and specify whether this is a one-time or recurring donation. Also, in the box labeled 'designation', please specify whether you are paying membership dues or giving a donation, or giving a donation specified for the demonstration garden.

- 5) The fourth screen gives you the option to change the information you have given. Click 'proceed to checkout'.
- 6) Subsequent screens ask you for your email address, credit card information and other relevant data. You also have the option to add an additional 4.75% of your donation to your total to cover the amount we pay Network for Good for processing.
- 7) You will receive an acknowledgement of your donation by email.

2009 Flower and Garden Show Fruitbooth update

As this newsletter goes to print, the 2009 Northwest Flower and Garden Show volunteer slots are filling up fast! There are only a few left open. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rachel Petrich at brunarp@hotmail.com. It is important to let us know that you are interested in helping, even if the Fruitbooth volunteer positions fill up – there is always 2010! Last year, the WWFRF Fruitbooth Team won an award for the best Educational Booth at the show. This year we are again teaming up with the Seattle Tree Fruit for a double booth with improved displays and even more information. So if you are at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show this year, stop by the Fruitbooth and say “Hello” to your friends in the WWFRF and help spread the good word on growing fruit!

WWFRF November 8, 2008 Board Meeting
Held at Ballard Public Library
5614 22nd Ave NW
Seattle, WA

By Kim Siebert, WWFRF Recording Secretary, Board Member

Board members present: Tom Wake, Walter Kropp, Bradley Smith, Kristan Johnson, Kim Siebert, JoAnn Alidina, Sam Benowitz, Tarn Mower, Bill Davis.

WWFRF members Rachel Petrich and Karen Todd were also present.

Kristan Johnson mentioned that Tyler Campbell is resigning and we need to find another co-ordinating secretary.

Treasurer's Report – Walt – The Fruit Garden has about 17K in donations so far this year, not counting the matching funds. (Editor's note: By the end of November additional donations had been received to complete the matching funds.) Non-restricted funds are now at \$1161.08. The Fruit Garden has \$20,178.34. After the end of November or after the matching funds are reached, which ever comes first, unmarked donations will again go for fruit research. Brad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tom. Passed.

Walt gave an estimate for next year of \$5000 for operating expenses subtracted from probable dues of \$7200 plus usual donations of around \$6000 leaving around \$8500 for research in 2009.

Brad motioned that we allot \$8600 for research for 2009, seconded by Tarn. Passed with 1 vote against.

Membership – Jo – We currently have 180 paid members. There are still 146 members from 2008 who have not renewed. Kim and JoAnn are going to check into the best way to remind members to renew; possibly a mailed invoice. Brad motioned to accept the membership report, seconded by Walt. Passed.

Software – Brad – We now have a program called Giftworks which should help with the data base and web site.

Calendar Handout – Kristan – Kristan brought a first draft mock-up of a handout that includes a small calendar of fruit related chores and WWFRF events. It also includes a business card sized magnet with WWFRF events and web

site etc. 5000 calendars would cost about \$2500 to have printed. Brad motioned that we have 5000 calendars printed using the Fruit Garden funds. Seconded by JoAnn. Passed.

Permanent Events – Kristan – By having four permanent event dates we will be able to give our events for publication in magazines and it will make planning easier. A Summer Fruit Festival on the 3rd Saturday of August will replace the Fall Field day and we will use a large tent so that we can accommodate more people and invite groups to come to sell fruit food items and have speakers, etc. The four events would be Winter Field Day the 1st Saturday of March, Cherry sample the 2nd Saturday of July, Summer Fruit Festival the 3rd Saturday of August and Fall Sample day the 2nd Saturday of October. Brad motioned that we change to permanent events, seconded by Bill. Passed.

Fruit Garden – Brad – After discussion Tarn motioned that Brad be authorized to pursue WWFRF interests in developing a new MOU with WSU as an Affiliate Volunteer Organization. Seconded by Bill Passed.

Fund Raising – Sam is working on a job description for a fund raiser/coordinator position. We have completed a fund raising letter to go out to donors and members which will be mailed out on Monday, November 10, 2008.

Meeting ended at 12:45 pm.



Winter Field Day / Thinning

March 7, 2009

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation

Held at:

Washington State University, Northwest Washington Research and Extension Center

16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Rootstocks and scionwood available for sale all day.

8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration–All members & non-members must first register and pay (if membership is not up-to-date)

Admission Fee for WWFRF Members: Included in annual paid dues

Admission Fee for Non-Members: \$15.00/ Individual; \$25.00/ Family (One household only, does not include parents or grown children not living with members)

Free/ Children age 12 and below; Free/ Caregivers

All presentations will be in the auditorium

9:00 – 9:50 AM Grafting – Bill Davis

10:00 - 10:50 AM Soil Fertility – Gary Moulton

11:00 – 11:50 AM Thinning through removal of flowers, fruit, and pruning – Gary Moulton

12:00 – 1:00 PM WWFRF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and election of officers

1:10 PM Pruning demonstrations in the Fruit Display Garden

Kristan Johnson

- espaliers

De Arbogast

- blueberries, currants, and gooseberries

Bill Davis

- young fruit trees

Gary Moulton

- mature fruit trees



Fruit Thinning



Be sure to come to hear Gary Moulton teach about thinning fruit on our Winter Field Day, March 7th!

By G.A. Moulton and J. King, WSU – Mount Vernon

A fruit tree in spring, covered with flowers, is a beautiful sight. Yet most people don't realize that **if just 5% of all those spring flowers set fruit, it will be enough to provide a full crop.** Too many fruits on a tree means fewer cells for each fruit, which translates into smaller fruit that is often of poor quality. Timely thinning of excess fruit increases the number of cells per fruit and **maximizes the potential fruit size.** Thinning also **improves the tree's productivity** in the year to come.

- **The earlier the better for thinning fruit.** In the 30-40 days immediately after flowers are pollinated, the newly set fruit undergoes rapid cell division and growth. Since the total number of cells determines the potential size to which the fruit can grow, it is important to thin fruit early, so that the ones that remain will have more cells and can grow bigger as they mature.
- **Early thinning promotes the development of fruit buds** for the following spring's bloom. The fruit buds that develop during this summer will determine next year's crop. The presence of seeds, even the immature seeds in the current year's fruit that is just forming, will inhibit the formation of flower buds for next year. By thinning early and heavily, the total amount of hormone produced by immature seeds is greatly reduced.
- **Thinning helps to even out crop load from year to year.** Trees can get into a cycle of alternate bearing, overloaded with fruit one year, and cropping very poorly in the year following. Some varieties such as Gravenstein are very prone to this. In a heavy bearing year, removing half or more of the blossom clusters at bloom time can help reduce the problem in varieties with this tendency.
- **Remove the smaller fruits and leave the larger ones,** because the smaller fruit have fewer cells and will remain relatively smaller even after thinning.
- **Remove fruit with disease spots, hail damage, or other defects.**
- **Aim for an even spacing as much as possible.** Keep in mind the size that fruits will be at maturity and leave enough room so that fruits won't crowd each other along the branch. Some varieties, called tip-bearing, often have fruit clustered at the ends of long shoots. In this case it may be necessary to keep two fruits together in the end cluster if the rest of the branch is bare.

Apples, pears, and Asian pears almost always need heavy thinning. Apple varieties that bear heavily year after year can be thinned at the bloom stage. The king bloom, in the center of the blossom cluster, is the first to open and produces the biggest fruit. Remove all the other flower buds on that spur, then after fruit has set, check back and thin again where spurs are too close together. A good spacing for apples and pears is one fruit per 6" of branch. Asian pears should be spaced at one per 6-8".

Peaches and nectarines should be spaced at one per 6-8" and fruits that are joined together should be removed. **Plums**, especially European plums such as Italian or Stanley, often need thinning when fruit set is heavy. They can be spaced somewhat closer depending on the size of fruit.

Apricots in our area do not need to be thinned in most years.

Cherries don't need thinning.

Fruit thinning is the key to producing good sized fruit of high quality, but other factors are also important. Be sure to **provide plenty of water during the season when fruit is ripening**, particularly if it is a dry year, as good watering helps increase fruit size.

BLOSSOM THINNING

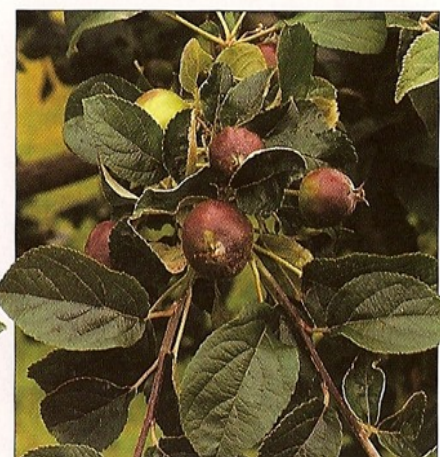


To counteract biennial bearing, within a week or 10 days after flowering, remove nine out of every 10 blossom trusses. Pinch or cut out the open flowers with scissors, leaving the rosette of leaves intact.

FRUIT THINNING



BEFORE THINNING If all of these crowded fruits are allowed to develop, they will be small and poorly flavored. The weight of such a heavy crop may also break the branch, so future crops will also be affected.



AFTER THINNING The thinned fruits are large and well ripened. A moderate crop will also ensure a balance between the formation of new flower buds and growth for future regular cropping.

Serious stress on the tree can adversely affect fruit quality or even cause some to drop. Fruit trees repay good care by providing the gardener with an ample harvest of ripe, tasty fruit --just as beautiful, to the fruit enthusiast, as the flowers of early spring.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Annual memberships cost \$25/year for Individuals and \$40/year per Family (One Household only). 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 www.wwfrf.org and download the membership form OR contact **JoAnn Alidina, Membership Chair at (206) 789-1106, email: alidina.j@comcast.net** for a membership form.

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 \$25.00/ Family

(One immediate household only, max. 4 persons/household) at **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.

SAMPLE the HARVEST DAYS are free to members, and open to non-members @ \$15/ Individual and \$25.00/ Family (One household only) at **each** event:

- **Sample the Harvest Days** are held in **July, August, and October**. The following fruit is harvested in season: cherries, peaches, nectarines, 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.

Have you renewed your membership yet? WWFRF membership is valid for 12 months from the date your check is received. **Your membership expiration date is printed above your name on the mailing label indicating the month and year that your membership expires. Renew your membership before it expires by completing the Membership Form and mailing it in. You can also renew online. (see credit cards on page 5)**



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: _____

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 (*One immediate household only; maximum 4 persons*)
- _____ \$ _____ FOR **GIFT** MEMBERSHIP FOR: (Please note for Whom Above)
- _____ \$60 FOR ANNUAL **SUSTAINING** MEMBERSHIP (*Individual or family membership with higher level of financial support*)
- _____ \$60 FOR ANNUAL **CIDER APPLE SUSTAINING** MEMBERSHIP (*Sustaining membership with interest in cider apples*)
- _____ \$60 FOR ANNUAL **WINE GRAPE SUSTAINING** MEMBERSHIP (*Sustaining membership with interest in wine grapes*)
- _____ \$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**
- _____ \$25 FOR **FAMILY One-Day** OPEN HOUSE/FIELD DAY **ONLY** (*One household only; maximum 4 persons*)

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO DO THE FOLLOWING FOR WWFRF (please check all applicable lines):

- _____ TO HELP WITH FIELD WORK AT THE **WWFRF FRUIT DISPLAY GARDEN** (usually held every Thursday from 9am-12noon; March-Nov.)
- _____ TO HELP WITH FIELD WORK AT THE **WSU NWREC** in Mount Vernon
- _____ TO HELP SET UP THE DAY BEFORE A **FIELD DAY** (Field Days are usually held in February and August every year)
- _____ TO HELP AT THE **SAMPLING DAY**. Please check ALL applicable boxes: ☐ Parking ☐ Registration ☐ Bags Distribution
- _____ TO HELP AT **FRUIT TASTING/ROOTSTOCK SALES**
- _____ TO HELP WWFRF ON AN **ONGOING BASIS**
- _____ TO HELP WWFRF AT THE **NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW** in Seattle (usually held in February every year)
- _____ TO HELP WWFRF AT VARIOUS **DISPLAY BOOTHS** presented in _____ COUNTY
- _____ TO HELP WWFRF SELL FRUIT at the **FALL FRUIT SHOW**
- _____ TO HELP WITH THE **SUMMER FRUIT FESTIVAL**

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

WWFRF
C/O Walter Kropp, Treasurer
29838 Marine View Drive SW
Federal Way, WA 98023



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Matching Fund Drive Success!

The color version of this newsletter may be found on our website at:
www.wwfrf.org

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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