



# SOUTH SOUND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

*Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association*

## **Wild Thyme Tree Farm Tour**

**A joint meeting with the  
Grays Harbor Chapter**

**When:** Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 6:30 PM

**Who:** John Henrikson has co-owned this farm since 1987 with three other brothers, although he is the only one who lives there. John and his brothers' aim is to have a working farm with many developed markets using the "extended" family model (neighbors and friends) to help pull that off. Value-added lumber production, hosting workshops on forestry and landscape management, renting out the facility as an "eco-retreat" are among the diverse sources of income that keep the farm financially viable. As a software developer, John has created several programs that track his trees from live standing inventory in the forest through to finished lumber production, along with an analysis of costs and profitability along the way.

**What:** If you have visited this farm in a previous tour, there are many new developments to see, especially with the lumber business. There are several new climate-controlled rooms for lumber storage and sales. The lumber milling and curing process has been refined and expanded and there are lots of tips to share with those who are curious about the possibilities for producing their own lumber.

Some innovative land management approaches include:

**Carbon farming** – modifying the Forest Stewardship Plan to simultaneously maximize carbon sequestration, biodiversity, timber volume and quality.

**Pemaculture/Agroforestry** - integrating forestry with agriculture in complex, multi-story designed landscapes with nut and fruit bearing trees and shrubs – greatly expanded in the past few years.

**Riparian restoration** on a 5.5 acre creek bottom - now in its tenth year – see the success (and failures!) of planting trees in old pasture.

**WHERE:** South of Oakville in eastern Grays Harbor

Those wishing to carpool will meet at the Park and Ride on the East side of I-5 exit # 88 for departure at 6 PM sharp. For those driving directly to the Farm:

**FROM CENTER OF OAKVILLE:** Go south at the Post Office on State Street in Oakville; zero your odometer; at 1.8 miles (over bridge) turn left on Garrard Creek Rd; at 3.0 miles turn left on Mattson Rd; at 3.5 miles (over small bridge) turn right at 72 Mattson Rd into the Wild Thyme farm.

**Future Meetings:** (all Wednesday evenings except June 16<sup>th</sup>)

- **April 26 & 27** – WFFA Annual meeting at Kelso & tree farm tour in Lewis County
- **Sat. June 16** - Housing for Birds, Bats, Bee's, Ducks; a forest thinning demonstration by DNR's Tony Sachet; & a Potluck
- **July 11** – Pacific Northwest Research Station test plots in Capitol Forest
- **Aug 8** - Dick Miller's Tree Farm at Oakville – Harvesting in progress
- **Sept. 12** - Wood Manufacturing Tour, to be advised
- **Oct. 10** - Heavy Equipment for Logging - Andy Hunter, Triad

Pass this notice along with a warm invitation to tree farmers & friends you think will benefit/enjoy what we are about. If you received this notice in the mail and are willing to receive it on e-mail we'd appreciate being able to save the labor & mailing costs by e-mailing [kenbonniemiller@gmail.com](mailto:kenbonniemiller@gmail.com)

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