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In this newsletter you will find:

Latest news, projects, workshops, free resources, and more. Keep Reading!

JUNE 12 - Variable Density Thinning Workshop



“Variable Density Thinning (VDT)” deliberately creates non-uniform conditions within a stand, and may help to accelerate wildlife habitat and improve or protect biodiversity. This silvicultural system can be advantageous for producing more wildlife, timber, and result in more strategic wildfire hazard mitigation. Come see a short presentation at the WSU Vetter Demonstration Farm & Forest, followed by a brief walk in the woods to learn how VDT could be applied on your forest land.

No Registration Fee, but you must RSVP because class size is limited. Contact WSU Extension (509) 667-6540 to register, or send contact information to Mary Ellen Gormley gormley@wsu.edu.

DATE: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

LOCATION: WSU Vetter Demonstration Farm & Forest
5281 Hattery-Owens Rd, Deer Park, WA 99006

JUNE 22 - Forest Owners FIELD DAY

SAVE \$10 before June 18, 2024!

Whether you own a home in the woods or many acres of land, this “out-in-the-woods” educational event is packed with practical “how-to” information that you need to know.

Stewarding land is both rewarding and challenging. Successful management is due to the decisions you make and the actions you take. Attending the **Forest Owners Field Day** will prepare you to plan and execute sound practices, enabling you to accomplish your management objectives, reduce risks, and protect your financial investment.

Registration fee:

\$30 per person, \$40 for a family of two or more.

Registration on the day of the event: \$40 per person,

\$50 for a family of two or more.

Click here for: [DETAILS & REGISTRATION FORM](#)



Gates Open 8 am

Program 9 am–4:30 pm

WSU Vetter Demonstration Farm & Forest
5281 Hattery-Owens Road, Deer Park, WA

Contact

For more information about Forestry programs offered by WSU Extension in Stevens County, visit our website: [Extension Forestry | Eastern WA](#), email: Andy.Perleberg or call 509-667-6540

MASTER GARDENER NEWS

NEW- Colville Food Bank Garden

**A new Master Gardener
Demonstration Garden!**

**BEFORE
PHOTOS**

Colville Food Bank's Garden with Raised Beds had been abandoned. They invited us to transform it into an educational space!



How We Found It



LOTS OF WEEDING to do!



Fix the Infrastructure



Improve the Soil



Prune Back Overgrowth



Improve the Soil
(Add Compost)



Initial Work Party Team



Pathway Transformation Started

MASTER GARDENER NEWS

NEW- Colville Food Bank Garden (cont'd)

Almost ready, and one box of produce (greens) already given to the Food Bank!



AFTER PHOTOS



Many THANKS for Materials Donations & HELP provided by:

N.E.W Hunger Coalition (seeds/plants), Huckleberry Range Community Collective (seeds/plants), Ola'Aina Farms (compost), and Vaagen (bark mulch)!

ANSWER CLINIC OPEN - 2 days/wk Body

Mondays, 9-11am ~ Thursdays, 1-3pm

submit questions to AskMasterGardener@stevensmg.org

Contact

For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website:

[Master Gardeners | Stevens County](#) or contact [Linda Teller](#), 509-684-2588

Youth Wilderness Day Camp

June 22



Stevens County 4-H and the Stevens County Conservation District are sponsoring a **Youth Wilderness Day Camp** at Camp Princess Pine on Lake Thomas, June 22, from 10 am – 3 pm. This event is *free to youth ages 8-18* with lunch provided. To register email sgordon@wsu.edu or call 509-684-2588.

Youth will rotate through several stations throughout the day to learn emergency first aid, water safety, wildfire safety, basic survival skills, and plant/tree identification. Stations provided by our partners US Forest Service, WA Department of Natural Resources, Stevens County Fire District 9, Stevens County Search and Rescue, and EMT's.

4-H Camp Princess Pine Available for Rent

Did you know Stevens County 4-H owns a camp on Lake Thomas? It is available for rent and is great location for family reunions. There is a large lodge with a fully equipped kitchen and sleeping quarters and bathrooms in the basement. Several small sleeping cabins are also available. A stand-alone cabin has recently been renovated and will be available this summer. Contact 4-H volunteer Jody Hoffman at 509-684-5977 for more information including pricing and availability.



Contact

For information about our 4-H program, visit our website:

[4-H Youth | Stevens County](#) or contact [Shannon Rowley](#), 509-684-2588

OTHER NEWS, RESOURCES, & EVENTS

June Calendar

- JUN 3** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am
- JUN 6** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 1-3pm
- JUN 8** - Colville Farmers Market
- JUN 10** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am
- JUN 12** - Variable Density Thinning Workshop
- JUN 13** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 1-3pm
- JUN 14** - Chewelah Farmers Market
- JUN 17** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am
- JUN 19** - OFFICE CLOSED for Juneteenth Day
- JUN 20** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 1-3pm
- JUN 22** - Youth Wilderness Day Camp
- JUN 22** - Forest Farm & Range Owners FIELD DAY
- JUN 22** - Colville Farmers Market
- JUN 24** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am
- JUN 27** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 1-3pm
- JUN 28** - Chewelah Farmers Market



MASTER GARDENER
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THE EVERGREEN
THUMB PODCAST

Farmer Assistance
Request Form



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