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The AG Sounder Newsletter

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The Ag Sounder? Let us know!



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COLVIN RANCH DAY • MAY 18, 2025

TENINO, WASHINGTON

NRCS CONSERVATION EASEMENT 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Click [here](#) for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

Olympia Camera Club Field Trip July 16th

4-7pm, Randle, WA

**Photos can be entered in the 2025 International Year
of Rangeland and Pastoralists photo competition**

Registration details coming soon...

Photo credit: Quarter Circle 2C Ranch

***Must be an Olympia Camera Club Member to attend.
Membership details provided here: [MEMBERSHIP | Olympia Camera Club](#)
Email sierra.smith1@wsu.edu for more information**

SCOTCH BROOM MANAGEMENT

Thursday, May 15th

10 - 11:30 AM

Violet Prairie

16701 Old Hwy 99 SE, Tenino, WA 98589

Come learn about the variety of management options available when handling scotch broom in your pasture. We'll discuss removal methods, mowing, herbicide, grazing and other things to consider when restoring an area overgrown with scotch broom. We will be specifically looking at methods appropriate on farms and ranches.

This is a SW WA Grazing Association event - all are welcome!

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Free Upcoming Learning Events - Discover Hedgerows Series

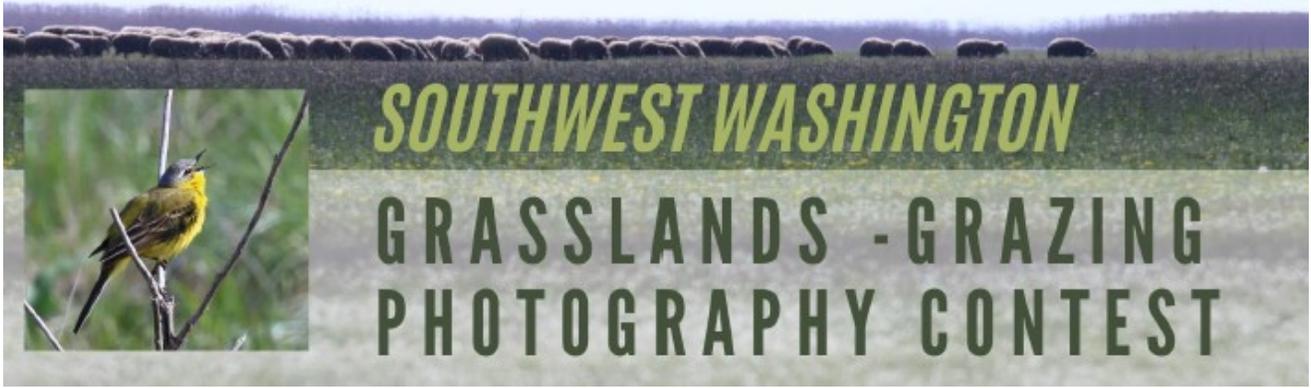
May 18th - Hedgerow Irrigation Hands-on Workshop & Installation Demo at Piece by Piece Farm (10:00AM-12:00PM). Join us to learn the pros and cons of different hedgerow irrigation options and get hands on experience with various irrigation components used in the recently planted hedgerow at Piece by Piece Farm in Rochester.

May 22nd - "Discover Hedgerows" Webinar Series: "Ensuring Success: Monitoring, Maintaining, & Adapting Your Future Hedgerow" (6:30-8:00PM). Join us for the 4th webinar in our series, where we discuss the steps you need to take to plan for successfully sustaining your hedgerow over time, including key planning steps to reduce maintenance burdens and how to plan for growth and change. Tune in on Zoom!

May 27th - Hedgerow Success Tour at Helsing Junction Farms (6:30-8:00PM). This hedgerow was installed in November 2023 to enhance crop production at this Rochester farm. Come see how it's developing and learn about how its initial design is expected to meet the farmers' goals; the budget/costs, required farmers' time, and grants that supported the initial installations; its irrigation system pros & cons; plant survival rates; and lessons learned so far!

June 3rd - Hedgerow Success Tour at Oyster Bay Farm (6:30-8:00PM). This hedgerow was installed in March 2024 to protect water quality & enhance wildlife habitat at this Northwest Thurston County farm. Come see how it's developing and learn about how its initial design is expected to meet the farmer's goals; the budget/costs, required farmers' time, and grants that supported the initial installations; its irrigation system pros & cons; plant survival rates; and lessons learned so far!

Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.



Agricultural photography can convey stories about farming, natural resources, and the day-to-day lives of farmers. No matter your skills, consider participating in this photography contest to showcase your work and tell the story of local, grass-based agriculture. Farmers have the inside story, so producers themselves are encouraged to join in!

This contest focuses on grazing lands and prairies in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties, and is timed to generate artistic content for the 2026 United Nations “International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists”. All submissions are eligible for public arts exhibits.

The contest will run from May 1st through November 15th, 2025.

Click [here](#) for more information



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