

2010 Western Region Pre-Conference Tour

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

The preconference tour on Wednesday will take us south to the Skagit Valley which maintains one of the largest and most diverse agricultural communities west of the Cascade mountain range.

Washington State University Mount Vernon Research Center



WSU Mount Vernon is one of four off-campus WSU Research Centers operated by the College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS). Established in 1947, WSU Mount Vernon has a long tradition of serving western Washington's agricultural and horticultural communities. The Center houses research programs for entomology, small fruit horticulture, vegetable horticulture, vegetable pathology, vegetable seed pathology, weed science, and plant breeding.

16650 State Route 536 Mount Vernon, WA 98273
<http://mtvernon.wsu>

Discovery Garden

The Discovery Garden at the Washington State University Northwestern Washington Research & Extension Center. Open to the public year-round, the display gardens are designed and maintained by volunteer organizations such as the Master Gardener's Discovery Garden, Skagit Valley Rose Society, and the Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation. Almost 30 different types of gardens are represented, including a native plant garden, a shade garden, a water wise garden, a rose garden, a rhody garden, and a fuchsia garden



Urban Forest Nursery, Inc.



A wholesale tree nursery located in the beautiful Skagit Valley. Specializing in high quality street and landscape trees; primarily selling to city planners, landscape contractors, and housing developers. Jim & Annie Barborinas., began growing trees in 1995, starting with a small rented field just a few miles from the current nursery. There are now 30 planted acres with over 200 varieties!

Green from the beginning...UFN, Inc. began practicing "green" growing techniques from day one, starting with the decision to plant our trees in grow bags instead the more traditional B&B

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<http://urbanforestnursery.com>

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Christianson's Nursery

Established in 1946 on the historic Jennings' farm. The nursery was primarily a specialty rhododendron nursery up until the early seventies when it diversified to offer a broader mix of trees and shrubs suitable for Northwest climates. In 1990 the Christianson's purchased the nursery business, along with the seven acres of land. They now offer a unique collection of rare and unusual plants, including the largest selection of roses and perennials in Northwest Washington. A greenhouse was built in 1946 to propagate rhododendrons from cuttings and is now used to grow geraniums in the early

spring and summer. It is also used to force plants into growth and bloom during the fall and winter for the Northwest Flower and Garden Show.

15806 Best Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

<http://www.christiansonsnursery.com>

Lunch will be served at La Conner Flats Display Garden

This 11- acre English garden is adjacent to Christianson's Nursery. It is a 5th generational family farm who rent their display garden as a beautiful outdoor venue and they have a farmstand selling an extensive variety of produce from their own farm.



Wells Nursery



For the past 67 years Wells Nursery has been propagating and growing many unique trees, many of which are exclusive Wells Nursery introductions. With over 150 acres in production, they continue to supply the nursery industry with their carefully selected grafted conifers. Trees grown in Mount Vernon, WA are shipped to many areas in the northwest, mid-west, and eastern United States. They attribute their success to careful plant selection, remarkable discoveries, and the perfect climate for growing our conifers.

14015 Riverbend Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98274

<http://wellsnurseries.com>

Northwest Horticulture

A leading wholesale grower of perennials. They market the Etera brand using the patented Etera Growing Process (EGP) and provide superior quality products. At Northwest Horticulture, execution is more than a commitment. They bring quality, capacity and performance together to form the foundation for successful grower programs across the country. Expert staff, onsite technical service and product lines suited for any growing environment give you the competitive edge.

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