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WHIDBEY ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Visit WICD at the Island County Fair!

August 15 – 18

819 Camano Avenue, Langley

Opens at 9:30 AM each day

Come see our displays in the Burrier Building, including Whidbey Area Agriculture and Grains & Grasses.

Join our "Weed of the Week"



Want to learn more about weeds? [Click here](#) to find out more and to sign up to receive a weekly email on weeds found on Whidbey Island.

Coming Soon . . . Whidbey Island Farm Tour



September 21 & 22, 10 AM – 4 PM
Visit 14 working farms throughout Whidbey Island. Meet your farmer and see crops and livestock where they are raised. More details available at the [Farm Tour website](#).



Class participant receives one-on-one consultation on his property with a professional forester.

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Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Class - Fall 2013

Whidbey Island Conservation District and the Dept of Natural Resources have teamed up to offer a comprehensive university-based forestry class – a WSU flagship program – in Oak Harbor this fall. This class will help you get the most out of the land you love. Whether you have just a few acres of woods or a large forest tract, this class is for you.

The Oak Harbor class will run Thursday nights for 8 weeks starting October 3rd.

Topics covered include:

- How do you know if your trees are healthy? What should you do if they aren't?
- Are characteristics of your property attracting or repelling the wildlife you enjoy? What can you do if wildlife cause damage?
- Are there certain trees you should always keep or remove? How do you remove trees with-

out damaging your land?

- When selling logs, are you getting a fair deal or getting ripped off?
- How do you find or grow edible berries or mushrooms? How do you cut holiday greens without hurting the tree?
- Are invasive and noxious weeds taking over your underbrush? What are the risks and what can you do about it?
- What kind of soil do you have and how does that affect what grows?

Save money, too!

As part of this class, we'll "coach" you in writing your own simple forestry plan that may qualify you for property tax reductions or conservation cost-share grants.

What's included:

- Eight classroom sessions taught by forestry experts
- A Saturday field trip

- A large notebook full of reference materials and how-to guide
- A one-on-one consultation at your property with a professional forester.

Participants frequently say this is one of the best classes they've ever taken. Not convinced? Here's the deal: if you register for and attend this class and by the third week you decide that it isn't for you, you can turn your materials in and drop out of the class for a full refund. How often does a state agency give you a satisfaction guarantee?

Register before September and save \$25. For details and registration information, call WSU North Puget Sound Extension Forestry at 425-357-6017, visit their website [here](#), or call the Whidbey Island Conservation District at 360-678-4708, or email karen@whidbeycd.org.