



# SWPWO

August 2008

## ***Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners mini newsletter***

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### **Next Meeting:**

**Summer Tour of a Member's  
Young Fruit Orchard  
Saturday August 9, 2008  
1:00-4:00 PM**

The plan is to conduct a tour of John and Melissa Gregor's organic heirloom orchard and discuss how they got to the point that they are and what their plans are for the future. John will provide copies of descriptions of some of the varieties of fruits (over 100) that they are trying to grow, their origin, and uses. Information on Pennsylvania's Certified Organic Program will also be discussed. John wanted our members to know up front that the orchard, like their house, is a work in process. Refreshments will be provided.

Directions: The Gregors' Orchards in SW Washington County. Take I79 to Exit 23. Go east off the exit and follow signs to Marianna for 3.4 miles. Turn right onto Hufford Run road. Go about 100 yards on Huffard Run Road and then turn left down the driveway.  
Or you can meet in Washington by 12:30 PM at the Crown Center Shopping mall in the parking lot in front of Sears auto repair shop (garage doors) or meet in Waynesburg at the Greene County

fairgrounds, Building #10 at 12:15 PM.



### **Chain Saw Safety Class Update**

The chain saw safety class that we scheduled in July/August was cancelled. New dates have been set up for the Fall (cooler weather).

Here are the current possible dates:

Sept 19/20

Oct 24/25

Oct 31/ Nov 1

The second date (Oct 24/25) looks like the best for the most people But we haven't confirmed it yet with the instructors and the other dates are still possible.

If you use a chainsaw, the class will benefit novices as well as experienced chainsaw users The class will meet over two days. On Friday from 6-9:30 PM, the class will

cover maintenance and safety issues of chainsaws. Participants need to bring their chainsaws and gloves. A chainsaw will be provided to those who do not have one. On Saturday, tree and limb felling will be covered in an all day class. Participants will need to have their own safety equipment including chainsaw chaps, hard hat, eye protection, ear protection, and sturdy boots. There are special logging hardhats available that have an eye shield and ear protection attached. The cost for the class will be about \$60.00. Please contact Bob Daley by the September SWPWO meeting (Wed., Sept. 10) if you are interested. If have preferences for specific dates, please e-mail Bob by August 31. **daley@cs.pitt.edu with subject "SWPWO"**

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"Now is the heyday of summer,  
The full warm, robust middle age of  
the year; The earth ripe with  
products as well as promise."  
by Daniel Grayson



## The Many Definitions of Sustainability

Sustainability is a buzzword today.

1. At its most basic level, sustainable means; meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs..

[Washington State Dept of Ecology](#)

2. The characteristic of being able to coexist with another system indefinitely, without either system being damaged

[library.thinkquest.org/22403/data/medium/other/glossary.html](http://library.thinkquest.org/22403/data/medium/other/glossary.html)

3. The likelihood of a strategy to continue over a period of time, especially after specific funding ends.

[www.drugs.indiana.edu/spf\\_doc/feb%2026th%20Training/Cultural%20competence%20definitions.doc](http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/spf_doc/feb%2026th%20Training/Cultural%20competence%20definitions.doc)

4. the quality of a state or process that allows it to be maintained indefinitely; the principles of sustainability integrate three closely interlinked elements—the environment, the economy, and the social system—into a system that can be maintained in a healthy state indefinitely.

[nfdp.ccfm.org/compendium/harvest/terminology\\_e.php](http://nfdp.ccfm.org/compendium/harvest/terminology_e.php)

5. the concept of producing a biological resource under management practices that ensure replacement of the part harvested, by regrowth or reproduction, before another harvest occurs.

[www.moricelakes-ifpa.com/glossary/index.html](http://www.moricelakes-ifpa.com/glossary/index.html)

6. used interchangeably with viability; see Viability

[www.uncdf.org/mfdl/workbook/pages/glossary.htm](http://www.uncdf.org/mfdl/workbook/pages/glossary.htm)

7. The present generation meeting its needs without prejudicing the ability of future generations meeting theirs.

[www.burnside.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm](http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm)

## **Calendar of Events for 2008**

**August 9th Field Trip: Tour of Orchards.** Tour of the Gregor's Orchards in eastern Washington County. Meet at 12:30 PM at the Greene County Fairgrounds, building #10 to carpool or follow.

**September 10 Meeting: Timber Harvest: Planning and Execution** with Robert McColly and Tony Quadro, Professional Consulting Foresters. 7:00 PM at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Building #10

**September 13 Field Trip: Timber Harvest Site Visit.** We will visit the Obermillers tree harvest site in western Greene County.

**October 18 Picnic with Plant Identification Competition and Potato Gun Competition** (Members, Friends and Family) Time and place to be determined. Save the date.

**November 12 Meeting:** Forest Land Taxation Issues with speaker Lloyd Casey, retired USDA Forest Service. 7:00 PM at the Washington County Courthouse Square building.

**November 15 Field Trip: Creating an Inventory of Your Forest.** 1:00 PM , Lloyd Casey's Tree Farm in NE Greene County. Meet to carpool or follow at 12:30 PM at the Greene County Fairgrounds Building #10

**Find most recent updates and links for directions on our website**  
[www.cs.pitt.edu/~daley/swpwo](http://www.cs.pitt.edu/~daley/swpwo)

## **2008 SWPWO**

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## **Membership Information**

Membership to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners Association is \$10 per year for an individual and \$15 per year for a household. Dues are expected to be paid by January in order to ensure a timely receipt of the newsletter and notice of the next meeting. To join, please send name, address and phone number to: SWPWO, 195 E., High St Waynesburg, PA 15370

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### ***Our Purpose***

*Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners (SWPWO), a not for profit association, is an organization of individuals interested in sound woodland management practices which encourage the diverse use of forests for timber production, wildlife habitat, watershed protection and recreation and to promote this multiple-use philosophy through education and technical assistance for the benefit of the membership and general public*

*Next newsletter will be sent shortly after Sept 3, 2008.*