



Hort Headlines

105th Annual Meeting Special Edition

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- **WSHA Annual Meeting Well Attended** – Nearly 1,400 tree fruit industry members attended this year's Washington State Horticultural Association's 105th Annual Meeting that ran December 7, 8, & 9 at the Wenatchee Convention Center. We thank all of our members who attended, the speakers who presented talks and the companies who generously sponsored the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year at our 106th Annual Meeting December 6, 7 & 8 in Yakima!
- **Thank You Session Sponsors** – A BIG thank you goes to the following companies that stepped forward to sponsor WSHA annual meeting sessions: Aweta Autoline, Broetje Orchards, Cascade Analytical, Domex Superfresh Growers, Dow Agrosiences, G.S. Long Co., Good Fruit Grower, Key Bank, Wen/Yakima, Mana Crop Protection, Northwest Wholesale, NW Farm Credit Services, Pace International, Papé Material Handling, SmartFresh, Stemilt Ag Services, Syngenta Crop Protection, Tree Top, Inc., Valent USA, WAEF, and the Western Fruit Grower. We GREATLY appreciate your generous support!
- **Thank You Cooperative Sponsors** – Thank you Blue Star and Manson Growers for signing up as WSHA Cooperative Members. WSHA cooperative members generously pay for their warehouse members to have a WSHA membership. We sincerely appreciate your support!

- **Thank You Fruit Industry Sponsors** – Thank you to the following companies that supported WSHA by signing up as WSHA Fruit Industry members: Allan Brothers, Apple King, Blue Bird, Chelan Fruit, Columbia Fruit, Columbia Valley Fruit, Cowiche, CPC International Apple, Crane & Crane, Custom Apple Packers, Double Diamond, Dovex Fruit, Duckwall-Pooley, Eakin Fruit, Gebbers Farms, Gold Digger Apples, Holtzinger Fruit, Jack Frost/Marley Orchards, Larson Fruit, Matson Fruit, McDougall & Sons, Northern Fruit, Oneonta Trading, Price Cold Storage/Packing, Rainier Fruit, Roche Fruit, Sage Fruit, Snokist, Stadelman Fruit, Stemilt Growers, Strand Apples, Tree Top, WA Fruit & Produce, and Yakima Fruit & Cold Storage.
- **Thank You Coffee Sponsors** – Thank you to the following companies for their support of the annual meeting: CF Fresh, Cameron Nursery, Certis USA, G & G Orchards, H R Spinner, Independent Warehouse, L & M Northwest, Monterey Ag Resources, Morton's Supply, N Valley Mechanical, Nucheif Sales, Orondo Fruit, Pacific Organic Produce, Pear Bureau NW, Purfresh, Port of Chelan County, Pride Packing, Pro Tree Nursery, Roy Farms, Scentry Biologicals, Sheilds Bag & Printing, Shifletts, Smith & Nelson, The Burchell Nursery, Valley Tractor, Vanwell Nursery, WA Apple Commission, WA Apple Growers Marketing Association, WA Growers Clearing House, WA Growers League, WA State Fruit Commission, Wenatchee Valley Traffic , Westbridge, Wilbur-Ellis, Willamette Nurseries, Willow Drive Nursery, and Yakima Valley Growers - Shippers.
- **WSHA Leadership Luncheon** – The WSHA Leadership Luncheon featured Dan Newhouse, Director Washington State Department of Agriculture as the keynote speaker. We appreciate the elected officials who attended this annual event. We also want to highlight and thank Cascade Analytical for sponsoring the luncheon.
- **WSHA Awards Banquet** – Thank you Paul Tvergyak who did a great job as our emcee for the evening. The banquet was well attended and people enjoyed the reception, the meal, and the opportunity to catch-up with friends. A special thank you to the Western Fruit Grower and UPI for sponsoring this year's banquet.
- **Industry Awards Presented During Annual Meeting** – A host of industry awards were presented during the annual meeting. Award winners included:
 - **WSHA Silver Apple Award** - *Karen Lewis, Grant County*
 - **WSHA Silver Pear Award** - *Chuck Peters, Wapato*
 - **Women's Leadership Through Service Award** - *Eva Lauve, Wenatchee*
 - **Women's Leadership Through Science Award** - *Ines Hanrahan, Yakima*
 - **13th Annual Good Fruit Grower of the Year** - *Jim and Rena Doornick, Wapato*
- **Miller Grant Awarded To Karen Lewis** – WSHA congratulates Karen and thanks all applicants who submitted applications for the grant. The Charles J. Miller memorial grant is awarded every two years to a qualified fruit industry fieldmen, extension worker, or

other fruit industry service personnel of North Central Washington. Thank you NCW Fieldman's Association for your organization's support of this grant.

- **New Leadership Elected to WSHA Board** – John Verbrugge, Wapato will serve as WSHA President, while Laura Mrachek, Wenatchee shifts to the position of Past President. In addition, David Douglas, Kennewick will serve as the 2nd Vice-President. WSHA members also approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee re-appointing six members for the WSHA Board. Members include: Jose Ramirez, Royal City; Brian McDougall, Wenatchee; Jim Colberty, Chelan; Ray Fuller, Chelan; Kevin Knight, Naches; and Steve Zediker, Sunnyside.
- **Winners, Winners, Winners!** – Chuck Peters, Wapato won the power blast sprayer that was donated by Rears Manufacturing and raffled at the WSHA banquet. All monies raised from the raffle support scholarships managed by the Washington Apple Education Foundation. Also, Rachel Miller of CRM Orchards in Pershastin won the John Deere Gator ATV that was co-sponsored by the Western Fruit Grower Magazine and Wilbur-Ellis.
- **Sign Up For Tree Fruit Day** – WSHA's 8th Annual Tree Fruit Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, in Olympia. The one-day event will include visits with key legislators and agency officials. Tree fruit industry gift boxes will also be distributed again this year to all legislators and their legislative assistants. Visit the WSHA web-site to download a [registration form](#).

See you in Yakima next year for our 106th Annual Meeting, December 6, 7 & 8, 2010.

Our Offices will be closed December 24 and 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday. In addition, HORT Headlines will resume January 2010.

Wishing You and Yours a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us at the Washington State Horticultural Association!

