

## **DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

The 2013 Clallam Conservation District annual Board of Supervisors election will be held in March. The Board of Supervisors will adopt a resolution setting the date, times and location of the election at the January 8, 2013 Board meeting. All Clallam County registered voters are eligible to vote.

The Board of Supervisors is comprised of five members, each serving a three-year term without compensation. Three of the five Supervisors are elected by registered Clallam County voters. The other two Supervisors are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Linda Barnfather, Don Hatler, and Joe Murray are the three elected Supervisors. Nash Huber and Ben Smith are the two appointed Supervisors. The position held by Joe Murray is up for election this year and the position held by Nash Huber is up for appointment.

Visit our website at [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org) or call 452-1912 ext. 5 for more information on District elections or to volunteer to assist with elections.

## **TELL US WHAT YOU THINK**

A draft of our “renewable resources program” update is now available for public comment. As required by law (RCW 89.08.220), every five years we identify the most pressing natural resource conservation issues in our area and prepare a plan for how to address them.

You can access the draft plan by visiting our website at [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org). A draft of our *Resource Inventory* is also available on our website. Alternatively, you can contact us to obtain a printed copy of both the draft plan and *Resource Inventory*.

## **SEQUIM LID PROJECT**

Thanks to community generosity, the Sequim Low Impact Development Demonstration Project at the Albert Haller Playfields is beginning to take shape.

Hermann Brothers Logging & Construction has generously donated 350 yards of compost and mulch for the low water-use landscaping demonstration site. Troy Smith of Maple View Dairy and Sequim Valley Farms volunteered his time and front-end loader to spread the material, and Steve Mahitka’s Future Farmers of America students contributed numerous hours hand-spreading the material. Westside Pizza of Sequim donated pizzas for the FFA kids. Funding for this project is from grants from the Washington Conservation

Commission, Department of Ecology, and the EPA through Jefferson County Department of Community Development.

The plan is to kill the sod on this rocky, half-acre site by smothering it with a thick layer of organic material. Come spring, the site should be ready for planting with drought-tolerant shrubs and groundcovers. You can follow the progress on our website at [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org).



Sequim FFA members and farmer Troy Smith spread compost.

# LANDSCAPE WITH DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS

The Dungeness Water Management Rule is now reality. The rule puts into place controls over new uses of limited water resources in eastern Clallam County. For example, mitigation fees are required for new permit exempt wells and expanded uses of existing wells. And, depending on the amount of fees paid, outdoor water use will be either severely restricted or even prohibited. Although the rule only applies to new uses of water, we all have a duty to be good stewards of our water resources.

Irrigation is the largest consumer of water. Irrigation is a necessity for profitable crop production, and area farmers have been working very hard to improve the efficiency of their systems. For most homeowners, landscape irrigation is the largest use of water. Unlike farmers, homeowners have numerous options to reduce or even eliminate irrigation in their landscapes.

## Keep Lawn Area to a Minimum

Keeping grass green through summer is not possible without irrigation water, thus lawns are typically the biggest consumers of water. If you feel that you must have a lawn, keep it as small as possible. Let it go dormant during the summer and irrigate only enough to prevent the turf from dying, generally once per month.

Avoid putting in lawn where the soil is sandy or gravelly and maintaining adequate soil moisture is difficult. Instead, plant these areas with drought tolerant groundcovers and shrubs.

## Good choices for drought-tolerant groundcovers include the following:

- Coastal and Ornamental Strawberry (sun)
- Kinnickinnick (sun)
- Trailing Junipers (sun)
- Heathers and Heaths (sun)
- Thyme (sun)
- Sedums (sun)
- Trailing Ornamental Raspberry (sun or shade)
- Low Oregon Grape (shade)
- Salal (shade)
- Sword Fern (shade)

## A few excellent drought-tolerant shrubs include:

- Red-flowering Currant (sun)
- Mock Orange (sun)
- Serviceberry (sun)
- Hazelnut (sun or shade)
- Lilac (non-native)
- California Lilac or Ceanothus (sun)
- Escallonia (sun)
- Rock Rose (sun)
- Compact Strawberry Tree (sun)
- Lavender (sun)
- Germander (sun)
- Rosemary (sun)
- Dwarf Pines (sun)
- Tall Oregon Grape (sun or shade)
- Oceanspray (sun or shade)
- Viburnum davidii (sun or shade)

## FUN USES FOR NATIVE PLANTS

- Wreathes using **Douglas fir**, **grand fir** or **western red cedar** boughs, or **red osier dogwood** twigs as shown in the picture. Tip: add white **snowberries** for beautiful, contrasting color.
- **Nootka rose** hip tea
- **Blue elderberry** wine
- **Oregon grape** jelly
- **Thimbleberry** jam

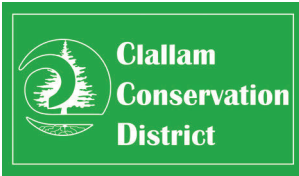


These are just a few ideas to get you started putting your native plants to use. Look on the internet or visit the library for specific recipes.

A good low-maintenance alternative to lawn is **Ecoturf** – a blend of short-growing, drought-tolerant grasses, clovers, annuals and perennials that thrive during different seasons. Grasses dominate in the spring, followed by clovers and other broadleaved plants in the summer. Ecoturf should be planted in mid-spring or early fall, and like any new planting will require irrigation to get established.

## Apply Mulch

A thick layer of mulch over your planting beds helps to keep the soil cool and moist and inhibits weeds, which compete for moisture and nutrients. Mulch can be made with chipped limbs and wood, leaves, grass clippings, or bark. Mulch will not only conserve soil moisture, it will provide organic matter and nutrients to the soil as it decomposes. Soils with increased amounts of organic matter absorb and retain water better.



# 2013 Conservation District Plant Sale Ordering Information

## PLANTS:

Plants are 1 to 2 year-old **bare-root seedlings** (no soil on the roots) ranging in size from 8" to 24". Plants are sold in **bundles of 10** of each species, except for conifer trees, which are also available in bundles of 25.

## AVAILABILITY:

All plants are sold on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Plants must be pre-ordered by **February 12, 2013** for pick up on **March 2, 2013**. Quantities are limited and many species sell out, thus early orders are advised. In the event we cannot fill part or all of your order, a plant substitution or refund will be offered.

## PLANT PICK UP:

Plants are available for pick up on **March 2 (Saturday) at Lazy J Tree Farm** (located between Port Angeles and Sequim) from **10:00am to 12:00pm**. Unless prior arrangements are made, any plants not picked up on this date may be donated to restoration projects. Refunds will not be given for plants not picked up.

## ORDERING:

Minimum order amount is \$25. All orders **must be prepaid**, either by cash or check. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards. If paying with cash please have exact amount.

**Orders will be taken until February 12, 2013**

**By Mail:** Fill out the order form (available on our website starting December 31) and mail it along with a check payable to:

**Clallam Conservation District**  
1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A  
Port Angeles, WA 98362



**In Person:** Stop by our office (Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm)

Once we receive your order, a receipt will be mailed or emailed out to you with information on when and where to pick up your plants. We will also mail you a reminder notice a couple of weeks prior to pick up day.

## VOLUNTEERS:

If you would like to help fill orders on February 22, help organize orders on March 1, or pass out plants on March 2, please call (360) 452-1912 ext. 109. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## QUESTIONS:

**Visit our website** at: [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org) for additional articles on native plants and a plant photo gallery with descriptions of the plants.

OR

**Give us a call** at (360) 452-1912 ext. 5

OR

**Stop by our office** at 1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A in Port Angeles

OR

**Attend one of workshops on Planting and Maintaining a Native Landscape**

Participants will learn how to care for newly acquired native plants, incorporate them into current landscape design, and tips on planting and maintenance.

- **January 15, 2013** at the Dungeness River Audubon Center located at 2151 West Hendrickson Road in Sequim from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm
- OR
- **January 17, 2013** at the Port Angeles Public Library at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles from 6:30pm to 8:00pm





# 2013 Plant Sale Order Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## CLALLAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Email: ccd-info@conservewa.net  
Website: www.clallamcd.org

Can we send your receipt by email?

Yes  No

If you do not currently receive our newsletter, would you like to be added via:  Mail OR  Email

SPECIES	PRICE PER BUNDLE	QUANTITY (# of bundles)	PRICE
<b>CONIFER TREES</b>			
Douglas Fir	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
	25 trees for \$25.00		\$
Grand Fir	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
	25 trees for \$25.00		\$
Shore Pine	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
	25 trees for \$25.00		\$
Sitka Spruce	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
	25 trees for \$25.00		\$
Western Red Cedar	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
	25 trees for \$25.00		\$
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>			
Big Leaf Maple	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
Pacific Crabapple	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
Red Alder	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
Rocky Mountain Maple	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
Vine Maple	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
<b>DECIDUOUS SHRUBS</b>			
Blue Elderberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Indian Plum	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Mock Orange	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Pacific Ninebark	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Nootka Rose	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Red Elderberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Red Flowering Currant	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Red Osier Dogwood	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Serviceberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Snowberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Thimbleberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Twinberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
<b>EVERGREEN SHRUBS</b>			
Oregon Grape Tall	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$

Please complete this form and return with payment (checks payable to **Clallam CD**) to the above address. Orders must be received by February 12, 2013. *Price includes tax.*

**TOTAL: \$**

**Note:** \$25 minimum order



# 2013 Plant Descriptions



Species	Height (max.)	Plant Description / Use	Habitat
<b>EVERGREEN TREES</b>			
<b>Douglas Fir</b> <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	200'	Fast-growing, used for windbreaks, wildlife, fuel wood, lumber.	Prefers full sun. Grows in all but the wettest conditions. Drought tolerant.
<b>Grand Fir</b> <i>Abies grandis</i>	140'-200'	Straight, stately conifer. Glossy dark green flat needles. Popular, fragrant Christmas tree.	Full sun to partial shade. Tolerant of varying soils and moisture conditions.
<b>Shore Pine</b> <i>Pinus contorta</i> "contorta"	15-100'	Relatively short conifer with variable form from crooked to straight trunk.	Full sun. Tolerates varying soils and moisture conditions from wet to well-drained.
<b>Sitka Spruce</b> <i>Picea sitchensis</i>	200'	Stiff, sharp-pointed pale green needles and droopy branches.	Full sun to partial shade. Prefers deep, moist, well-drained soils.
<b>Western Red Cedar</b> <i>Thuja plicata</i>	200'	Flattened, spray-like branchlets on drooping branches.	Full sun to full shade. Tolerates saturated soils and seasonal flooding.
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>			
<b>Big Leaf Maple</b> <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	40-100'	Large tree on a short trunk. Large, five-lobed leaves turn a bright yellow in the fall.	Full sun to partial shade. Moist to somewhat dry, well-drained soils.
<b>Pacific Crabapple</b> <i>Malus fusca</i>	40'	Tree or large shrub. Typical apple leaves. White flowers in spring, tiny crabapples in fall.	Full sun to partial shade. Moist sites. Tolerates saturated soil.
<b>Red Alder</b> <i>Alnus rubra</i>	120'	Fast growing, short-lived tree. Fixes nitrogen. Often used for firewood.	Full sun to partial shade. Adaptable to poor soils. Tolerates flooding and drought.
<b>Rocky Mtn. Maple</b> <i>Acer glabrum</i>	30'	Small deciduous tree. Similar to vine maple but more tolerant of sun, wind and dry conditions.	Full sun to partial shade. Dry to somewhat moist sites.
<b>Vine Maple</b> <i>Acer circinatum</i>	10-30'	Large shrub or small deciduous tree. Vibrant fall colors ranging from yellow to red.	Full sun to partial shade. Dry to somewhat moist sites.
<b>SHRUBS</b>			
<b>Blue Elderberry</b> <i>Sambucus caerulea</i>	20'	Flat-topped clusters of creamy-white flowers and dark blue berries. Fast-grower. A favorite food for wildlife.	Full sun to partial shade, moist to dry soils. Mostly found in clearings.
<b>Indian Plum</b> <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	16'	Begins flowering and leaf-out in late February. Greenish-white flowers, and dark purple fruits in June.	Full sun to full shade. Prefers partial shade. Moist to dry sites with well-drained soils.
<b>Mock Orange</b> <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	5-10'	Loosely branched deciduous shrub with showy white flowers that appear in late spring.	Full sun to shade, prefers partial shade. Moist, well-drained to dry soils.
<b>Pacific Ninebark</b> <i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	13'	Multi-stemmed shrub with thin flakey bark. Alternate, maple-like leaves. White, pompom-like flower clusters.	Full sun to partial shade. Moist to wet sites, often near streams or wetlands.
<b>Nootka Rose</b> <i>Rosa nutkana</i>	8'	Robust, thorny rose with pairs of large prickles as leaf nodes. Large fragrant, pink flowers. Great for hedgerows.	Full sun to partial shade. Fairly dry to wet sites. Tolerates saturated soil.
<b>Oregon Grape Tall</b> <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	8'	Broadleaved evergreen shrub with holly-like leaves. Clusters of yellow flowers and dark blue berries.	Full sun to full shade. Dry to moist sites with well-drained soil.
<b>Red Elderberry</b> <i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	10-20'	Pyramidal red flower clusters and red berries. Great for butterflies and hummingbirds.	Full sun to partial shade, moist to somewhat dry sites.
<b>Red Flowering Currant</b> <i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	3-12'	Deciduous shrub with ornamental red flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.	Full sun to partial shade. Well-drained, dry to somewhat moist soils.
<b>Red Osier Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus sericea</i>	15'	Many-stemmed shrub to 15' wide. Distinctive red twigs. Opposite leaves, red-purple in fall. Bluish-white berries.	Full sun to partial shade, moist, well-drained soil. Tolerates seasonal flooding.
<b>Serviceberry</b> <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	10-25'	Multi-stemmed shrub/tree. Clusters of showy white flowers, dark purple berry-like fruit. Nice fall color.	Full sun to partial shade, moist to dry sites with well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.
<b>Snowberry</b> <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	6'	Low-growing, dense, spreading shrub with beautiful white berries. Excellent food for birds and wildlife.	Full sun to partial shade. Dry to wet sites.
<b>Thimbleberry</b> <i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	2-10'	Large white flowers, edible red, fuzzy berries that look like raspberries. Excellent food for birds and wildlife.	Full sun to partial shade. Intolerant of saturated soils.
<b>Twinberry</b> <i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	12'	Small, yellow tubular flowers, glossy black berries framed by maroon bracts. Excellent food for birds and wildlife.	Prefers shade. Commonly found in moist sites near streams or wetlands.

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Clallam Conservation District is teaming up with WSU Clallam County Extension to promote and deliver educational opportunities for farmers, horse and livestock owners, gardeners and forest landowners. Below is information on a few upcoming events. To receive monthly announcements about agriculture-related events, workshops, training, funding opportunities and other resources for farmers please email WSU Extension Agent Clea Rome at [clea.rome@wsu.edu](mailto:clea.rome@wsu.edu) to be added to the WSU Extension list-serve.

### WSU CULTIVATING SUCCESS CLASSES

Do you farm and need some help improving your bottom line? Or maybe you dream of farming, and aren't sure where to begin? WSU Extension can help! The Cultivating Success™ Program, a 12-week community education course, provides beginning and expanding farmers with the planning and decision-making tools, production skills, and support necessary to develop or improve a sustainable small farm.

Danielle Lawrence, who manages her mother-in-law's farm in the Joyce area, first learned about the Conservation District in 2010 through the WSU Cultivating Success Program. Danielle later worked with the District to develop a farm conservation plan, which led to financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service for farm improvements like stock watering, fencing and composting. The connections Danielle made through the Cultivating Success class enabled her to tap into local resources that will help continue the farming legacy at Lawrence Farm.



The Lawrence Barn is on the Washington Heritage Barn registry.

**Cultivating Success** will meet weekly in Port Angeles starting in February. Contact the WSU Extension office at 360-417-2280 or [clea.rome@wsu.edu](mailto:clea.rome@wsu.edu) if you are interested in signing up.

### WSU CLALLAM COUNTY EXTENSION WOODLAND LANDOWNER WORKSHOP

WSU Extension Forestry Specialist Jim Freed will speak on "Specialty Forest Products" & "Cultivating Edible Mushrooms for Fun and Profit" on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the DNR Conference Building at 411 Tillicum Lane in Forks. Email [clea.rome@wsu.edu](mailto:clea.rome@wsu.edu) or call the WSU Extension at 360-417-2280.

### 2013 WSU CLALLAM COUNTY EXTENSION FARM & GARDEN GUIDE

For more information on advertising your farm-related business in the 2013 publication, please email [clea.rome@wsu.edu](mailto:clea.rome@wsu.edu) or call the WSU Extension office at 360-417-2280.

### WSU CLALLAM COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS TRAINING PROGRAM

The program starts the week of February 18, and includes once-weekly WSU research-based courses in botany, soil science, pruning, growing ornamentals and vegetables, fruit and berries and other elements of sustainable home horticulture. Contact Laurel Moulton at [lmoulton@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:lmoulton@co.clallam.wa.us) or call 565-2679.

**Master Gardeners Brown Bag Series workshops.** Workshops are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from noon to 1:00 pm in the public meeting room at the Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles. Refer to the WSU website for more information: <http://county.wsu.edu/clallam/gardening/mg/Pages/EducationalActivities.aspx>

### AG CENSUS

Watch for the Census of Agriculture form to arrive in your mailbox soon. The census, which captures a count of all U.S. farms and ranches, is conducted every five years by USDA's [National Agricultural Statistics Service \(NASS\)](http://www.nass.usda.gov). If you receive a form please return it by February 4, 2013. Your participation helps ensure that agriculture is accurately portrayed in Clallam County and throughout the US. For more information about the Census, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov) or call 1-800-4AG-STAT (1-888-424-7828).

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