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*the Urban Scion Post*

a publication of the Seattle Tree Fruit Society,  
a chapter of the Western Cascade Fruit Society

Dear STFS members,

We began this year with two January events: a pruning event at the Magnuson Park Demonstration Orchard on January 14th, and a Membership (Annual) meeting on January 21st, which was followed by a Board of Directors meeting. The pruning event had an attendance of 18 and was very productive. We will schedule another orchard event when needed and appropriate.

At our membership meeting, we reviewed some past events, discussed some proposed future events, and had elections of officers. We are happy to announce the election of two new Board members – la DuBois and Melinda McBride. Also, our current officers (President Mike Ewanciw, Vice President Tracey Bernal, and Treasurer Trent Elwing) were re-elected to a two-year term by the Board of Directors. We still have one vacant Board position that we'd love to fill. We also have a vacant Secretary position. If any of you are interested in filling those positions, please contact us (email: [seattletreefruitsociety@gmail.com](mailto:seattletreefruitsociety@gmail.com)).



**Mostafa M. & Ingela W. leading 1/14 STFS demo orchard dormant pruning**

Discussed briefly at our membership meeting, and extensively at our Board meeting, was the topic of our club's Maggot Barrier sales. STFS has been the major distributor of maggot barriers in this area for many years. We've sold them to nurseries, as well as private individuals, both directly, and through mail-order. This activity has greatly increased our coffers. Linda Sartnurak is to thank for her efforts in this respect, as she has managed this process for the last 15 years, and is now stepping away for a well-deserved hiatus. Since STFS started this activity, the Maggot Barrier market has changed. There are now more outlets for these products, and it isn't clear whether or not it makes sense to continue these activities as a club effort. The Board will continue to discuss and decide on how to proceed in this regard.

At our January membership meeting, Trevor Cameron, general manager of Sunnyside Nursery, gave an excellent presentation about Western Washington Fruit IPM. Even to those of us who had extensive knowledge of this topic, Trevor provided additional information and great value. If you get a chance, try to attend another of Trevor's presentations at Sunnyside Nursery ([Free Classes — Sunnyside Nursery](#)). You can even review past classes he gave by accessing them from the Sunnyside website, including "Pruning for Fruit Production," which he presented earlier this year.

Our next membership meeting will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Again, it will be a zoom meeting. Our scheduled presentation at this meeting is by Seth Brawner, a graduate student at WSU in Mt. Vernon. His presentation will be titled "Growing Cider Apples in a Fruiting Wall System." In this presentation, Seth will cover Cider Apple culture and characteristics, Orchard Designs, Management Practices, and will show how you can grow more apples in less space by maximizing yields.

In March, we have scheduled our first "in person" meeting in a long time. It will take place at Sky Nursery (18528 Aurora Ave. N., Shoreline, WA 98133) on March 4<sup>th</sup> (10:00). Directly after the meeting, STFS member Ingela Wanerstrand will give a fruit-related presentation (topic to be decided) that will be open to all. By having this type of exposure, the club may attract additional interest. We are still working on details for our March 25<sup>th</sup> event (Grafting, etc.) in conjunction with the Snohomish County Fruit Society. Details will be provided in the next newsletter.

Regards, Mike Ewanciw

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## On the cover

No need to Squeeze since significant amounts of hazelnut pollen are wind-dispersed by PNW wintry storms. But cross pollination is necessary, and, due to **cross-incompatibility**, not between just any two varieties. Top catkins: **burgundy lace** is an ornamental. Bottom: **yamhill** has complete resistance to Eastern Filbert Blight. Prolific small, round nut production, early ripening and best kernel quality. Many common varieties are pollinizers.

# January 2023, Winter Pruning Month By Marilyn Tilbury

What a benign January (so far). Tho a cold spell is in the offing by month's end, it's nice to be able to recuperate from the ice storm before Christmas, and the spring tide flooding after that was due to unusually low atmospheric pressure. La Niña is still with us tho weakening, and winter weather has at least another month to go.

This month provides us with the opportunity to prune grape and kiwi vines. Do wait for air temps to be above freezing for this. Of course you may prune them later in the spring but they always drip afterwards, inducing guilt in the pruner.

A fungicide should be applied now to peach and nectarine trees not under a rain shield. Were you able to watch our January 21 Zoom presentation by Trevor Cameron? He gave specific brand recommendations of pesticides he feels are both environmentally safe and effective. The man knows fruit trees and their care. Folks living in the north end could find it worth making the trip to Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville where he is the general manager.

Do you covet a neighbor's grape cultivar or fig variety? They may be happy to provide you with hardwood cuttings now. A 6" or 8" cutting simply stuck vertically in the ground, leaving the tip exposed by an inch is all it takes to get a new plant. Booby trap: remember to keep it watered thru our dry summer! Next November plant your rooted cutting into its new home. Many woody plants may be propagated by taking hardwood cuttings in January.

It's possible to start harvesting fruit tree scions now during any two day or longer dry spell. This includes stone fruits which tend to break dormancy

earlier than pome fruits. Look at detailed instructions for collection of scionwood provided by Jean Williams of the Peninsula Fruit Club in [USP 39 12 2021 Dec](#) page 6.

On the other hand it's best to prune only pome fruit trees (apple, pear, quince) starting in January. Ideally the air temp should be at least 45° F and the forecast for at least two days of dry weather. Hold off on tree pruning those disease-prone stone fruits until the temperatures warm and weather is dryer in May or later.

hardwood fig cutting  
scraped before being  
stuck into potting soil



Below: fig cuttings from Lori B. rooting Apr 2022 in soil-filled cell insert supported by mesh bottom flat sitting in leakproof utility flat & covered by 7" propagation dome to retain moisture & heat coming from overhead LED lamp & electric propagation heat mat.



Did hummers keep you company this winter? They love to nectar on early blooming mahonias. *Pieris japonica* is a twofer—both hummers and early emerging mason bees will nectar on it. January is a great time to set out new plants anytime the temperature is above freezing. Maybe visit one of our local quality nurseries now to observe these plants while they are in bloom. The writer has found selections this time of year at Sky, Swanson and Wells Medina nurseries well worth taking home, and there are other quality nurseries in our area as well.

Small engine dealers are looking ruefully at the proliferation of battery powered edgers and mowers which tend to require fewer repairs than gasoline powered engines. If your equipment includes internal combustion engines, now is a great time to have them serviced. Wait until just before using them to purchase fresh gasoline and treat it immediately with Sta-Bil or another fuel stabilizer.

This month marks the beginning of yet another year of Covid 19.

Aren't you just sick and tired of this virus? Alas, it doesn't seem to be tired of us yet.

Let's stay the course and keep healthy in 2023.

# Carryover from Marilyn's column



**hardwood fig cuttings rooted by May 7, 2022**

**pretty quince  
pretty easy to  
propagate, too.**

**Portugal (Gamboa) Quince**



**May 2021 Port Orchard**

**Quince is a rose family member of Central Asia origin often passed over by home orchardists in favor of related pome-fruit apples and pears. "Quince" may refer to the fruit-bearing tree (*Cydonia oblonga*) or ornamental flowering shrub (*Chaenomeles* spp.). Both tree and shrub produce fragrant edible fruit. Some ornamental quince hybrid showy flowering varieties don't bear fruit. More fruit-bearing tree varieties: [USP 38 10 Oct 2020](#) p 10-12.**

**Unlike apples and pears, a traditional method for propagating quince is from hardwood cuttings just as the figs shown above. From UC Davis online [Fruit & Nut Research & Information Center](#): "Quince roots easily by hardwood cuttings from one-year-old wood. The cuttings, about 25 cm (9.8 in), are taken during the late autumn-early winter. This is a common method of propagation, however, the resultant trees tend to produce suckers, which require removal. Cuttings from two- to three-year-old wood also root easily. After one season, cuttings can usually be transplanted to their permanent location (Campbell 2001)." Other reliable means of quince propagation are mound layering, seed germination, and micropropagation.**

**If you're a NAFEX member, check out: [Growing Quince - NAFEX](#) with Joseph Postman & friends.**

# HARDY KIWIFRUIT BREEDING PROJECT 2022 REPORT-2 SUMMARY from KiwiBob



*Editor's note: Kiwibob frontloaded the bad news, but hang in there: The good results begin midway into Paragraph 2.*

January 1, 2023

2022 was another disappointing year for the HKBP. Unable to obtain pollen from a second known tetraploid male *Actinidia chinensis* var. *chinensis* in the USA besides the "Bliss Yellow Male", we used a miniscule amount of pollen from a seedling male grown by the new Participant from Eastern Tennessee on a few *arguta* blossoms. Although blossoms initially set in Seattle, the fruits aborted when they were about a centimeter in size, leaving us with no deliberate crosses so the only HKBP seeds from 2022 came from open pollinated *argutas* where the only males nearby were *Actinidia chinensis* var. *chinensis* of unknown ploidy. Those seeds are small and if they germinate, they may not be of use in further hybridization efforts unless they produce tetraploid plants.

Seeds germinated in Seattle in 2021 that had *chinensis* var. *chinensis* parentage mostly succumbed to mold leaving less than 5% of the seedlings to pot-up and raise for evaluation. The few seeds that were sown in early April 2022 and germinated failed to attain sufficient size to merit potting-up from their seedling trays. On the bright side, seeds sown indoors in Tennessee early in 2022 were able to reach sufficient size to pot-up and may reach first bloom in 2-3 years. None of the HKBP seedlings from prior years reached first bloom in 2022, but hopes are high to see blossoms in 2023.

Looking to the future, 2023 may finally produce the results we have been looking for since starting the HKBP! In late October 2022 we gained another new USA Participant from Georgia who has raised seedlings of *Actinidia chinensis* var. *chinensis*, many reaching first bloom. About a dozen of them were female and at least seven were male. He was able to enjoy a good harvest from the female vines. The best news is all of the male vines were ploidy tested, and ALL are tetraploid! With some luck if he is able to avoid Spring frost damage and gets good blossom set on the males, we will finally have pollen from multiple tetraploid males to use on controlled crosses in 2023.

**Shlee in Bellevue reports her loquat tree that last year flowered for the first time and produced 1 fruit has in early 2023 many more flower buds than last year which hopefully means more fruit with seeds this June.**



# Please Read: STFS Organizational Challenges

On January 21st, Longtime STFS member Melinda McBride and Ia Dubois, a STFS member who joined just last year, both committed to a 3-year term as volunteer STFS Directors. Thank you, Melinda and Ia.

Observant, longtime and even STFS members who have just recently joined probably already recognize that during the past 3+ years of the COVID-19 pandemic and even for some years prior, STFS activities have been suboptimal as organizational positions have remained unfilled.

Anecdotal evidence suggests similar issues at similar organizations. Why isn't this surprising? If volunteer activities like planning events, maintaining finances, fundraising and documenting club activities (STFS secretary position is currently vacant) seem too much like "your time for the man's dime" wage work, who would want to volunteer their time when they had joined STFS to get outside planting and tending to fruit plants away from life's tedium?

STFS's enumerated, lengthy reason-for-being statement is found at the back of each newsletter and probably reduces to: STFS will bring together people to grow fruit. Reaching that end becomes challenging when STFS orchard, events and program committees haven't met for years. If you have even the slightest interest in and/or related questions about the past and proposed activities of these STFS committees, please contact STFS (email: [seattletreefruitsociety.com](mailto:seattletreefruitsociety.com))

STFS Director Melinda McBride has offered a wealth of experience regarding consensus building within an organization. STFS volunteers willing to step forward and assist with committee activities will benefit from the consensus meeting format. Melinda's guidance will help ensure all STFS members' time and effort volunteered are appreciated and recognized.

Melinda utilizes the Bob Chadwick consensus method and has already sent to the STFS board the following link with related background information:

<https://managingwholes.com/chadwick.htm/>

If you want more on just Bob Chadwick, Melinda suggests:

<https://soulbiographies.com/library/consensus/>

**The STFS membership is Seattle Tree Fruit Society. The goals of STFS are achieved by STFS members. When more STFS members get involved, STFS does more & attracts more STFS members who get involved. Again. Again.**

## Thank you, 2022 USP Newsletter Contributors



USP is the monthly newsletter of STFS. All members are welcomed to offer content educating fellow members on PNW fruit-growing. Please email the STFS editor ([trelwing@gmail.com](mailto:trelwing@gmail.com)). 2022's 12 editions were filled with columns, articles, recipes, advice & pics from STFS members including Tracey B. (12 recipes w/ many pics, 2 articles – Japanese flowering apricot and remembering Larry Davis w/ pics), Mike E. (12 columns w/ pics), Marilyn T. (12 columns), Lori B. (2 fruit ID/adventure articles w/ pics and many additional pics), Greg Giuliani (2 tips & apple anthracnose article w/ many pics - editor's note: Apologies to Greg for misspelling his last name in several photo credits), Mark Lee (Making Hoshigaki article w/ pics), Bill T. (Tomato Growing article w/ pics), Mary P. (Growing figs article), Ingela W. (pome physiology diagrams) and Ed S. (1 advice tip). Thanks to all who contributed content in 2022.

# STFS 2022 Annual Financial Summary

On 1 January 2022, STFS's only bank account had a balance of **+\$23,508.24** and by 11 January 2023, the balance had risen to **+\$24,652.87**.

In 2022, STFS funding came from STFS membership dues **+\$3,062.00**, donations **+\$466.00**, maggot barrier sales **+\$1,600.62** and the spring grafting fair **+\$167.61**.

In 2022, STFS costs were WCFS dues **-\$1,040.00**, STFS USP monthly newsletter **-\$2,400.00**, meeting speaker honoraria **-\$400.00**, and bareroot strawberry giveaway/at-cost sale **-\$311.60**.

STFS members were encouraged to pay only what they felt they could during 2022 for member dues. Donations were also made by STFS members renewing memberships. Thanks to STFS members paying membership dues and offering donations all of which fund STFS activities. Also, longtime STFS member Laure Jansen gave mandarinquat plants to several STFS members who in turn made donations to STFS. Thanks, Laure.

Linda Sarturnak has for 15 years managed STFS's sale of maggot barriers. As in past years, Linda's efforts in 2022 generated significant funds for STFS activities. **The remaining 118 boxes of maggot barriers** not sold in 2022 have been inventoried and will be sold in 2023 for a nominal profit. Thanks, Linda.

The 2022 spring grafting fair was an in-person event held outside rent-free next to the demonstration orchard. After paying for purchased rootstocks, the 2022 spring grafting fair had a net profit.

For the 2022 spring grafting fair, Laure Jansen and Lori Brakken collected scionwood which was sold for \$1.00 per stick along with the purchased rootstock. Thanks, Laure and Lori. Additional thanks to Laure Jansen for procuring and storing rootstock, storing scionwood, and bringing these items to the demo orchard for distribution. Thanks to Bill Davis, Greg Giuliani and Anita Knapp for volunteering their grafting skills as well as Janet and John Roach assisting.

During 2022, most STFS activities were held remotely to initially minimize spread of the newly emerged COVID-19 omicron variant. Only 4 in-person STFS member events (spring grafting fair and 3 demo orchard maintenance/teaching events) were held; all occurred outside, and there were no rental fees.

Carrying over from 2020, STFS had prepaid Seattle Parks for 3 room rentals which went unused during 2020, 2021 and again during 2022. At the end of 2021, **STFS still had 3 room rentals to use with Seattle Parks having an estimated +\$468.00 value** which hopefully will be utilized in 2023 with in-person interior STFS events at Magnuson Park.

Western Cascade Fruit Society (WCFS) is the umbrella organization for STFS. For services provided by WCFS, STFS pays WCFS \$8 for each STFS member.

In 2022, STFS's Urban Scion Post (USP) monthly newsletter remained electronic and was emailed to almost all STFS members. Several STFS members without email access continued to receive color newsletters printed-out from a personal ink-jet printer and USPS-mailed. For 2022, STFS USP costs were limited to editor services of Trent Elwing for desktop publishing and distributing 12 USP newsletter editions. Thanks to all STFS members (names listed in 2023 Jan USP newsletter) who contributed content to 2022 USP editions.

During calendar 2022, STFS paid honoraria to three speakers, Lisa DeVetter, Aidan Kendall and Lori Brakken who presented at the March, April and May 2022 zoom online STFS meetings respectively.

Mike Ewanciw, STFS President, purchased and received a bulk order of bareroot strawberry plants then was reimbursed in full by STFS. Each STFS member wanting bareroot strawberry plants received up to 10 plants for free and then paid the at-cost price for each plant beyond 10 plants. Snohomish County Fruit Club (SCFS) purchased a large amount of these bareroot plants at cost. Bareroot plants not distributed during spring 2022 were potted up by Trent Elwing then cared for with some additional plants distributed to STFS members at events later in the year. **Remaining bareroot strawberry plants are overwintering with surviving plants available again during spring 2023 for giveaway or at-cost sale.**

**The draft STFS 2022 Annual Financial Audit Report with more details than the summary above is available for STFS members. Contact Trent Elwing (phone/text 206.517.3118 email [trent-elwing@gmail.com](mailto:trent-elwing@gmail.com)) and a copy will be emailed to you. Three STFS members are also needed to review this draft report and approve it as correct and properly documented before the final report is submitted to WCFS Treasurer Jerry Gehrke. Please contact Trent if you can perform this task during February 2023.**

# Mulligatawny Soup



**Contributed by Tracey Bernal**

**This is a good thing to make on a dreary winter day. Granny Smith apples are probably the best to use since they hold their shape and are more tart. I used Pinata apples and they worked out okay.**



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## INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 Cup vegetable oil
- 1 red or yellow onion, finely chopped
- 8 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 Tablespoons peeled & grated ginger
- 2 teaspoons brown mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne, plus more to taste (I like mine spicy, so I use ground habanero chile)
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 2 carrots, peeled & sliced
- 2 celery stalks, finely chopped
- 1 large or 1 small apples, cored & chopped (a tart apple is better)
- 2 Tablespoons tomato paste
- 3 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken\* thighs, cut into bite-sized chunks
- 1 cup red lentils
- 6 cups chicken broth\* or stock
- 1(14-ounce) can coconut milk or Trader Joe's Coconut Cream
- Juice of 1 lime
- Salt
- Cilantro chopped



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1. Warm oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat.
2. Add the onion, season with salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent and shrunken, about 8 minutes.
3. Add the garlic and ginger, and cook, stirring, until fragrant and softened, about 2 minutes.
4. Add the mustard seeds, turmeric, curry powder, cayenne and cumin seeds, and cook, stirring constantly, until the mustard seeds pop and sizzle, about 90 seconds.
5. Add the carrot, celery and apple, and cook, stirring, until just starting to soften, about 2 minutes.
6. Stir in the tomato paste, then the flour, and cook, stirring well, about 2 minutes.
7. Add the chicken, red lentils, and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, stirring to scrape up any browned bits sticking to the bottom of the pot. Reduce heat to a simmer.
8. Cover the pot and cook for 10 minutes, then uncover and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes more, until the chicken and carrots are tender and the lentils have broken down a bit.
9. Stir in the coconut milk and squeeze in the lime juice.
10. Season to taste with salt & top with cilantro.

\*Editor's note: or consider substituting **vegetable stock** for chicken broth and

omitting chicken meat altogether or replacing with an additional 1 cup of lentils or plant-based chicken meat substitutes (although none currently on the market have a texture similar to cooked cubed chicken thigh meat so maybe experiment with a can of **green jackfruit in brine** drained, **boiled** in water 30 minutes, drained and cut into bite-sized chunks. Green jackfruit has a neutral flavor and a texture mimicking cooked meat). Recent news on jackfruit, Bangladesh's national fruit: [HERE](#)



# BeeLine Editor needed as vacancy nears 2 years



BeeLine editor assembles the quarterly newsletter from other authors' articles. The 9 WCFS chapters are expected to provide content. BeeLine editor also needs to find additional content from other publications like Good Fruit Grower. Ideally, the new BeeLine editor is proficient with Microsoft Publisher which is similar to PowerPoint and other Office software. Past BeeLine editions are available for review at the WCFS website ([www.WCFS.org](http://www.WCFS.org)) under the "Resources" tab. Marilyn Couture, former BeeLine editor, emailed on 6/12/21 that BeeLine editor activities are rewarding and educational to all. Marilyn offered some initial mentoring for the new editor. Interested? Contact Ron (email [ronweston09@comcast.net](mailto:ronweston09@comcast.net)) or Marilyn (email [marilyncouture1@gmail.com](mailto:marilyncouture1@gmail.com)) directly. Past editors have volunteered their time, but with the position still open now for many months, WCFS representatives may realize that a nominal stipend may be necessary to fill this position. You won't know if you don't ask.

## & Still Needed NOW: WCFS Treasurer

Longtime WCFS Treasurer, Jerry Gehrke, had hoped to retire from this volunteer position effective January 2023, but a replacement hasn't been found yet. WCFS doesn't have the luxury of going without a WCFS Treasurer. Jerry will coach any potential replacement candidate on what the job entails and see that she or he is equipped with the knowledge to succeed. For now, it is imperative that WCFS find the person for Jerry to mentor. Interested? Or know of someone who might be? Please contact Ron Weston, WCFS President, directly via email ([ronweston09@comcast.net](mailto:ronweston09@comcast.net)) ASAP.

## Calendar of Fruit-Related Events

- ❖ Sat Feb 11th 10 AM STFS membership meeting. Online zoom only. Connect info will be emailed several days earlier. Featuring Seth Brawner (WSU grad student in Mt. Vernon) talk "Growing Cider Apples in a Fruiting Wall System." covering Cider Apple culture and characteristics, Orchard Designs, Management Practices, and maxing yields in minimal space.
- ❖ Sat Mar 4th 10 AM STFS membership meeting. In-person only at Sky Nursery Shoreline (18528 Aurora Ave. N). Featuring longtime STFS member Ingela Wanerstrand (dba Green Darner Garden Design) talk on fruit-related topic to be announced shortly.
- ❖ Sat Mar 11th 10 AM to 3 PM WWFRF (aka NW Fruit) Winter Field Day. More details at: [Winter Field Day – Saturday, March 11th, 2023 | NW Fruit \(Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation\)](#)
- ❖ Sat Mar 18th 10 AM to 4 PM PFC grafting show. In-person only in Bremerton. West Side Improvement Club, 4109 West E Street. More details: <https://wcfs.org/pfc-2023-spring-grafting-show/> & [https://www.facebook.com/events/917215236105829/?acontext=%07B%22event\\_action\\_history%022%03A%5B%07D](https://www.facebook.com/events/917215236105829/?acontext=%07B%22event_action_history%022%03A%5B%07D)
- ❖ Sat Mar 25th STFS/SCFS joint grafting event. In-person only in Mukilteo. More details in next newsletter.

## **STFS: Who Are We & What We Do**

**Western Cascade Fruit Society (WCFS)**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 1980 & is made up of nine Western Washington chapters, including STFS, full of helpful hobby orchardists & backyard fruit growers.

STFS members receive automatic membership in WCFS. WCFS had until early 2021 published a quarterly BeeLine Enewsletter to inform members of events, tours, articles & reports. WCFS provides other member services, including an online member forum, an online chapter-wide event calendar & an online home for chapter sites. See [WCFS](#)

**Seattle Tree Fruit Society (STFS)** is a chapter of WCFS. The purposes of STFS are listed in Article II of STFS By-laws amended & restated as of 18 January 2014:

### **STFS will bring together people ...**

- 1) to promote & stimulate interest in growing fruit bearing trees, shrubs & vines in urban areas,
- 2) to encourage propagation of desirable fruit varieties suited to the local climate,
- 3) to disseminate pertinent horticultural information to its members & the general public through the use of fruit shows, orchard tours, meetings, seminars, workshops, publications & other media,
- 4) to provide financial & other support to our area's fruit research and/or projects, &
- 5) to join with other organizations in promoting tree fruit in the Western Cascade region.

STFS members share an interest in growing fruit & nut trees, berries, kiwis, grapes & other fruit. We offer information on adapted varieties, current growing techniques & share our own experiences growing fruit.

STFS members meet monthly from Sept to May usually in-person on a Saturday morning in Seattle's Magnuson Park. In-person meetings typically include speakers presenting on topics such as grafting, pruning, pest control, plant health & fruit preservation tailored to Western Washington growers. STFS members receive both the STFS online monthly newsletter Urban Scion Post (USP) & the WCFS online quarterly BeeLine. STFS is online at [www.seattletreefruitsociety.com](http://www.seattletreefruitsociety.com) and [www.facebook.com/SeattleTreeFruitSociety/](http://www.facebook.com/SeattleTreeFruitSociety/)

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**Background:** Dozens of rooted willows started from cuttings donated at 2022 STFS spring grafting event by Lori B. then livestaked and maintained by Trent E. during 2022. Free to good home.



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**#4 - Melinda McBride**

(3-year term expires Jan 2026)

**#5 - John Roach**

(3-year term expires Jan 2025)

**#6 - Ia Dubois**

(3-year term expires Jan 2026)

**#7 - Vacant—please volunteer**

(3-year term expires Jan 20??)

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### **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Orchard - Vacant—please volunteer**

**Events - Vacant—please volunteer**

**Programs - Vacant—please volunteer**

## NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

# Seattle Tree Fruit Society

[www.seattletreefruitsociety.com](http://www.seattletreefruitsociety.com)

A Chapter of the Western Cascade Fruit Society

[www.wcfs.org](http://www.wcfs.org)

Name:

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### DUES (includes STFS and Western Cascade Fruit Society)

New Member – Regular Rate – \$25	_____
New Member – Limited Income or Student Rate – \$15	_____
Renewing – Regular Rate – \$25	_____
Renewing – Limited Income or Student Rate – \$15	_____
Optional: Donation to support fruit research (\$5 min)	+ _____
Optional: Donation (other purpose) (\$5 min)	+ _____

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

make checks payable to STFS., and mail with this form to:

STFS, c/o Trent Elwing,  
1035 Alaska Ave E, Port Orchard, WA 98366

*Our STFS club is run by and for our members - volunteers make things happen. If you would like to help, contact any Officer or Board member (see your newsletter) or email [seattletreefruitsociety@gmail.com](mailto:seattletreefruitsociety@gmail.com)*

## How do I know when my annual STFS membership will expire?

Back in March 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, printed USP newsletters were USPS-mailed, and the STFS membership renewal date was printed above the mailing address of each member's hardcopy printed newsletter.

To minimize spread of the coronavirus causing COVID-19, USP newsletters are now electronic and emailed. A reminder to renew your STFS membership no longer is printed above the mailing address.

Depending upon when a STFS member joins, annual memberships expire at the end of March, June, September or December each year.

Trent Elwing, STFS membership coordinator, will email STFS members one month prior to an expiring STFS membership reminding of the need to renew shortly and how to renew.

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