

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

**September, 2016**

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## **Oregon – Canadian Forest Products Tour**

### **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am**



Have you ever wondered what they do at the Oregon-Canadian Forest Products facility in North Plains? Now's your chance to find out! We are scheduled for a tour of the Oregon-Canadian Forest Products facility in North Plains on Friday, September 30 at 9:30 am.

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We will meet at their main building on NW Commercial Street in North Plains. The building is located on the south side of Commercial Street between NW 318th and NW 321st. There is a large American flag and a saw blade with their logo out front. Please park along the north side of Commercial Street but not directly opposite the main building, as that is where the semi trucks stage. Use the head-in paved and striped parking closer to Main St. The facility covers a fairly large site and will require about 1 mile of walking, but they can have a car drive the long distances if we have people who can't walk that far. Expect the tour to take 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

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2) Forest caretaker and home for rent at Gales Creek timber property. Call 503-357-4258.

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## Event Calendar

<b>September</b>	17	Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Tour and Lunch	10:00 – 3:00 Hoffman Farms, 22242 Scholls Ferry Rd. RSVP. See Potpourri, page 12.
	17	Build Local Alliance Summer Tour	Tour a forest and a sawmill. See Potpourri, page 12 for details.
	30	<b>WCSWA Event:</b> Tour of Oregon-Canadian Forest Products Facility	9:30 am. Commercial Street, North Plains. See front page article for details.
<b>October</b>	8	Discovering Value in Your Forest	9:00-5:00 Hyla Woods, Timber, OR Register at: <a href="http://forest-value-or.eventbrite.com">http://forest-value-or.eventbrite.com</a>
	24	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting;</b> Drones and Technology	7:00pm North Plains Fire Station
<b>November</b>	19	<b>WCSWA Annual Banquet –</b> Meriwether Golf Club, Hillsboro	Dr. Thomas Maness, Dean of the OSU College of Forestry, Oregon State University, speaker

## ***The Woodland Beat***

A forest is a community that includes complex relationships between its inhabitants. From the trees and big game to the shrubs, rodents, birds, water, air, insects, plants, forbs, soil, microbes and even people: they're all part of the village. We've been doing some tree releasing recently and it was sort of like visiting with new friends that we introduced to the old neighborhood. Some were doing quite well and greeted us with new growth and seemed to fit right in with the neighbors, as was the case with several Willamette Valley Pine. They seem to be thriving on a south-facing slope where nothing else seems to thrive except for Canadian Thistle. They're not exactly established members of the hood just yet, as they have only been there for a couple of years, but their chances of being around a while seem pretty good.

In another part of the neighborhood we introduced some Oregon White Oak. These guys are having a little more trouble fitting in. Our elevation is a bit against us and in one area we had some mountain beaver activity and some browsing that either killed or at least stunted their growth. Even those in areas with what would appear to be optimal sunlight and minimal competition are struggling. A little patience is going to be needed, but it would be cool to have a small grove of oak.

A couple of larches that we planted last year do not look very comfortable in their new digs. Perhaps a little too much sunlight and some questionable soil in their neighborhood are making it look like a "it's not you, it's me" ending to our relationship. The madrone got their very own fenced yard. Now that they are getting up past the 5' wire mesh fencing we put around them, I'm thinking we need to go to a second level to 10' or deal with the deer and elk browse that will likely take place.

We continue to deploy and retrieve photos from our game camera. A neighbor showed me photos of a cougar that he got a photo of. We haven't gotten anything that exciting lately, just deer and coyote and some very humorous close-ups of ourselves as we retrieve the camera.

Back at home we recently attended a neighborhood block party, which allowed us to get to know our neighbors a little better. They have a wealth of experiences and knowledge and some of them are just interesting to chat with. I'm sure they find us unique and interesting, or at least amusing as well. We live in town but our neighbors often ask about our property. I think they are jealous of our "other" neighbors.

Until next time – Happy Small Woodlanding!

*John and Cathy Dummer*



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## “Green Leaves Three, Don’t Touch Me”

I’m happy to tell you that this article does not end up with a terrible itch and lots of Calamine Lotion. The quote in the title is a way to indentify poison oak, and I am no stranger to poison oak. I learned to identify it as a child when I lived near Oakland, CA. In my teenage years, I learned painfully that even the stems are toxic as I weeded a bank behind my parents’ house in early spring before the leaves emerged. So when neighbor and WCSWA member Lynn Harrel showed me a carefully removed specimen from her yard and asked if it was poison oak, I replied I did not think so because the leaves were not shiny. I did offer to take her sample and try to identify what it was. Then Bob and I showed her patch on our property that Bob has since dispatched, and the difference was noticeable – ours had very shiny leaves, the leaves on her specimen were dull.

Searching my native plant books and the internet for green leaves three that wasn’t poison oak baffled me. The only look-alike was trailing blackberries and that one I know for sure – it’s my favorite berry. In the meantime, Lynn went on the Washington County Master Gardeners website and clicked on “Ask an Expert.” She got this fast reply: “This is definitely poison oak, ‘leaves of three let it be’.” I thank Lynn for turning me onto this website for future reference.

I was still puzzled by the lack of shiny leaves, so I did a bit more research. First of all, at a field thinning tour in Yamhill County, I saw poison oak climbing up a fir tree and it was not shiny. Researching on the internet mostly talked about shiny leaves, but not all. Here are a few facts:

- The three leaflets have scalloped edges resembling the leaves of a true oak and can be bronze, bright green, yellow-green or reddish depending on the season. The plant can produce greenish-white or tan berries. (Tech Laboratories, Albany)
- Poison oak is a great imitator; its leaves take on the shape of those nearby. The leaves may be serrated, round, or oak-like depending on what other foliage is around the poison oak plants. They may be shiny, or not. They may have a red tinge, or not (verywell.com).



Sample from Lynn Harrel – leaves dull, but very oak-like



Sample from our property - shiny leaves not as lobed, growing near Madrone

- Poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*) is not an oak, but this common name comes from the leaves'

resemblance to white oak (*Quercus alba*). Technically, the plant is not even poison; it contains a potent allergen.



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*“Ecosystems are not only more complex than we know, they are more complex than we can know.”*

Jack Ward Thomas

## New Publication on American Beaver

OFRI, August 29, 2016 Contact: Julie Woodward – 503-807-1614

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – A new publication from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) discusses American beaver biology and offers recommendations for forest managers and landowners on managing forests where beavers live.

The 28-page *Wildlife in Managed Forests: The American Beaver* booklet summarizes current research on the American beaver, its importance in landscapes, and the challenges and costs the animals sometimes pose for landowners.

The publication highlights important management practices and scientific findings to help forest landowners balance promoting healthy populations of beaver with commercial timber production. Among the management tools discussed in the publication are flow devices, exclusion and trapping.

*Wildlife in Managed Forests: The American Beaver* is the latest publication in OFRI's *Wildlife in Managed Forests* series. Previous publications in the series have focused on other kinds of forest wildlife such as songbirds, fish and deer. The educational booklets inform forest landowners, managers and others about protecting wildlife living in Oregon's forests.

Print and electronic versions of *Wildlife in Managed Forests: The American Beaver* are available to order or download for free through OFRI's website, [OregonForests.org](http://OregonForests.org).

About the Oregon Forest Resources Institute: The Oregon Forest Resources Institute was created by the Oregon Legislature to advance public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products and to encourage sound forestry through landowner education. OFRI is governed by a 13-member board of directors and is funded by a portion of the forest products harvest tax.

***“Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a shovel. By virtue of this curious loophole in the rules, any clodhopper may say; Let there be a tree – and there will be one.”***

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### Tualatin River Watershed Council Listening Session

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, four WCSWA members, John Dummer, Bonnie Shumaker, Tom Nygren and Eric Chambers met with April Olbrich and Krystal Fessler from the Tualatin River Watershed Council. This was a "listening session" at the request of the Watershed Council.

Tom and Eric are our representatives on the council. There was good discussion about how we could help each other out. One point that was made during our meeting was the complexity of the interactions within an ecosystem - we are all working within the same watershed. Continued coordination on educational opportunities and assistance were identified as areas where we could continue to work together.

Some areas discussed were upland planting and riparian work. Since a watershed includes all the land that allows water to flow into the streams, improving biodiversity in upland planting improves the entire watershed.

Oregon's Forest Practices Act protects riparian areas during harvest, but there are legacy issues such as roads improperly located or built and culverts in need of improvement that could benefit from grants available through the Watershed Council or others.



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### Young Stand Thinning How to "Get it Done!"

*Brad Withrow-Robinson, Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Agent, Benton, Linn and Polk Counties.*

There is an excellent post by Brad W-R complete with diagrams and different options for thinning that stand that you planted where all the trees survived, and now you can see it is too dark, you are losing crown and something needs to be done.

According to Brad, "Young stand thinning is not all that complicated, but it does seem hard for people to get done. If you have too many trees it is a very important step towards keeping you on track. Without it, it is often harder to achieve many landowners' goals, especially those relating to aesthetics or habitat diversity."

Read the complete, printable article at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics/2016/08/05/young-stand-thinning-strategies/>

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Family forestland owners Dale Cuyler and Brenda Woodard.

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WCSWA is a strong organization because of willing volunteers. Nominations are now open for officers and board members for 2017. Nominees will be announced in the October Forest Forum. Election will be at the Annual Banquet, Nov. 19. Officers serve a one-year term. Board members serve a three-year term.

#### Officers:

President or Co-President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer

#### Board members:

Positions #3 and #4 are open for election.

John and Cathy Dummer have done an excellent job as Co-Presidents for four years. They are stepping down this year. Can you help out or suggest someone who can? Call any board member or officer (see page 2) for information – and thank you.

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## Hampton Lumber of Portland acquires Banks Lumber mill

Excerpts from article by Allan Brettman | The Oregonian/OregonLive on August 30, 2016 at 5:42 PM

Hampton Lumber has acquired the assets of the Banks Lumber Mill, just months after the Washington County mill had laid off its employees and ceased operations. Portland-based Hampton plans to upgrade the mill "to improve safety and productivity," the company said.

Hampton said in the release it will keep the mill shut for about six months. The mill, which closed about two months ago, had up to 60 workers at the time, Banks Mayor Pete Edison said. During the closure, Hampton "will hire some of the workers laid off by the previous owner to help with mill improvements and employ a number of local contractors for the more technical, electrical and mechanical projects," the news release says.

"The Banks mill is conveniently located 25 miles from Portland's urban markets and transportation systems and has access to rail and a quality workforce in Washington County," the news release says. "Most importantly, the mill is situated near several state and private forestlands, including lands managed by Hampton near the Wilson River."

Terms of the deal were not included in a news release. Hampton also operates sawmills in Warrenton, Tillamook and Willamina. The Banks lumber mill had been in operation since 1961 producing green Doug-fir narrow dimension lumber.

Access to "a reasonably priced timber supply" in publicly owned forests will be essential to survival for the Banks mill, Hampton chief executive Steve Zika said in the news release. "Any additional restrictions or reductions from current modest harvest levels on nearby state forests could negatively affect the employment levels of all our sawmills in Oregon," Zika said in the release. "However, we believe the Banks sawmill has the potential to be a successful business enterprise."

# Wilsonville-area Rest Area Undergoing Arboretum Restoration

Wilsonville Spokesman, Monday, 29 August 2016 02:00 | 



Restoration of **Grove of the States**, located at the southbound French Prairie Rest Area south of Wilsonville, began last week. The **Grove of the States** is believed to be the oldest arboretum of state trees in the U.S. and was originally a collection of trees from 53 states and territories. The original planting plan did not allow adequate space for the state trees to reach maturity, according to experts, so many will be replanted and some firs will be removed to make room.

The Grove was conceived and implemented by former Oregon Attorney General Robert Thornton in the mid-1960s as a way to honor Lady Bird Johnson's Highway Beautification Act. The rest area is Oregon's busiest rest area, with approximately 2 million travelers a year stopping on each side.

Restoration project partners, Friends of Trees and the Oregon Department of Forestry, are sourcing new and replacement trees that will be planted in early 2017. The Grove will be re-dedicated for its 50th anniversary in August 2017.

"Unfortunately, the original planting plan did not allow adequate space for the state trees to reach maturity," said Paul Ries, an urban forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry. "As a result of their canopies being suppressed by adjacent Douglas-fir trees, many of the original state trees have died or are in extremely poor health and will not survive without additional room to grow," Ries added.

The restoration effort will correct the spacing between specimens, replace lost or dying trees, expand the arboretum footprint, construct new walking paths, and install **Grove of the States** interpretive signs within the rest area. New individual tree signs also will be installed.

Approximately 40 Douglas-fir trees of the more than 900 in this part of the rest area will be removed; several for public safety reasons (trees deemed hazardous) others thinned to promote overall tree health and the Grove's survival.

Sponsorships and in-kind contributions will help to pay for this project. Corporate, small business, non-profit and individual tree sponsors will be recognized on Grove signage, promotional materials and on the Travel Information Council website.

For more information about the **Grove of the States**, the full media packet, sponsorship package, and our one page fact sheet, connect to the OTE website homepage at [www.ortravelexperience.com](http://www.ortravelexperience.com), and the **Grove of the States** Restoration page.

*Editor's note: I have stopped many times at this rest area and apparently never got past the bathrooms. Next time, I will take a better look around.*

## Tests Highlight Massive Benefits of CLT/Concrete Hybrid Construction System

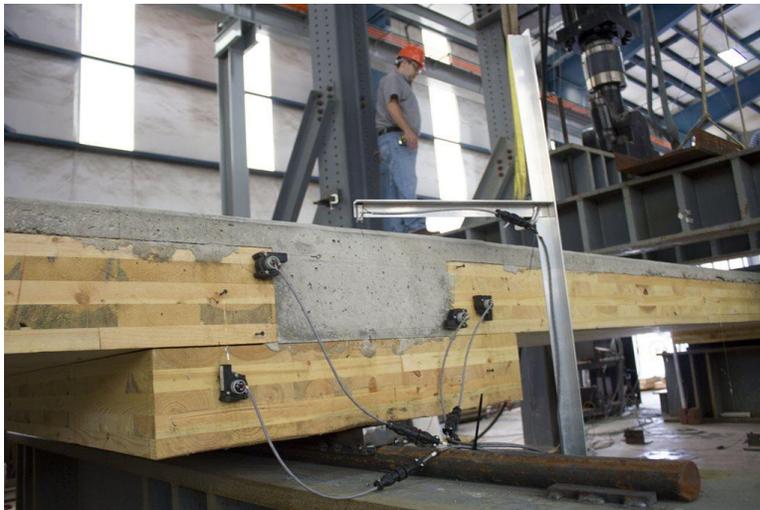
Excerpts from Architecture & Design, Nathan Johnson, 8/19/2016

Just as we think it's taking off, another spanner has been thrown in the works for tall timber construction.

Results from a joint research project by America's Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) and Oregon State University concludes that there is strong evidence that a timber-concrete composite construction system can satisfy code requirements and compete in terms of structural performance with traditional construction methods.

The team has been considering the possibility of using a hybrid concrete timber structure for skyscrapers since 2013 when they launched their Timber Tower Research project. The project was launched to develop a new structural system for skyscrapers that uses timber as its primary material because of its environmental benefits.

Now, three years on, the team has proposed a solution called the Concrete Jointed Timber Frame, which utilizes mass timber as the main structural elements but reinforces weak points at connections with reinforced concrete.



An 11m by 2.5m model was constructed out of a Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) deck topped with a thin layer of reinforced concrete and tested by Oregon State University under load pressure from an hydraulic actuator. The system was tested for two hours under 48 different sensors and the pressure was increased until the system failed at an ultimate load of nearly 40,000kgs which is about 8 times higher than required by code in the US.

According to the study, the topping slab effectively creates a rigid connection between the decks which allows floors to span between beams with a minimal cross-section.

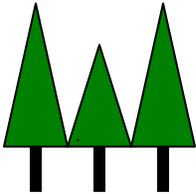
The use of concrete, says SOM, also enhances the acoustic and fire performance of the material, two commonly heard arguments against using CLT for tall buildings.

SOM Associate Benton Johnson said, "We took a small amount of concrete that was necessary for acoustic and fire performance and used it to enhance the structural performance of the floor. This move allows mass timber to reach its full potential, allowing it to compete in the market while also reducing the carbon footprint of cities."

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### **Potpourri**

**New Members:** Welcome to new members **John Cartwright of Buxton, Catherine Fredette of North Plains and Bonnie and Harry Robinson of Yamhill.** We are here to help members achieve their management goals. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. (You're always invited to the WCSWA meetings!). You'll find many kindred spirits among our diverse membership – and many opportunities to learn and share together! If you have any questions or need help, contact any of the Directors, Officers, or Newsletter Editors listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

#### **Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District's Eleventh Annual Conservation Tour and FREE BBQ!**

**Saturday, September 17, 2016 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Hoffman Farms, 22242 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton**

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#### **Build Local Alliance Wood Supply Chain: From Forest to Façade. Sat. Sept. 17, 11a-6p.**

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#### **Helpful Links:**

- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> to read Amy Grotta's "Tree Topics" blog
- [www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com](http://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com) to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>