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## Washington County Small Woodlands Association

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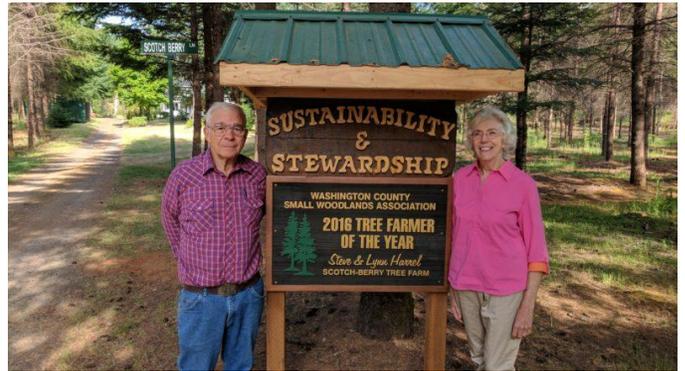
### Meet Steve and Lynn Harrel, Washington County's 'Tree Farmers of the Year'

Banks Post, July 25, 2017 Chas Hundley

*Editor's Note: The "Banks Post" was started in February, 2017 as an online news source covering the NW corner of Washington County. You can find them at [www.bankspost.com](http://www.bankspost.com). Chas Hundley interviewed Lynn and Steve Harrel regarding their Tree Farmer of the Year award and wrote the following article. (Used with permission).*



Scotch-Berry Tree Farm



Lynn and Steve in front of the sign that now adorns their tree farm and home

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  - b) Help WCSWA improve communication on Social Media. Contact any Officer or Board Member (see above)

**Event Calendar**

<b>August</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Hampton Mill Tour, Banks</b>	9:00 a.m. RSVP required, see article on page 1
<b>September</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Mechanized Trail Building</b>	9:00am – noon. Randy Peterson, Recreation Unit Manager, ODF, Forest Grove, will demonstrate mechanized trail building. Location will be in Brown's Camp area. More details in September Forest Forum.
<b>October</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Forests of the Future</b>	Planning for climate change, N. Plains Fire Station, 7pm
<b>November</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>WCSWA Annual Banquet</b>	5:30, Meriwether Golf Course. Speaker is Timm Locke, Director of Forest Products at OFRI. He will discuss new forest products (such as cross-laminated timber) and how they might influence small woodland owners.
<b>December</b>		<b>No Meeting Scheduled</b>	

# *Leadership Notes*

## Putting Things By

Are you an ant or a grasshopper? You know the old story about the ant working hard to store things up for winter while the grasshopper hopped around chirping. Then when winter came, guess which one was prepared?

With the gorgeous weather we've been having this summer; I like to think there is a little time to entertain both work and play, keeping balanced and all that. Bob and I used to have the goal of "hay in the barn and wood in the garage by the Fourth of July". We don't need to store hay anymore, but Dan and Melinda have achieved that for their horses, and I can say that by the time this goes to press, we will have our firewood cut, split and in its rightful place to retrieve when we need to keep warm. I realize it is a little past the Fourth of July, but I guess we did play a bit, too. One other woods-related planning ahead we did was get our seedling order in. We will plant some cedar in spots calling out for them from our thinning project. I also got wildflower seeds from [www.bulkwildflowers.com](http://www.bulkwildflowers.com) hoping they will out-compete some weeds that want to come in after the thinning. This is all ground that was afforestation, so no understory yet. I'm hoping and looking patiently to the future. I'll try sowing the wildflowers this fall after the first frost and again in the spring after the last frost. I'm also getting some plants from April Olbrich to help the understory along.

Then there is the bounty from the vegetable garden which is a bit late this year, but I'm sure those tomatoes will finally turn red. The berries provided delicious jam and pies and I'm sure the birds enjoyed the cherries; I just wish they had saved some for us. It's an off year for the Gravensteins and even my back-up applesauce apple, Seek-No-Further, is a no-show, so I'm planning to buy some Gravensteins for the first time in I can't remember when. I'm blaming the cold, wet spring. I guess the hot, dry summer will balance it all out.

**Leadership news:** We had a board meeting July 18. Highlights are below:

- Membership: More members make for a strong organization. We signed up new members at the TFOY picnic, had materials at the Gales Creek Farm and Garden Tour and will have materials at the Skyline Ridge Neighbor Assoc. event on August 26.
- Endowment Fund: We sent the \$2,000 profit from the 2017 plant sale to the Endowment, plus \$220 from the raffle at the TFOY picnic (see article page 7).
- New website coming soon and looking good. Bonnie and Tom will receive training August 20 in how to update the website.
- Election for officers and two board members will be held at our Annual Meeting, November 18. According to our By-laws, openings are to be published 90 days prior to the election and are listed below. Some current office holders may be willing to run again, but we want to hear from you if you would be willing to serve in any of the following capacities. Contact any officer or board member to find out more information or to volunteer.

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*Bonnie Shumaker*

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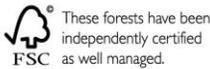
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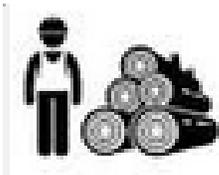
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This is a saprophyte that feeds upon decaying organic matter in the soil and has no need of chlorophyll. They have a clever way of being cross pollinated by insects. (Wild Flowers of the Pacific Northwest by Lewis J. Clark).

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The projects may include maintaining woodland roads and trails by diverting water with small water bars or cross drains, replanting abandoned or unnecessary roads and trails, or resurfacing roads with gravel or wood chips where appropriate. Other projects may focus on assessment and removal of invasive species and planting appropriate natives.

West Multnomah SWCD and Tualatin River Watershed Council have received limited grant funding for this work over the next several years. We are interested in forming partnership with individual landowners to tackle these problems. We also may be able to identify other funding to help private landowners meet their ecological goals. Forest landowners who are near or adjacent to BLM lands are especially sought, but others may be considered for this or other opportunities.

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### Scotch-Berry Tree Farm Raffle

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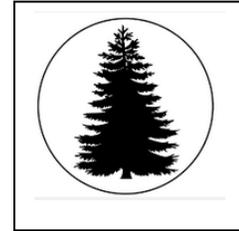
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### TFOY (continued from page 1)

*Hayward:* For the past 20 years, Steve and Lynn Harrel have tended to the tree farm on their more than 19 acre property, diligently preparing their small woodland for harvest.

In remote Hayward, their farm, called the Scotch-Berry Tree Farm (so-named "for the Scotch broom and blackberry that grows here, abundantly"), is out of the way of, well, everything. But that doesn't mean they've gone unnoticed; their tree farm was selected by the Washington County Small Woodlands Association as the 2016 Washington County Tree Farmer of the Year award, a distinction that came unexpectedly to the couple.

"We were rather surprised, and honored; but skeptical, because we didn't feel like we really were in the class that so many other tree farmers are." said Steve. "But the committee saw something here that is kind of opening my eyes as to what we really have. We have good trees that grow quickly."



The Washington County Small Woodlands Association, a local chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, is a trade group for more than 225 small woodland owners in Washington County. The award comes with recognition and a tour by members of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association. On July 15, close to 100 visitors came to the Scotch-Berry Tree Farm, touring the farm and hearing lectures from experts on tree thinning, root rot, and wildlife and plant life.

Tree farm tour

The Harrels, who will celebrate their 50 year wedding anniversary in August, purchased the property in 1977, leased it to a farmer for several years, and then converted it to a tree farm in 1997. It's a site abounding with local history, some of which can be seen in the remnants of an old prune dryer remaining on the farm, a leftover that harkens back to when the prune industry was more popular in local agriculture in the Hayward and Gales Creek region.



**Concrete remains of a prune dryer**



**1977-Scotch-Berry Tree Farm was an abandoned prune orchard when the Harrels bought it.**

For Steve, the farm was an opportunity to return to his childhood area. He grew up in the region and attended elementary school in both Manning and Banks during the 1940s before moving to Portland.

Lynn grew up in the Skyline area, and moved with Steve from Portland to the farm in Hayward. They raised a family on the farm in Hayward, and their children and grandchildren still come to visit and help out, according to Steve. "If our children and grandchildren hadn't helped, this place wouldn't look like this."

And though farming, trees or otherwise, can be an uncertain lifestyle, the Harrels are content with their serene tree farm in Hayward.

"The Lord has led us, and He's the one that gives us our guidance," says Lynn, "and we have such peace."

### **Spirit Mountain Community Fund Awards \$60K to Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust**

Tillamook Headlight Herald, June 20, 2017

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded \$671,500 to 33 non-profit organizations in Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill Counties during a quarterly check presentation in Grand Ronde on June 14, 2017. In Tillamook County, Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust received \$60,000 total this quarter. The non-profit Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, which formed in 1999, serves as catalyst for public / private partnership in support of the Tillamook Forest Center and the development of tools and experiences that help Oregonians better understand and appreciate The Tillamook State Forest and all of Oregon's State-owned forests.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is committed to honoring the tribal traditions of sharing and giving back to the community. In 1997, as an effort to uphold these traditions, the tribe formed the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, dedicating 6% of all casino revenue to non-profit organizations in an 11-county area of Western Oregon.

## **Growing a Diverse Forest and Making Money: How Some Small Woodland Owners Do It**

Posted: 28 Jun 2017 08:20 AM PDT, *Article first appeared on Tree Topics (blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics)*

*By Amy Grotta, OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension – Columbia, Washington & Yamhill Counties*

Lately on this blog <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> we've been discussing ways to **grow a diverse forest**. Many small woodland owners are interested in maintaining diversity on their land, yet strive to do it in a way that also brings in income from timber or other means. For these reasons, I was intrigued by the work of Julian Geisel, who recently wrapped up his master's degree in the College of Forestry at OSU. His research topic, "Management Strategies for Small, Income Generating and Structurally Diverse Forests" is particularly relevant to small woodland owners. Julian's research focused on private woodlands in western Oregon, representative of the vast majority of the owners that we work with in Extension. I interviewed Julian about his work.

***What question did you set out to explore through your research?*** I wanted to know what strategies help make it possible to generate income while maintaining or improving structural diversity on a small-scale forest. Most small woodland owners want or need to produce income from their property. Society values forest diversity, and so do many woodland owners, but many believe it's not possible to maintain without sacrificing income. However, some woodland owners have been successful at it, and so I wanted to know if there were specific strategies or things they had in common, that other woodland owners could apply.

***What methods did you use to accomplish this?*** I conducted extensive interviews with six owners with between 25 – 150 acres in the Willamette Valley. These owners all had stated income generation and maintaining diversity as goals in their management plans. In the interviews, we discussed their management philosophy, successes and challenges they had in achieving their management goals, and resources or people that they relied upon. I used these interviews to look for patterns and evidence, and to validate my interpretation, I had another student independently review all the interview transcripts. In addition, I did field assessments to try to quantify the extent to which these owners' forests were structurally diverse. I looked at features of the overstory, understory, ground cover, and dead wood, for example. Then, I reviewed each landowner's records to evaluate how much income they were producing. Finally, after doing all of this work and coming up with my own theories and ideas, I went back to each landowner for a second interview to confirm that my interpretations of what they said were correct.

***How did the woodland owners that you interviewed describe structural diversity on their property, and why was this type of management important to them?*** Well, structural diversity is sort of a technical term. Some talked about it in terms of having habitat, or areas for wildlife. Some described their property as being more "natural", and others simply recognized diversity across the landscape; i.e. their property is different from their neighbors' and that in itself created diversity. Their motivations varied, but included the desire to maintain a functioning ecosystem, reducing pest risk, having more options for selling timber, or simply wanting to do what they felt was best for the land.

Among the landowners, I found a continuum between those that were more income-driven, and those that were very passionate about the concept of diversity, but all of them incorporated some of both into the

management of their forest. Some did not think there had to be a tradeoff between the two, some created diversity or income without necessarily intending to in the process of reaching another goal.

***How did these owners make money from their forestland?*** Some of the income generation strategies included: selling timber, selling specialty wood, renting out a residence on the property, leasing other parts of the property for grazing, selling firewood or boughs, and providing timber management services or equipment for other landowners. Sometimes owners would reinvest the profit from a one-time timber sale into a different type of asset that would provide a more regular cash flow.

Also important were strategies to save money, such as using firewood, construction materials and residential water from one's own land; sharing resources with other woodland owners; keeping forest operations small and manageable so that the owners could do it themselves instead of hiring out; and learning how best to navigate the tax system. Finally, owners emphasized the secondary benefits their forests provided, that had indirect value to them, such as mental health, stress reduction, physical fitness, and recreation.

***What are the challenges to achieving structural diversity and income generation on a small acreage?*** Scale is a problem. Landowners said that setting aside areas as ecological "preserves" is difficult when there are fewer acres to work with. All acres need to contribute to both income and diversity goals on very small properties. Additionally, landowners recognized that there are many external factors influencing their forest that are both complex to understand, and hard to control – such as markets, tax systems, and regulations. These things, if not taken into proper consideration, can impinge on their goals.

***If one were interested in balancing income generation and structural diversity, what seem to be the most important strategies to be successful?*** Everyone mentioned that learning is a lifelong and continuous process. They combined learning by doing, and observing nature with listening to other people's accounts during classes or by reading up on topics. Having mentors such as family members or neighbors and conducting little documented experiments characterized even more sophisticated managers.

Integrating their actions to achieve multiple goals is another important strategy. The landowners said that without much additional effort, by making small tweaks to their management they could produce income while maintaining or improving forest diversity, or vice versa. One memorable example was thinning plantations and leaving head-high snags. This action increased future income, created snags and made falling trees a little easier and faster.

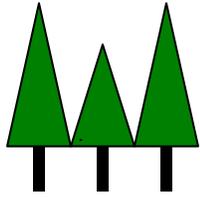
Cultivating trusting relationships with others seem to be crucial. Forest management yielded successes quicker as a joint effort. So in the end, it's not about the trees, it's about people.

*Congratulations to Julian on successful completion of his degree. He plans to post more information about his project at his website, <http://smallforests.com/>*

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### Potpourri

**New Members:** Welcome to new members Dorothy Dober of Happy Valley, OR, Ray Brock of Banks, OR, David Ross and Lee Olsen of Hillsboro, OR and Ronald Matson of Portland, OR.

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.

**Awesome OSWA Products:** If you have been to Tree School or an OSWA Annual Meeting, you surely have noticed the display of Awesome OSWA Products, (T-shirts, jackets, mugs and other good stuff which are also available at [www.oswa.com](http://www.oswa.com)). Ilene Waldorf of the Clackamas County OSWA Chapter has been in charge of this since its inception and is ready to turn this responsibility over to someone else. She assures me that it is fun and does not take a lot of work. Can you help Ilene or do you want more information? Contact Bonnie Shumaker [bshumaker@coho.net](mailto:bshumaker@coho.net) or 503-324-7825.

**Tillamook Forest Center:** New Art Exhibit "Ravage & Recovery," features forest paintings, as well as paintings on conch mushrooms and a cross-cut saw by Tillamook County native Bud Johansen (through Sept. 4). Also, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 3-day celebration "Return from the Burn" (August 18-20). Details at [www.TillamookForestCenter.org](http://www.TillamookForestCenter.org)

#### 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>
- For E-Notification: : <https://ferns.odf.state.or.us/E-Notification> or visit ODF Office