

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

July, 2018

Summer Tours (Make Me Feel Fine)

Your program committee has planned a full summer, so be sure to check your calendars and RSVP if necessary. Here's a summary of the tours and where to find more information:

Saturday, July 21 – Tree Farm of the Year and Neighbor to Neighbor Tour at Rich and Connie Gaebel's Tree Farm. Come learn about a little bit of everything – harvesting, thinning, roads, portable sawmills, ponds and culverts. Don't forget to invite your neighbors! This half-day event includes morning tours and a free lunch. You should have received an invitation in the mail directly from OSWA. If not, the invitation is posted on our home page at www.wcswa.com. **Registration is required for this event.** Be sure to RSVP by email at oswaevents@gmail.com or call (503) 588-1813 by July 16th.



Saturday, August 25 – The Future of Forest Creatures. Come explore our relationship with native animals in an active workshop at Hyla Woods' Mt. Richmond Forest. This is a half-day event with BYO picnic lunch to follow. **Registration is required for this event and space is limited.** See the article on Page 8 for more information and how to register.

?? early September?? – Matteson Forest Harvest Tour. OSU's Matteson Demonstration Forest, located near Hagg Lake, will be partially harvested this summer and we've been invited to see some of the action. We don't know the exact date yet. It has to be coordinated so that action is happening and OSU Extension experts can be there – early September is the best guess for now. We will send out an email with the date and directions when the date is established. If you do not get our email reminders and want to go on this tour, contact any Officer or Board Member (on page 2) and we will be sure that you are "in the know". This is an evening event. See the article on Page 9 of this newsletter for more information.

Friday, September 21 – Pole Mill Tour. We'll be touring the Stella-Jones pole mill in Sheridan in a joint event with the Yamhill County chapter of OSWA. Come see some really valuable logs and learn about how poles are processed. This will be a morning tour. **Registration is required for this event and space is limited.** See the article on Page 7 of this newsletter for more information.

How to register: When registering for any tour, please be sure to check the announcement to confirm you're using the correct contact email or phone (it's not the same for all events) and include which event you're registering for because the contact email/phone is the same for two of the events.

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Event Calendar

July	21	WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year Tour and Picnic	*Rich and Connie Gaebel's Tree Farm, Mountaindale, article page 1
August	25	The Future of Forest Creatures	*8:30am – 12, Mt Richmond Forest, see article on pages 1 and 5
September	Early - TBD	Matteson Demonstration Forest Tour	Evening tour of Forest harvest activities, see article pages 1 & 9
September	21	Stella-Jones-McFarland Pole Mill Tour	*10am, Sheridan – article page 7
			*Registration required

Leadership Notes

From Round to Rectangular

When humans discovered that building a house with 2 x 4's and 2 x 6's was an improvement over log cabins, the lumber mill was born; and it has since proved a perfect example of "monitor and adjust." Safety and efficiency are the main drivers to improving the process of turning a round log into dimensional lumber.

One of the events Bob and I signed up for at the OSWA Annual Meeting in Springfield on June 28-30 was a tour of Rosboro Lumber,. One thing that impressed us in their stud mill was a HewSaw that Rosboro had purchased from Finland. As a log entered the saw, it was computer measured to create the most studs, then cut and edged while the waste wood was chipped simultaneously. The resulting studs were spit out the other end in a matter of seconds.

Their glulam mill took a few more steps to create the product but was impressive as well. Studs were cut to larger dimensions than a standard 2 x 4 or 6 so that the finished product was the correct size and did not require plywood backing. They don't make CLT (cross-laminated timber that we have written about in the Forest Forum recently), but one glulam they make has CLT across the top for added strength.

Other highlights of the conference were the Keynote Speaker, Todd Payne, of Seneca Family of Companies who spoke on the need for "social license" to practice forestry. Since we are such a visible industry on the landscape, it is important to be proactive in telling our story about sustainable and careful use from forestland through mill.

We also had speakers on climate change effects on Oregon's forests, the health of Oregon's forests, forest pollinators and global wood supply and log prices. The take-away forecast from log prices was that they are forecast to stay high for at least the next couple of years. We learned about fire danger (high), smoke management and prescribed burning, and herbicide regulations. I am sure that you can read more detail in the next OSWA newsletter. It was a great Annual Meeting.

Unfortunately, Bob and I were not able to attend the Woods Tour at Steve and Wylda Cafferata's place, but John and Cathy Dummer did and supplied the following, "The tour was really good. Those Cafferattas are hardworking folks! Their forest looks great and they really have done a lot of work on it. It was kind of fun to see Mike and Fran as kids instead of in charge. :) They each hosted one of the stations and both referred to instructions from their father about what to talk about. Fran did some owl hoots for us, trying to call a spotted owl on the neighboring property, but she prefaced it by saying that her dad had instructed her to do it even though she didn't really like doing it in front of other people. Steve and Wylda are such neat people!"

I hope to see many WCSWA members and friends at the TFOY tour on July 21st at Rich and Connie's tree farm in Mountindale. Be sure to RSVP by email at oswaevents@gmail.com or call (503) 588-1813 by July 16th. More woods tours are outlined on page 1 of this Forest Forum. All but one of the tours requires registration, so don't forget to register. Woodland owners love their tours, and we have some great ones this summer!

Bonnie Shumaker

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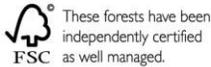


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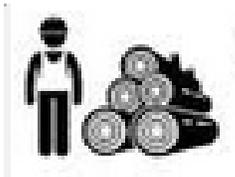
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'A Lost Art': Forest Service Worker Brings Traditional Methods Back

From ROB CHANEY rchaney@missoulain.com

Bob Beckley loves his work as a traditional skills instructor and self-described “low-tech guy” at the Forest Service. “I grew up in San Francisco, watching 'Lassie' when I was a kid,” “Timmy’s dad was a forest ranger, and that’s what I wanted to be.”

But when he got to the Forest Service, the age of chainsaws had erased the legacy of Paul Bunyan and his lumberjacks of legend. “I had to convince old timers to show me how to use those tools, Beckley said. Although sometimes referred to as “primitive” tools, Beckley explained the deep experience and science embedded in something as simple as an ax head.

“It’s not just a stick with wedge of metal on it,” he said. “You can’t just put a file to it. It has two cutting edges; the main edge and a micro-bevel which adds strength and durability to the ax. “That can take 20 hours of work to get the shape just right, assuming you start with an ax worth the trouble. Such axes carry price tags of \$100-\$300.

Woodworkers must know those skills to maintain trails and fight fires in federal wilderness areas, where the law prohibits motorized or mechanized equipment. They also have advantages for some jobs where the extra weight of a chainsaw adds no value. “So, when you’ve got six or seven logs across a trail 5 miles in, you take a crosscut. You don’t want a chainsaw and 30 pounds of protective gear and fuel and tools.”

For the past four years, the Forest Service has been reviving its traditional tools training methods. “We realized with each generation we’ve passed these skills to, we’re not teaching them everything. We’re leaving out nuance, the dance, the why. It’s a disservice to that rich part of our heritage. What the group here is teaching is the dance. If you’re doing work with a crosscut saw, you’re doing it wrong. The saw does the work. You’re just along for the ride.”

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September 21 Tour of the Stella-Jones Pole Mill in Sheridan, 10:00 am. Registration Required

It's not summer without a mill tour!

The Washington County chapter of OSWA will be joining the Yamhill County chapter for a tour of the pole mill in Sheridan. Previously Pacific Wood Preserving, the mill has been in operation since 1967. The tour will focus on the log yard, grading, peeler, with additional explanation of the treating facility and history of the facility. The tour will last approximately 1.5 hours.

Tour attendees must bring and wear their own personal protective gear. This should include: boots with laces, reflective vest, hard hat, and eye protection. No children under 14 please.

Anyone who would like to carpool (which is hopefully everyone!), let's meet at 9:15 am at Wortman Park in McMinnville, across the street from the OSU Extension Office. Drivers and riders can pair up here and we can leave cars here for the duration of the tour. The address of the park is: 2051 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville, OR 97128.

The tour will start at the mill office. The address of the mill is: 22125 Rock Creek Rd, Sheridan, OR 97378. Enter off Rock Creek Road and follow the signs to a parking area specifically for our tour. Please do not park outside the designated areas. Also, parking is very limited so please carpool as much as possible.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register please send an email to washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com or leave a message at (503)703-6573 with the following information:

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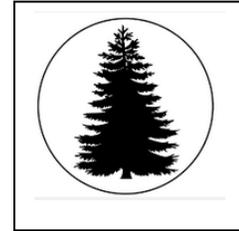
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The Future of Forest Creatures – Exploring our Roles and Opportunities:

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This knowledge and appreciation raises questions such as:

- What roles do native animals play in the health and productivity of our forests?
- How are these forest-dependent animals doing in our northern Coast Range forests?
- What are we doing – and could we do – to help them – and how might they benefit us?

This active workshop, led by knowledgeable, expert biologists, will engage 30 participants in exploring these and related questions. Hyla Woods' 750 acre Mt. Richmond Forest will serve as the setting for the exploration.

When: August 25th, 2018 from 8:30 to noon. BYO picnic lunch to follow, if you'd like to stay

Who: All interested forest owners and managers – private, public, small to large

Why: Because the future of local animals and our forests are intertwined, it seems like a good idea to keep learning and discussing.

Cost: No charge

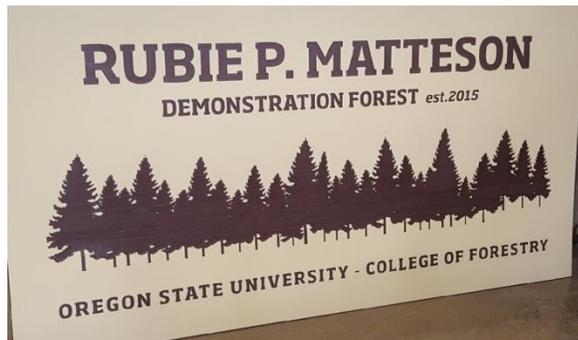
Registration: Space is limited and prior signup is required. To register please send an email to washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com or leave a message at (503)703-6573 with the following information: Name(s), Contact Information phone or email, and the name of the event. Please respond by Monday, August 20.

This workshop is a program offering of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association.

Additional partners include Hyla Woods, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Pacific University, and US Fish and Wildlife Service

OSU Demonstration Forest Near Hagg Lake

Posted on 06.18.15 by SWCD Admin



The Rubie P. Matteson Demonstration Forest, located near the west shore of Hagg Lake, has been established as the newest parcel of Oregon State University's Research Forests. The 180-acre tract will be managed as a working forest, providing income to the College of Forestry, access to the public, and a multitude of education and demonstration opportunities. The forest will serve to demonstrate how small forest parcels can be actively managed to provide income while sustaining other non-timber values over time. Marion C. Matteson, a lifelong resident of the Scoggins Valley area, bequeathed the property to the college. The forest is named after his mother.

More from Amy Grotta, Posted on April 3, 2015

The Research & Demonstration Forests are a very important part of the OSU College of Forestry. Together they encompass over 14,000 acres of forest land across the state, the largest being the 11,000-acre McDonald/Dunn Forests just on the north edge of Corvallis. They provide a range of teaching and research opportunities where various contemporary and new forest management methods are demonstrated. While the tracts closer to campus are used heavily by undergraduate classes and graduate and faculty researchers, smaller satellite tracts such as the Oberteuffer Forest in northeast Oregon (and now the Matteson Forest near Hagg Lake in Forest Grove) are more commonly used for demonstration and Extension activities. All of the lands are actively managed to maintain health, productivity, and provide income to the College of Forestry. In turn, these funds support new teaching and research initiatives within the College.

The Matteson Forest has great potential for Extension Forestry & Natural Resources programs in the local area. It is easily accessible and centrally located with respect to the private woodland owner population in Washington, Yamhill and Columbia Counties. It contains a range of stand types and ages and will serve to demonstrate how small forest parcels can be actively managed to provide income while sustaining other non-timber values over time.

Rising Fire Danger Prompts Public Use Restrictions in Northwest Oregon Forestlands Beginning July 5

TILLAMOOK, Ore – Due to dry conditions in northwest forests, the Oregon Department of Forestry has declared public fire restrictions beginning Thursday, July 5. This is in addition to industrial restrictions already in effect.

Restrictions include; no open fires except at designated locations, no fireworks, and no use of exploding targets and tracer ammunition. Non-industrial chainsaw use is prohibited between 1-8 p.m. Smoking is not allowed while traveling except in closed vehicles on improved roads.

ODF officials urge members of the public to be prepared and take precautions to prevent fires, such as carrying a shovel and either a fire extinguisher or at least one gallon of water when traveling in the forest.

These restrictions apply to lands in Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia, and parts of Multnomah County protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry. To find out what restrictions are in place at any given location, go online to ODF's statewide fire restrictions and closures page at www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx. Questions may also be directed to local ODF offices.

FDR's forest army: How the New Deal helped seed the modern environmental movement 85 years ago

Salon.com April 2, 2018 6.46am EDT, from an article by Benjamin Alexander



Poster by Albert M. Bender, Illinois WPA Art Project, Chicago, 1935. Library of Congress

Eighty-five years ago, on April 5, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order allocating US\$10 million for “Emergency Conservation Work.” This step launched one of the New Deal’s signature relief programs: the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC. Its mission was to put unemployed Americans to work improving the nation’s natural resources, especially forests and public parks.

Corps workers planted trees, built dams and preserved historic battlefields. They left trail networks and lodges in state and national parks that are still widely used today. The CCC taught useful skills to thousands of unemployed young men and inspired later generations to get outside and help conserve America’s public lands.

Congress enacted the bill on March 31, and Roosevelt signed it that day. By midsummer, some 250,000 men aged 18 to 25 had signed up. Their six-month term might be spent at one camp or several; it might be located across the continent or, rarely, just across town.

Although the CCC was a civilian organization, the camps were run by the Army and bore some of its hallmarks. Dining facilities were called mess halls, beds had to be made tightly enough to bounce a quarter off them, and workers woke to the sound of reveille and went to sleep with taps. Commanding officers had

final say over most issues. At work sites, the Agriculture and Interior departments – custodians of U.S. public lands – were in charge. CCC members planted 3 billion trees, earning the nickname “Roosevelt’s tree army.” This work revitalized U.S. national forests and created shelter belts across the Great Plains to reduce the risk of dust storms. The corps also surveyed and treated forests to control insect pests and created forest fire prevention systems. Corps members created and landscaped 711 state parks, and built lodges and hiking trails in dozens of national parks and monument areas.

For their labors, corps members received \$30 a month – but as a condition of enrollment, the CCC sent \$22 to \$25 each pay period home to their families. Congress terminated funding for the CCC in 1942, after the United States entered World War II, although Roosevelt argued that it still played an essential role. Many men who had gained physical strength and learned to handle Army discipline in the CCC later entered the armed forces.

The Tree Army’s Legacy: Beyond its physical impact, the corps helped to broaden public support for conservation. In the 1940s and 1950s, youth groups such as the Oregon-based Green Guards volunteered in local forests clearing flammable underbrush, cutting fire breaks and serving as fire lookouts. Others, such as the Student Conservation Association, advocated for wilderness protection and conservation education. Hundreds of former CCC enrollees helped lead these efforts. Today many teenagers work in national parks, forests and wildlife refuges every summer.



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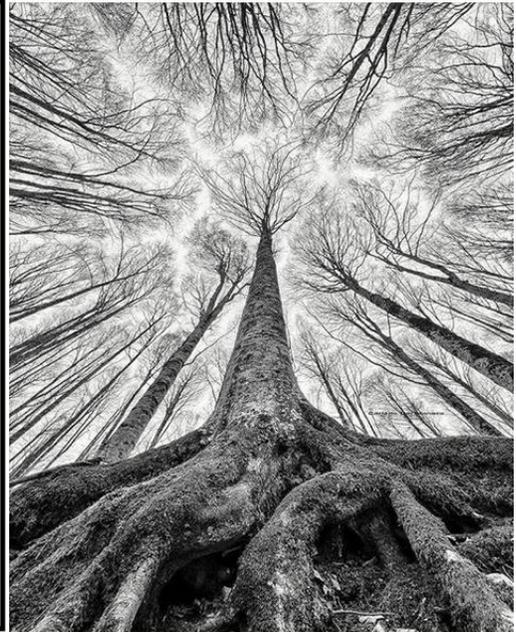
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Woods Words – Lessons and Inspiration from History:

Forest ownership brings with it responsibilities and challenge blended with uplifting rewards and pleasures. While our main rewards are linked to directly exploring and caring for the land, for many of us, our appreciation is heightened by such related activities as sitting down to dinner at a table made from wood grown on our land, learning through visits to interesting forests – near and far, or being inspired by a good presentation. Each might help us understand and appreciate our own place in deeper, new ways. For many centuries forest owners have benefitted from forest-related books – some of which stretch and challenge us while others entertain and comfort. Knowing that many of you fellow forest/woodland/tree farm owners share this enthusiasm for a good read, we'll begin to periodically offer short reviews of forest-related books. Feel free to share your own suggestions through a note to the newsletter editor.

We'll start with a pair whose appeal might lead you to reading well beyond your bedtime.

American Canopy: Trees, Forests and the Making of a Nation by Eric Rutkow, Scribner 2012

The dust cover describes it well: "Like many of us, historians have long been guilty of taking trees for granted. Yet the history of trees in America is no less remarkable than the history of the United States itself—from the majestic white pines of New England, which were coveted by the British Crown for use as masts in navy warships, to the orange groves of California, which lured settlers west. In fact, without the country's vast forests and the hundreds of tree species they contained, there would have been no ships, docks, railroads, stockyards, wagons, barrels, furniture, newspapers, rifles, or firewood. No shingled villages or whaling vessels in New England. No New York City, Miami, or Chicago. No Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyan, or Daniel Boone. No Allied planes in World War I, and no suburban sprawl in the middle of the twentieth century. America—if indeed it existed—would be a very different place without its millions of acres of trees. As Eric Rutkow's brilliant, epic account shows, trees were essential to the early years of the republic and indivisible from the country's rise as both an empire and a civilization."

A Forest Journey: The Role of Wood in the Development of Civilization by John Perlin, Harvard Press 2005

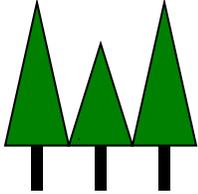
Those of you who finish American Canopy with an appetite for more might want to continue on with this classic. Stretching across time (Bronze Age to the 21st century) and space (Mesopotamia to the Americas), Perlin draws us into the universal questions of how forests and civilizations are intertwined and how we might learn to simultaneously use and care for forests.

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The Future of Tall Timber – on display at World Forestry Center through Summer 2018

OSU Extension has published 3 pamphlets to help family forest owners find or hire professionals including:

- Finding the right accountant/preparer <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9169>
- Choosing the right logging contractor <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9170>
- Choosing the right chemical applicator <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9171>

Helpful Links:

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