

# Forest Forum

## Washington County Small Woodlands Association

November, 2019

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### Annual Banquet Nov. 23– David Hampton Guest Speaker



The 2019 WCSWA Annual Banquet is coming up soon – **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This year's banquet will feature David Hampton, Owner and Board Director for Hampton Lumber Company as our featured speaker. Hampton Lumber is a northwest, family owned business that has deep roots in the area starting when Bud Hampton, David's grandfather, purchased his first sawmill in Willamina in 1942 to supply his lumber business in Tacoma. Today Hampton remains a family owned business with over 1,600 employees.

The focus of Mr. Hampton's presentation will be his insights from the history of the company, its current operations and some notion of what the future might hold.

The 2019 WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year will also be announced. The Tree Farmer selected this year will represent Washington County in the 2020 Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year selection process. Plan to join us for the Washington County Small Woodlands Association Annual Banquet, November 23, 2019 at Meriwether National Golf Club in Hillsboro. Last month's Forest Forum had a reservation form. You also should have received a postcard. Send your RSVP by November 16 to Bob Shumaker, 52490 NW Cedar Canyon Rd, Banks, OR. After November 16, phone Bob at 503-324-7825.



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### The Future of Forest Creatures

*Notes from WCSWA's Oct 22 Meeting*

A trio of wildlife experts helped our large crowd of woodland owners understand how wildlife and forests depend on each other and what we as forest owners may consider doing to help forest creatures. Peter Hayes narrated the program. Peter is a longtime WCSWA member. He and his wife Pam own Hyla Woods and are well-known for innovative approaches to woodland management. Peter started the program by having the audience name the animals they have seen in their forests – the list was long.

Lori Hennings, a senior natural resource scientist for Metro, explained that different critters need different aged forests: Complex structure including shrubs, snags and dead wood are important. 100 species of critters use snags and 70 more use dead wood on the forest floor. Lori gave an example of an oceanspray shrub attracting caterpillars which are "like a slow-moving pizza" to birds. As landowners, we can create brush piles, snags or put a log in a pond just in case a turtle comes by.

See "Critters" page 8

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## Event Calendar

November	23	Annual WCSWA Banquet and Awards Meeting	Meriwether National Golf Club, Hillsboro. See article on page 1.
December		WCSWA – No Meeting this month	

# Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

At our quarterly meeting held in October the WCSWA board considered support for the Oregon Natural Resource Education Fund (ONREF). The grant fund was established in 2001 to provide funds to establish, expand, improve and maintain forest-related natural resources education opportunities in Oregon high schools. WCSWA has supported youth education for many years at the collegiate level, most recently creating the OSU Scholarship Endowment. Now that our goal of \$50,000 is fast approaching, this might be a good time to start redirecting some plant and seedling sale profits toward high school education. You can find out more information about ONREF by visiting at <http://www.onref.org/index.html>. If you have any feedback, please contact me or any board member by the end of November.

## Old Member Spotlight

**Bonnie Shumaker** is being honored by WCSWA in this issue for her years working with the association. She and her husband Bob have been with the association for 21 years and have been a board member and/or officer for 19 years. Together they were co-presidents for 4 of those years. Bonnie recently completed an additional 2 ½ year term as “reluctant president enlisting the help of the Board,” prior to Vic Herinckx’s term which began this summer. To reflect the Board’s increased involvement, the newsletter even changed the column called “President’s Notes,” to the current “Leadership Notes.”

The Shumaker Tree Farm and the lifestyle they built on it did not happen all at once or accidentally. Bob and Bonnie fell in love during their senior year of high school, and on long walks they talked about their intent to live on the land. They shared mutual dreams about lambing and planting trees, not realizing that one day they would be on their own tree farm “limbing to 10 feet.” Their dream became a concrete reality when they purchased 40 acres in 1977, part of 160 acres homesteaded in 1886 by Ludwig Kahler.

Bob and Bonnie purchased more acres of the Kahler’s homestead in 1997 and the final bit in 2017. They were successful in reassembling the original homestead claim. Everything you see on their land now has been imagined, built, farmed and tended by Bonnie and Bob. Their farm is certified by the American Tree Farm System. As good stewards of their tree farm, Bob and Bonnie were named the 2007 Washington County Tree Farmers of the Year.

Bonnie has been a strong asset in our association. Together with Tom Nygren, Bonnie creates and edits our newsletter. She has not limited herself to Washington County. Bonnie has been on the Committee for Family Forestlands (a standing committee of the Oregon Board of Forestry). Bonnie and Bob are members of the Nature Conservancy, American Forestry Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Oregon Tree Farm System.

Bonnie feels her biggest accomplishment is the passage of House Bill 2469. She worked on this for many years, and with the help of CFF and OSWA this bill was signed into law in July, 2019. Counties are now permitted to allow a second home for a relative on forest property if it meets certain requirements.

Bonnie and Bob raised two boys and now have 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Education continues to be important, even as their family matures. While Bob was an accountant with Willamette Industries, Bonnie was an educator for 24 years, along with volunteering and farming activities. They have modeled making thoughtful decisions and have no fear of hard work. They have opened their property for countless farm tours for school children. One of their favorite memories is the Name the Lamb contest where the kids were required to write a story and guess a birth date while submitting their proposed name. A hundred kids at a time would come to tour the farm. Knowing how to put the fun in farm work--that’s the Shumakers.

We salute Bonnie as a true asset of Oregon. Her work for our organization and her many involvements model how one person can make a huge difference in forestry for our county and our state. Thank you, Bonnie

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## Woods Words - Love 'Em or ....Not So Much –

I put off reading this book because I smugly assumed that I already knew much of what it had to share. Having just finished it, I now see how pathetically wrong I was. Thanks to his remarkable research and high-quality writing, in Eager (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2019), Ben Goldfarb takes readers along on a fun and stimulating exploration of all dimensions of the complex world of beavers and the larger webs of ecology, economics, politics and culture within which they live.

But does this book have practical and direct connections to our forests and home territories? Absolutely. For this reader, the book challenged me to think more deeply and creatively about the ever-evolving relationships between us two leggeds and the wider world.

The book also encourages us to consider how we, as land owners, navigate our relationships with a species that can be simultaneously a serious pest and an underappreciated ally.

Should a reading of Eager leave you hungry for more, you might want to carry on with an excellent and complimentary book on the same subject, Bakehouse's, Once They Were Hats: In Search of the Mighty Beaver (ECW Press, 2015).

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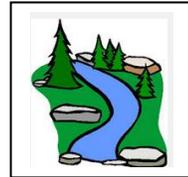
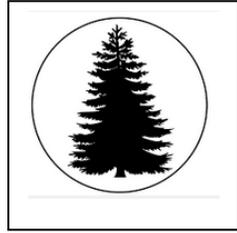
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### November 23rd: Leadership Changes Coming

The Annual WCSWA Banquet is coming up on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Meriwether National Golf Club. At the Banquet, we will elect Officers and two Board Members for 2020. The following people have agreed to be considered for election. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Banquet:

**President:** Vic Herinckx  
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### Help Wanted – Leave it to Beaver

Because beaver play an important, and sometimes challenging role in shaping the lands and waters of Washington County and the Tualatin Watershed, some of us are working to learn more about the ways that we, as tree farmers/forest owners, live and interact with beavers. If beavers are an active part of your land, we'd welcome the chance to learn more from your experiences. If you are willing to share, please contact Peter Hayes at: [peter@hylawoods.com](mailto:peter@hylawoods.com) (preferred) or 971-678-9466. If you don't have beavers but would like to be included in the communications loop, feel free to get in touch as well. Thank you.

## Critters, continued from page 1.

The breeding bird window (May 15-June 30) is a time, if possible, to keep management activities to a minimum. Many of us simply enjoy watching birds, and they help us in return by spreading seeds to keep the forest flourishing with understory and new trees.

Sean Mathews then introduced us to **ORBIC**. As a wildlife ecologist, Sean is a researcher for Oregon State University's Institute for Natural Resources "Oregon Biodiversity Information Center" (**ORBIC**) based at Portland State University. Its key function is to maintain, develop and distribute biodiversity information in Oregon. **ORBIC** evaluates species in Oregon through a standardized, scientific and empirical methodology. Visit ORBIC's homepage for more information: <https://inr.oregonstate.edu/orbic>. Another link is Oregon Wildlife Viewer for species information and to generate species lists for places in Oregon <http://oe.oregonexplorer.info/wildlife/wildlifeviewer/>. Sean explained that the causes for species to become rare fall into the categories of habitat loss, invasive species, low reproduction and predation.

After our science lessons, Lori and Sean took on the role of a threatened or endangered species looking for the right habitat. Lori became a red tree vole, a rodent with a long tail who is almost always arboreal, resides mostly in Douglas-fir and eats Douglas-fir needles. It depends on extensive forest canopy with a mean dbh of 39" and a height of 171 feet with 32 trees per acre that are upwards of 340 years old. If you have an old growth area or want to grow an area to old growth, the red tree vole would be happy there.

Sean became an Olive-sided flycatcher which is the largest flycatcher with whiskers and a wide bill that helps it catch bugs. He was looking for 1-2 miles of territory, likes snags, clearings and early-successional forests.

Lastly, Lori became a Western Gray Squirrel who looks for oak restoration areas with a mix of fir and oak which provides the acorns it needs. WCSWA members noted that in absence of oak, Western Gray Squirrels make use of walnut trees which are not native, but attract the Western Gray Squirrel.

For further information, a computer search for Oregon Forest Biodiversity Species brings up lots of topics.

## REMEMBERING DONALD "DON" MOORE



Don Moore, 98, a resident of the Banks community passed away on October 4, 2019 at his home on the family farm.

Don was born on June 19, 1921 on the family farm near Banks. He was the oldest of three sons and the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of his family to live on the farm. The farm also has a stand of timber and Don was an OSWA member for many years as he tended his forest.

He met his future wife, Jane McFarland, on a blind date at a pinochle party in Portland. After a ride on a combine, he proposed and they were married on September 18, 1948, in Philadelphia, PA. by her grandfather, a United Brethren minister.

In 1959 they built a home on the family farm and lived there the rest of their lives. Services are at St. Bede Episcopal church November 9, 10:00am.

*Read complete obituary at [Duyck and Vandehey Funeral Home](#)*

## REAL Oregon (Resource Education & Ag Leadership)

In last month's Forest Forum, we announced that WCSWA member Susan Schmidlin had been chosen as one of 30 participants in the third leadership cohort of REAL Oregon. REAL Oregon is modeled after similar programs in surrounding states and other parts of the country. Following is more information on this important organization. Congratulations, Susan, and thank you for your willingness to serve.

REAL Oregon is a collaboration of industry and other groups throughout the state that have recognized the importance of developing and supporting leaders within Oregon's natural resource communities. In addition to networking opportunities and learning more about the diversity of Oregon, the program brings current and future leaders together from agriculture, fishing, and forestry for a series of five sessions based in different regions of the state. The annual leadership program exposes this cross-section of professionals to the wide range of Oregon's geography, economy, and culture through training in board governance, communication skills, conflict resolution, government interaction, public policy work, critical thinking, media relations, professional presentations, public speaking, relationship building, and other areas.

Class 3 includes nine individuals directly involved in production agriculture, seven involved in timber production and forestry, seven from agri-businesses or other natural resource organizations, four from local and state agencies, two from resource-related university fields, and one urban participant.

Class 3 will start in November and end with a graduation ceremony in March of 2020. Recruitment of Class 4 will begin this winter. For sponsorship opportunities or more information, please contact Greg Addington through the website at [www.realoregon.net](http://www.realoregon.net) and follow REAL Oregon on Facebook.

## Carlsberg creates 'world's first' paper beer bottle



By Hannah Sparks, October 11, 2019 | 1:13pm

Drinking beer might not be the best for your health, but Carlsberg is out to prove it can be better for the environment. The Dutch beermaker says they've created the first paper beer bottle, made from sustainable wood fiber with a coated interior to prevent seepage.

Two prototypes are in the works for their Green Fiber Bottle: one with a thin layer of a recyclable polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic in the interior, and the other using instead a polyethylene furanoate (PEF) polymer film that is 100-percent biobased, meaning it's made from natural, biodegradable sources.

Carlsberg hopes to create a bottle made from 100-percent organic materials without polymers — part of their overarching plan to achieve zero carbon emissions at its breweries by 2030. “While we are not completely there yet, the two prototypes are an important step towards realizing our ultimate ambition of bringing this breakthrough to market,” said Myriam Shingleton, the company's V.P. of development. “Innovation takes time, and we will continue to collaborate with leading experts in order to overcome remaining technical challenges, just as we did with our plastic reducing Snap Pack plastic-free beer can packaging.” Last year, Carlsberg eliminated the plastic rings once used to hold their canned six-packs, and instead just glues the brews together.

## OSU unveils wood products lab

BENNETT HALL Corvallis Gazette-Times, Oct 10, 2019



**Robot cutting cake**

Normally, German-built Kuka industrial robots are used for precision machining, high-speed assembly or other automated manufacturing tasks. On Thursday, however, Oregon State University employed one of the \$300,000 machines for a more mundane purpose: cutting the cake at the grand opening of the new A.A. “Red” Emmerson Advanced Wood Products Laboratory.

It was a crowd-pleasing way to demonstrate some of the technical capabilities of the 14,000-square-foot lab. Along with the 80,000-square foot George W. Peavy Forest Science Center under construction nearby, the lab is part of a new Oregon Forest Science Complex that’s intended to nurture and showcase the state’s growing expertise in engineered wood products and mass timber construction.

The first piece of cake went to Anthony Davis, interim dean of the OSU College of Forestry and one of several speakers at the grand opening ceremony. “Wood is the only primary building material we can grow, and its effective use has to be a cornerstone in mounting an aggressive front in challenging our sustainability and climate crises,” he told the 150 or so people on hand for the event.

“These new facilities represent a critical step in the pathway towards using renewable materials in new ways.” Innovative products such as mass plywood panels manufactured by Freres Lumber of Lyons and cross-laminated timber panels made by D.R. Johnson of Riddle are already being used in the Oregon Forest Science Complex, he pointed out.

“Hopefully, we can take some of Oregon’s trees and turn them into engineered products and ship them all over the world. The A.A. “Red” Emmerson Advanced Wood Products Laboratory is home to the TallWood Design Institute, a partnership between OSU’s Colleges of Forestry and Engineering and the University of Oregon’s College of Design. The building is named for the co-founder of California timber company Sierra Pacific Industries, which donated \$6 million toward construction of the Oregon Forest Science Complex.

In addition to the robot, the lab’s fabrication bay is equipped with an array of high-tech tooling for producing cross-laminated timber panels and other elements used in mass timber construction, an emerging field that uses wood in place of concrete and steel in midrise and high-rise buildings.

First announced in 2015, the Oregon Forest Science Complex has been dogged by ballooning cost estimates and construction delays. Both the wood products laboratory and the Peavy Center had to be scaled back from their original designs to keep costs from soaring still further, although TallWood Design Institute Director Iain Macdonald says the lab didn’t suffer much.

Initially projected to cost \$60 million, the Peavy Center is now budgeted for \$79.5 million, even with the design rollbacks. Its opening date has been repeatedly pushed back, in part because of the failure of a massive CLT panel last year that forced the replacement of more than 80 defective panels.

But now the project is back on track and the Peavy Center should be up and running by late March, Davis insists. “We’ll have classes in there spring term,” he said. “We’ll finish moving in over spring break. It’s coming.”

# Tree Talk from the Shumaker Tree Farm

By Bonnie Shumaker



**Ginkgo and Sweet Gum**

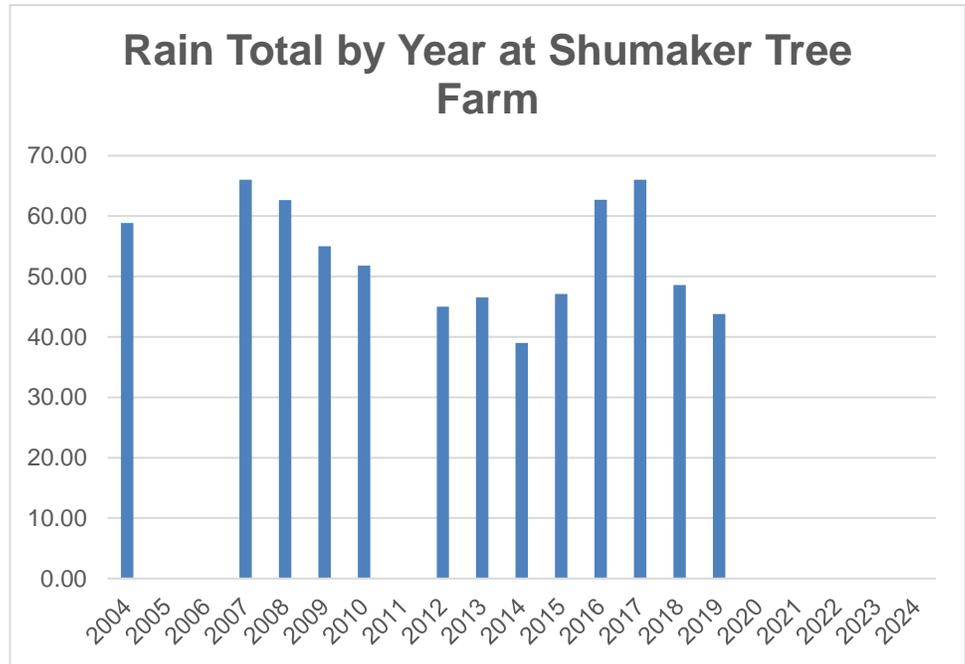
Beautiful fall colors and cold weather brought me out with my camera to record these two trees. I tend to forget their names, so I decided to take a picture, label them and put it on my refrigerator. Luckily, I got the picture on a windy day before all the leaves blew off. If you are reading this on the paper copy of the Forest Forum rather than on-line, you'll have to imagine the yellow of the ginkgo and the red of the sweet gum.

Bob and I have been cleaning out the ditches along the road on our west 80, planted 2003. This stand is on very steep ground. We bought this three years ago, a milestone that put the original 1886 homestead back together. A big selling point was an excellent logging road. Natural reprod has sprung up from seeds blowing in the ditches and about 20 feet into the stand. From there, the ground drops off so fast that we just let it do its thing. We are removing the spindly trees to free up the dominant ones. It's probably not necessary, and we're not working all that hard, but we enjoy it, and it looks better when we drive our RTV through the property (it's too steep to walk).

Another thing we've had fun with is making a graph from our recorded rainfall per water year (October 1 to September 30) for the last 10 years. I keep a journal where I report the weather and our doings. We do refer to it from time to time, and one thing we almost always record is total rainfall in

inches each September 30 from our weather station. Looking at this graph reminds me that whenever I hear a weather forecaster report that rain or snow or temperature is below or above "normal" that they need to realize there is no such thing as "normal" in Oregon.

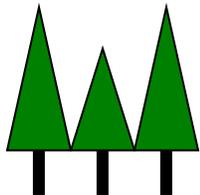
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