

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

September, 2020

Washington County Neighbor to Neighbor & 2019 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year Video Woods Tour – Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020



Barrett and Susan Brown

You are Invited to Join:
**Barrett and Susan Brown's
Video Woods Tour**
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
A Live Webinar Event

Barrett and Susan are Washington County's 2019 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. They purchased their property 30 years ago in somewhat poor condition. They have a great story to tell about the challenges

associated with owning forestland, but after years of learning from other family forest neighbors and others, their 110 acres is now a thriving and productive forest.

Registration is Required: How to Register:

- Go to oswa.org. On the front page of the website, find the article about this woods tour
- If you don't immediately arrive at the front page of the website, click on Welcome in the top left corner of the site
- Click on the registration link. Complete the registration form
- Receive an email with correct links to login on September 23rd, at 7:00PM.

The video woods tour will focus on:

- Stream restoration work on the East Fork of Dairy Creek
- Commercial and pre-commercial thinning
- Working with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to improve stands
- Wildlife in the forest
- Recreation and trail building

Tour Sponsors: Barrett and Susan Brown, OSWA Washington County Chapter, Oregon Tree Farm System, OSU Extension, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Tualatin River Watershed Council, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, and Oregon's Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) Implementation Committee

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A free service to our members: List tree farm items/land to buy, sell, or trade. Contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472. Got a tool or piece of equipment you don't need any more? Or maybe you are looking for tools, equipment, property, or materials? You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. (3 month limit)

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Event Calendar

September	10	Build Local Alliance	5:30-6:30 via Zoom
September	23	TFOY Virtual Tour	Barrett and Susan Brown's video tour. See page 1 for details

Book Review: Martin, Marten, by Brian Doyle

At the June WCSWA Zoom meeting, Fran Cafferata Coe spoke on "Managing for Wildlife on your Woodlands." One of the critters she mentioned was the Humboldt Marten. About the same time, a friend recommended a good novel: "Martin, Marten." The critter in this book is a Pine Marten and the locale is the forests of Mount Hood. There is a fictitious town of Zig-Zag, a quirky cast of characters and a wonderful blend of animal and human kingdoms in a hopeful narrative.

Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

I'm really looking forward to the Browns' virtual Tree Farmer of the Year program coming up later this month. Mark your calendars, it should be a great event. Thanks to all who have put time and energy into making it happen.

In a world that seems to be getting crazier by the minute, I'm certain many of you enjoy the comfort and solace of a walk through your woods. I was able to do that a few weeks back, looking for the perfect tree to make tabletop décor for my daughter's wedding.

I had a tree in mind that had a major defect about 25' up that seemed like it would do the job, but before taking it down I decided to take a walk through the woods and visit paths less trodden to see if there were any that might be a little bit better.

Finding none, I decided to go ahead with the original tree and everything turned out great. They were fresh, smelled good and the quickly forming cracks were well hidden by glass, candles and greenery. The wood slices were nowhere near the highlight of the day, but fulfilled their small part in making 8/23 a day to remember.



If anyone has a few extra dollars to spend and is interested in learning more about timberland as an investment, the World Forestry Center is putting on a conference titled "Who Will Own the Forest: The Series 2020." As described on their website, the Series 2020 is made up of six 75-minute live-streamed episodes, featuring can't-miss speakers and live Q&A on a variety of timely topics, followed up by hosted interactive breakout socials.

The six episodes are titled:

- The Reunion: A Talk With Industry Veterans on Timberland Investing
- The US South Timberland Conundrum: Two Takes on the Value Proposition
- A More Equitable, Inclusive, and Diverse Timberland Investment World: How to Move from Interest to Action
- Artificial Intelligence and Forest Management
- Mass Timber and the Future
- The Future for Timberland Investing: A Conversation

The first session starts on 9/23 so don't delay if you want to participate. More information can be found here: <https://www.worldforestry.org/who-will-own-the-forest/>

At our annual membership meeting, we will be electing directors for board positions #5 and #6, currently held by Cathy Dummer and Kent Grewe as well as President, Vice-President and Treasurer. At this time the nominating committee has identified the following candidates: Additional nominations will be taken at the November Annual Meeting which will be on Zoom.

- **Board Position #5:** Cathy Dummer **Board Position #6:** Kent Grewe
- **President:** Vic Herinckx **Vice-President:** tbd
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Until next time, hope everyone continues to stay safe!

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Adrian Higgins July 8, 2020, Washington Post article on Washington DC Urban Forest planting diverse trees



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TREES TO TAP: KEEPING DRINKING WATER SAFE – Get your copy

At the WCSWA Zoom meeting on July 22, Mike Cloughesy, Director of Forestry at Oregon Forest Resources Institute, gave us an overview of OFRI's new publication "Trees to Tap, Keeping Drinking Water Safe." There was a report of this Zoom meeting in the August Forest Forum.

For more detail, in a 23 page report, please go to www.OFRI.org, Under Publications, sort by date and look for NEW publications to get a copy of "Trees to Tap." You can download or have a free copy sent to you.

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We've missed you. To help limit exposure to Covid-19 and help protect our entire community, the Tillamook Forest Center is closed to the public. Despite the closure, you can still stay connected with the Center from the comfort of your own home.

Tuesday, September 15: Find out who's hooting and hunting in the Tillamook State Forest in a virtual interpretive program all about owls.

September 22: Test your knowledge and compete against other teams in Forest Trivia Night, a pub-style trivia game with forest flair: third Tuesday of every month.

Beginning at the end of September: Students can join our naturalists virtually for weekly after-school youth programs. Details coming soon.

Registration is required to attend these programs through Zoom. Please visit www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events for more details and specific program information. Follow us on our social media pages to participate in fun activities, discussions and watch new videos.





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- Ben Deumling – Zena Forest Products
- David Maeley – Milwaukie Hardwoods, Urban Trees to Lumber
- Ken Vetterick – Ken Vetterick Woodworking, Fine Furniture
- Ben Hayes - Hyla Huts, From Forest to Frame
- Nathan Dinihanian – Dinihanian Furniture
- Laura Squillace – Green Hammer Design-Builders

Registration (FREE) is required via Zoom. Send an email to: info@buildlocalalliance.org, to request the link.

About Us: [Build Local Alliance](http://www.buildlocalalliance.org) is a community catalyst drawing together and supporting people, businesses, and organizations committed to connecting “good” wood from local forests with local projects.
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Ralph Waldo Emerson

Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

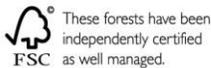


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The front-page article in this month's Forest Forum outlines the **Wednesday, September 23 Virtual 2019 Tree Farmer of the Year Tour** at Barrett and Susan Brown's Mountindale property. In this crazy time, with Zoom taking the place of in-person events, I have often heard and even said myself, "Well, at least it's better than nothing." In the case of this particular Virtual event, I think we will agree that "It's really something!" Lots of hard work went into producing this event and it will show. Please tune in September 23.



On another note, Bob and I had delightful visitors and are ready to share news that has been in the making for some time.

When our beloved Extension Forestry Agent, Amy Grotta, died

last December, many ideas were brought forth on how to honor Amy's memory. Covid 19 curtailed most immediate plans. But that didn't stop the planning.

As reported in the May 2020 Forest Forum, Scott Russell built a handmade, hand carved "Memory Bench" for Amy's family. They LOVE it and the memories it brings.

The delightful visitors I referred to were Dave and Eben Dreher (Amy's husband and son) and Amy's father, Jim, visiting from Houston.

Jim wanted to meet some of the people that Amy worked with and hear about how she helped with their forest management. We had been in contact with Dave regarding two handmade cedar benches that Bob made for a proposed "Amy's Trail" in OSU's Matteson

Research Forest near Hagg Lake.

The benches are finished, and there is hope that a trail crew of 10 or less will be allowed into Matteson Forest to build the trail this October where the benches will be secured in place. Then, in 2021, if Covid releases its grip, we will have a celebration and trail dedication. Fingers crossed.

Note: If you are interested in helping build the trail, please contact Bob Shumaker (see page 2 for Bob's contact information.)

A New Twist on Traditional Timber Management

F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. launches new venture to blend engineered wood products with time-tested resource stewardship

FROM FLATHEAD BEACON ARTICLE BY [TRISTAN SCOTT](#), AUG 24, 2020



If the trees align at F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company, the oldest family-owned lumber company in Montana may be on the cutting edge of figuring out a better way to build.

Stoltze announced last week that it is joining forces with a group of key partners to form Stoltze Timber Systems, Inc. to build North America's first mass timber production facility aimed at using small-diameter trees to build large format, cross-laminated timber panels.

Currently, Montana forests are saturated with small-diameter timber. In terms of resource management, this is proving problematic — the majority of timber sales require the timber's removal as a fuel-reduction measure, but the over-supply isn't matched by a readily available or economically viable marketable demand. The intent of Stoltze Timber Systems, Inc. is to use Montana's vast supply of small-diameter trees to create large format panels and, ultimately, green and efficient building systems with high demand.

Things really started to click for Stoltze Timber Systems when Pat Clark entered the picture. Clark, owner of Wooden Haus Supply, has been educating himself on the European building practices for years and trying to tailor those practices to buoy Montana's flagging timber industry. While using cross-laminated timber (CLT) is a common building practice in Europe, the engineered wood product is still catching on in the United States.

Clark has spent the past decade establishing relationships with builders overseas to learn more about such engineered wood products, and recently received a Wood Innovation Grant from the U.S. Forest Service to continue developing and studying a new method of using smaller diameter trees and lumber for CLT projects. "We wanted to figure out how to make CLT from really small pieces of wood, making the product fit the forest," Clark said. "[We've found a way] to make these products out of the small-diameter timber that needs to come out of the forest."

What he's found is that small-diameter Montana timber can replicate similar or superior quality, due in part to the state's slow-growing species, which yield tighter growth rings and a stronger grain.

Julie Kies, wood innovations program manager for the Forest Service, who helped administer the grant, said the long-term goals of Stoltze Timber Systems align with those of a well-managed forest. "What's exciting about what Stoltze Timber Systems is they would be taking small-diameter material and making mass timber out of that," Kies said. "Currently, there's not a big market for that small stuff. So that's huge. It gives a whole other market to that underutilized material.

"It's great to see an established mill expanding and diversifying to include a value-added product," Kies said. She continued: "Their heart is in it all the way, and so are the hearts of all of the other partners as well."

Magness Memorial Tree Farm Harvest

Since World Forestry Center was established in 1966, we have existed at the intersection of people and forestry. Our work is focused on connecting people to sustainable forestry, including forestry management. For more than 40 years, World Forestry Center has actively managed the 79-acre [Magness Memorial Tree Farm](#), including periodically harvesting trees, in accordance with a detailed Forest Management Plan.

Earlier this year, we engaged [Trout Mountain Forestry](#) to update the Management Plan for Magness. The plan had not been updated nor had a harvest been conducted at Magness for nearly 20 years.

The goals of this updated conservation-based plan include improving forest health, promoting age-class diversity, reducing invasive species, and creating revenue for site maintenance through periodic timber harvests.

For the health and sustainable management of the site and per the updated Management Plan, we are harvesting trees from Magness from August 5 to August 31.

Freres Lumber August Market Report:

Dramatic Difference in Plywood Orders and Inventory, August 10, 2020

It is amazing the difference that two months can make. Our markets are in a dramatically different place than early May, when COVID restrictions forced us to take a week down at most of our operations. Prior to our May shutdown, we were only selling a couple of trucks per week and trying to find places to stuff inventory to keep the plants running. Now the plant inventory spaces are empty, and our order files extend to the end of September. Prices are still reaching historical highs as distribution yards scramble to cover plywood orders.

Veneer is in acute shortage at the moment as many panel and LVL producers have large order files at high prices. Veneer imports from Canada are lower than typical as the Canadian market has also rebounded and manufacturers are using the product internally.

There have been several reasons cited for the unexpected increase in panel demand. One factor is a lower level of imported panels. There is also reduced production and only so many plywood orders can be filled due to human resource constraints. We have seen a higher level of “shoulder-trade” purchases through Home Depot and Lowes from home fixer-uppers sheltering in place. Also, on the home front, there has been a renewed interest in home ownership due to COVID, and lower mortgage rates. We are thankful that these events have led to higher market prices and the ability to run full production hours.

One Path for Wisdom

From article by Samatha Weber, Bugle Magazine, Jul/Aug/2020

From the age of five on, there was never any doubt in Michael Wisdom's mind – he would help conserve wildlife and their habitat. "I always knew from age five that I wanted to be a fish or wildlife biologist," he says.

Today, Wisdom is a research wildlife biologist and team leader at the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range for the U.S. Forest Service in the Blue Mountains of northeast Oregon. Wisdom has been a part of the Starkey team since late 1987.

Before joining Starkey, Wisdom worked on forests and rangelands across the country, including BLM where he connected with Jack Ward Thomas, the biologist who started research at the Starkey Project and later became the first wildlife biologist to serve as chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

After completing his Ph.D. in forestry and wildlife from the University of Idaho, Wisdom returned to Starkey. He has helped develop an incredibly rich and long-running data set on the interactions between wildlife, people and habitat. Whereas university research is often curtailed by the length of time graduate students are in school, Starkey provides an arena for decades-long studies.

Wisdom and Mary Rowland, the other research wildlife biologist on the Starkey team and their colleagues can tweak variables like animal populations and hunter numbers within the experimental forest to conduct landscape-scale experiments, the likes of which are rare.

Current research at Starkey includes studying how elk and mule deer hunters use the landscape in relation to their success, long-term responses by elk to prescribed burning and a variety of timber harvests from thinning to clear-cuts, and effects of a warming planet on elk productivity, just to name a few. It's a lot to juggle, but Wisdom says he's excited about Starkey's ongoing and future work. After all these years, he's still happily fulfilling his childhood dream. "Even to this day," Wisdom says, "there wouldn't be anything else I would pick to do."

About Starkey Experimental Forest and Range

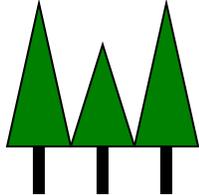
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A first-class U.S. Forest Service and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife research facility, the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range is a 28,000-acre enclosure of forests and mountain meadows in Oregon's Blue Mountains. Located off Oregon 244, southwest of La Grande, twenty-seven miles of eight-foot high, woven-wire fence encloses most of the present-day forest.

The initial research on the Starkey began in the early 1900s, when the Forest Service carried out plot studies to assess the impact of cattle grazing. By the 1940s and 1950s, the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station expanded its investigations at the Starkey Forest to address issues of carrying capacity, production of forage, and the effects of the grazing of all ungulates on forest health.

Jack Ward Thomas, the lead wildlife biologist at Starkey (and later chief of the U.S. Forest Service), conceived the idea of building an enclosure to control deer, elk, and cattle populations within the study area. With funding approved in 1987, field workers began putting up the first fencing. Over time, the staff built interior fences to establish separate areas for wintering deer and elk. Three scientists and a small field crew comprise the permanent staff.

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Potpourri

New Members: Welcome to new members Kevin, Dale and Kyle Locke of Portland, Richard Vireday of Manning and OSWA's Salem office. 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'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.

American Forest Foundation Review: Fran Cafferata reported slight revisions to the current Tree Farm standards. They include clarification where needed and to be in compliance with PEFC. The revision webpage is: <https://www.treefarmssystem.org/standards-process-overview>.

Do you have a copy of the updated Third Edition of the OFRI publication *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws*? Every forest land owner should have a copy! Get a free (shipping free) copy from <https://oregonforests.org/node/549>

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

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

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- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>
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