

# ***Forest Forum***

**Washington County Small  
Woodlands Association**

**September, 2021**

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***Barrett and Susan Brown TFOY Tour, Sept. 18, 9:00am - 1:00pm  
RSVP Required***

We will finally get our boots on the ground at the Snooseville tree farm of Barrett and Susan Brown. They put together a great video last year, but being there in person makes it the real deal.

Here are the highlights:

An immediate post-thinning review: Tom and Ken Nygren with White Oak Natural Resources will help us learn about a just finished NRCS cost share pre-commercial thinning project. We'll also see some longer-term results from PCT and commercial thinning.

Barrett will talk about various types of recreation trails and how much they can add to the list of rewards of small woodland ownership. We'll get to see the trail building machine he invented.

Bethany Lund from the Tualatin River Soil and Water Conservation District, and Samantha Sharka with the Tualatin River Watershed Council will speak on a big set of restoration projects that the Browns participated in.

We'll also take quick look at their tree farm equipment and rock pit development.

The speakers will be available to tell us more and answer your questions! Bring not only your questions, but stories of your successes and challenges so all of us can learn even more!

The event will start at 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at 26000 NW Bump Rd, about 20 minutes Northwest of North Plains, off of Dairy Creek Rd and then Meacham Rd. Please RSVP to [brownbsr@msn.com](mailto:brownbsr@msn.com).

Given the seriousness of the latest Covid wave, along with mask and distancing protocols to keep everyone safe we have to forgo our traditional lunch offer. You may bring your own refreshments if you wish.

Don't forget to RSVP: See you in a couple of weeks!

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***Coming Up:***

***WCSWA Field Tour, Saturday, October 16 – see page 6***

***Amy Grotta Trail: Work days, Oct. 2,3. Dedication Oct. 9. See pages 9 & 10***

## WCSWA Leadership

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### WCSWA Website

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Website Manager: Michael Morgan

Contact Tom Nygren or Bonnie Shumaker for web postings and information.

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### Forest Forum Newsletter

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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

Tree School Online		Outline of Programs	<a href="http://www.knowyourforest.org/TreeSchoolOnline">www.knowyourforest.org/TreeSchoolOnline</a>
September	18	<b>Washington County TFOY tour</b>	Barrett and Susan Browns' in person Tree Farmer of the year tour. See page 1
October	2,3 9	<b>Amy's Trail Work-Party Amy's Trail Dedication</b>	9:00am – 2:00pm. See page 9 10:00am – 2:00pm. See page 10
	16	<b>WCSWA October Event</b>	1:00pm – Lori and Jerry Stoles' tree farm. Truffle dogs, biochar and beaver. See page 6

# Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

Once again, we are turning the corner into fall with another dry spring and summer on the books. Hoping we have received some badly needed precipitation by the time you read this to help put a damper on fire season and give our trees some H<sup>2</sup>O.

As usual this time of year, we look forward to our annual business meeting and banquet in November. With COVID continuing to be an increasing challenge, it's unlikely we will be holding a banquet this year, but will confirm that by the end of September. At the business meeting in November, we will be electing directors for board positions #1 and #2, currently held by Marc Ahrendt and Norbert LePage as well as President, Vice-President and Treasurer. At this time the nominating committee has identified the following candidates:

- Board Position #1: Marc Ahrendt
- Board Position #2: Kathy Brock
- President: Vic Herinckx
- Vice-President: Barrett Brown
- Treasurer: Bob Shumaker

It's so good to have willing volunteers, and we welcome and thank Kathy for accepting a nomination. Many of you know Ray and Kathy as active members and hosts of our May Potluck in 2018 at their beautiful property off Cedar Canyon Rd.

Some of you may have heard about transitions at the state office which OSWA President Ken Nygren wrote about in a letter to the OSWA board on August 10. Here are a few excerpts from that letter:

*"The past month has been a trying time for the Executive Committee and has resulted in the resignation of both the OSWA Executive Director, Amy Jahnke, and the President-elect, Nicole Wood. Both resignations were voluntarily submitted to the Executive Committee by the individuals.*

*The Executive Committee wants to assure you that the organization continues to be healthy and vibrant; a temporary continuity plan is in place to support the Chapter events through the remaining portion of the year, and the committee is resolved to work with the full board to build a strong future governing team.*

*This year, three 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President positions are up for election. In addition to these three positions, the position of President-elect is also open. The goal of these elections is to find candidates representing the geographic regions of the state and diversity of our membership.*

*My intent, as President, is to solicit a broad spectrum of new leadership from across all geographic regions, beginning with selecting a nominating committee willing to work with all the chapters to find a ballot full of enthusiastic members willing to work as part of a team."*

For the Executive Director position, Jim James has recently returned as interim executive director until a replacement is hired.

WCSWA member Tom Nygren has served as an OSWA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for a number of years, and his is one of the positions open for election. If you are interested in serving on the OSWA Executive Committee, feel free to reach out to Tom to discuss requirements for that position.

Until next time, hope everyone continues to stay safe!

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News Release, August 30, 2021

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) is seeking qualified applicants to serve on its board of directors: Board representatives include forest products producers that pay forest products harvest taxes to support OFRI's programs.

This year there is an opening for a small woodland owner. Anyone interested in this position can request application materials from Kathy Storm at [storm@ofri.org](mailto:storm@ofri.org) or 971-673-2953.

About the Oregon Forest Resources Institute: The Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1991 to support and enhance Oregon's forest products industry by advancing public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products. A 13-member board of directors governs OFRI.



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## Saturday, October 16 Tour of the Stole Property in Sherwood 1:00pm Registration Required.

Lori and Jerry Stole have been busy on their property near Sherwood and have generously offered to host 3 informative presentations at sites around their property this fall. The Stoles live on 19 acres – part of the farm Jerry’s family has had since 1967. The property includes a creek surrounded by 90-year-old forest, a 25-year-old Douglas-fir forest (former Christmas trees), and an organic hazelnut orchard.

### Truffles



Ava Chapman and her dog Joey, the Dirt Dogs Truffle Team, are a Hobby Culinary Truffle pair, who have honed their skills and knowledge for 5 years. They won the Joriad, a Truffle Dog Team competition, two years in a row (2019 and 2020); smashing the record of the most truffles ever found in competition (a stunning 77 in an hour!).

The pair offer forays, property surveys, educational talks, truffle demos, and make a case for why to use dogs to hunt for truffles over pigs or rakes!

Learn all about truffles: what they are, where they’re found (maybe in YOUR woodlot?), how they should be harvested, and what to do with them, plus watch a truffle dog at work.

### Biochar

Lori and Jerry have been using an onsite kiln to convert the branches from forest thinning into biochar, a useful product. Learn what biochar is, why they choose this option over standard burn piles, what one can do with biochar, and how to make it.



### Beavers



Vanessa Petro, OSU College of Forestry Senior Faculty Research Assistant, will be sharing her knowledge of the American Beaver. She will be talking about their habitat and behavior and what role they play in the ecosystem. The discussion will include beaver management strategies. We’ll have the opportunity to see the beaver dam on the property and how well Lori and Jerry’s new fence is working to keep the resident beaver away from the hazelnut orchard...

The event will start at 1:00 pm and last approximately 2 hours. Tour attendees should dress for the weather as we will be outdoors with only minimal cover in the event of precipitation. We will follow whatever COVID guidelines are in place at the time of the event. Children are welcome.

Registration is required for this tour. To register please send an email to [washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com) or leave a message at (503)703-6573 with the following information: Name(s) of attendees and contact information (phone or email). Please register by the end of the day Sunday, October 10.

The tour address will be provided in response to your registration. We will send a follow-up email the week before the event with additional directions regarding parking and current COVID requirements.



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## **How Do Deer Grow Antlers So Quickly? The science behind antler growth, sheds, and velvet**

OUTDOOR LIFE BY [MATTHEW EVERY](#) | PUBLISHED JUN 26, 2019

When you stop and think about it, antlers seem like the stuff of science fiction rather than real life. They're bones that grow extremely fast outside of a mammal's body, and every year they fall off and grow back. For whitetails, at the peak of development, antlers will grow a ¼ inch per day; for bull elk it's more like an inch.

Unlike horns, antlers are made of bone and are shed and grown back every year in a continuous cycle. For a large part of the year, they are made up of living tissue whereas horns are made of dead, fingernail-like tissue called keratin and remain attached to the animal year after year.

### **What Causes Antler Growth?**

The short answer is a combination of nutrition, genetics, and age, but it's a little more complicated than that. The perfect combination of these factors is still hard to track, but when the formula is right, a buck or bull's antlers will grow abnormally large. Here's a breakdown of how the big three factors for antler growth work:

**Nutrition:** The better the habitat, the bigger the antlers will be at any age. As a general rule, protein-rich forage contributes immensely to antler growth.

**Genetics:** While it's easy to think about big-racked bucks producing more big-racked bucks, the devil is in the details. Nutrition and habitat both impact growth regardless of genetics, and unless you are selectively breeding deer in captivity, it's hard to tell what is doing what.

**Age:** Simply put, dead bucks can't grow antlers. Like the best things in life, antlers get better with time. A whitetail buck will generally reach his prime in 4-6 years, and for elk, it is more like 8-12.



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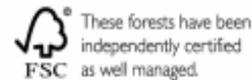
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Lewis River Reforestation asked us if we wanted Hi-terpene WRC last fall, and I was assured it would be for this year, but I was misinformed.

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You have a chance to be part of the same indomitable spirit that Amy always displayed. Join in the tribute to her which will be included in the educational mission at OSU's Rubie Matteson Demonstration Forest near Hagg Lake.

Amy was OSU Forestry & Natural Resources (FNR) Extension agent in Columbia, Washington and Yamhill Counties beginning in 2008. She also supported many other natural resource programs. Amy died December, 2019. She had been living with cancer for a number of years

and her strong spirit was inspiring.

The building and dedication of a trail in her honor has been in the works since Amy died. It has been progressing more slowly than desired due to COVID, but the trail is now nearly completed and it is a time to celebrate. Work on the trail is supported by OSU Research Forests. Dave Dreher (Amy's husband) and friends with help from Barrett Brown and his trail building machine designed and roughed out the trail last spring. Let's finish it!

## **WE NEED YOU**

**OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>**: Join the Work Party with Dave Dreher and friends to complete the trail. 9:00am - 2:00pm. RSVP is not required.

**OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**: Trail dedication. 10:00am to 2:00pm. RSVP is required. Details are on the next page.

## October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Work Party to complete Amy's Trail

Goal: 20 people would be great! 9:00am - 2:00pm. Come either or both days for as long as you can. No need to RSVP. Questions? Email [dmdreher@gmail.com](mailto:dmdreher@gmail.com)

The trail was roughed out last spring. Now it needs the finishing touches. The work party will begin at 9:00am. There will be jobs for multiple abilities. Come for the day or as much as you are able: Here is the work that needs to be completed:

- Shaping tools (Rogue hoes, etc.) for backslope shaping and side-cast pulldown
- 1 inch pick Pulaski to dig around and expose roots and small chainsaw to cut them out. Lots of these roots to cut.
- Loppers for cutting Oregon grape, salal, ferns and vine maple from the backslope and overhead – also for exposing and lopping these vines to below grade in the trail tread.
- A tri-tipped brush blade clearing-saw/weed-eater would be very efficient for some of this work.
- McLeod and/or standard rakes for final tread-grooming.
- Weed whacking in parking lot
- Install benches and trail signs

**COVID protocol:** Trail work always requires people to be two tool-lengths apart, so six-foot distancing fits easily. However, bring a mask to wear if there are times when people may need to work closer together. Because this event will be on OSU property and is an OSU sponsored event, OSU protocols require proof of vaccination or have proof of a negative COVID test within 3 days prior to the event.

## October 9<sup>th</sup> Trail Dedication – RSVP Required by Oct. 1st



**10:00am:** Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU Director of College of Forestry Research Forests will talk about the Matteson Forest, Amy Grotta's part in its mission and the trail built in her honor. We will then have a road walking tour (not the trail) to see how the mission is being implemented.

**12:00 noon:** Box lunch and drinks will be provided.

**1:00pm:** Trail dedication and your chance to walk "Amy's Trail."

RSVP to the Shumakers, [shumaker2b@yahoo.com](mailto:shumaker2b@yahoo.com) or 503-324-7825 by October 1st.

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## Tree DNA helps convict timber thief

The Columbian, by Associated Press, July 10, 2021

It's the first time such evidence has been used in a federal trial

TACOMA — A federal jury has convicted a timber thief who authorities said started a large forest fire in Washington, a case that prosecutors said marked the first time tree DNA had been introduced in a federal trial.

The jury deliberated for about seven hours before convicting Justin Andrew Wilke, 39, on Thursday of conspiracy, theft of public property, depredation of public property, and trafficking and attempted trafficking in unlawfully harvested timber, the U.S. Attorney's Office for Western Washington said in a news release.

The wood he sold to a mill in the city of Tumwater had been harvested from private property with a valid permit, Wilke said. But a research geneticist for the U.S. Forest Service, Richard Cronn, testified that the wood he sold genetically matched the remains of three poached trees.

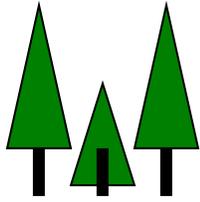
Wilke and others conducted an illegal logging operation in the Elk Lake area of the Olympic National Forest, near Hood Canal, between April and August 2018, according to records filed in the case. He poached maple trees prized as wood for musical instruments and brought them to lumber mills.

### Tualatin Watershed Invasives Species Team (TWIST)

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[FireWise: Living With Fire | OSU Extension Service \(oregonstate.edu\)](#)

Fire Resistant Plants for the Home Landscape: [Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes | OSU Extension Catalog | Oregon State University](#)

### Helpful Links:

- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> read OSU Extension's "Tree Topics" blog
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