

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

June, 2022

May 24, WCSWA Annual Potluck and Foresters for the Birds Program



Maura Olivos, The Forest Stewards Guild

A traditional potluck with lots of delicious food and good companionship was enjoyed by 30-some WCSWA members and friends at Jackson Bottom Wetlands in Hillsboro. After the potluck, Lee and Nancy O'Banion were introduced as WCSWA's 2021 Tree Farmers of the Year, (see below for their July 16 tour info).

Next, Maura Olivos was introduced as our guest speaker. Maura works full-time with Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD) and is also the convenor and coordinator for Oregon's "Foresters for the Birds." Maura is PNW Region Coordinator for the Forest Stewards Guild which sponsors Foresters for the Birds. TSWCD is also a supporter.

The Foresters for the Birds program was started in 2008 in Vermont. It had been documented that bird species were in decline on the east coast, and Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation along with Audubon Vermont wanted to identify suitable breeding and post-breed habitat for birds while still allowing for sustained yields of timber. Maine then took up the banner and published a guide for biologists, foresters, loggers and landowners of 12 eastern bird species that were easy to identify, were in decline and represented different niches and forest types. Besides printed materials, workshops and technical assistance are offered. The idea spread down the east coast and is now in 14 states with specific guidance on active forest management that is bird-friendly.

Continued on page 6

2021 Tree Farmers of the Year Tour Invitation **Lee and Nancy O'Banion invite you to a tour of their Gales Creek property**

Lee and Nancy have lived on their 40 acres in Gales Creek for over 40 years. **Barry Sims** of Trout Mountain Forestry has helped guide them to achieve their goals with their management plan. **Barry** will be on hand at the tour to explain the achievements and answer questions.



When: July 16, 9:00am – 1:00pm (no full meal will be served, but muffins, coffee, soda and water will be provided).

Where: 56145 NW Old Wilson River Rd., Gales Creek, OR .

WCSWA Leadership

President – Vic Herinckx, 503-645-9434
Vice-President – Barrett Brown, 503-647-6499
Secretary-Treasurer – Bob Shumaker; 503-324-7825

Board of Directors:

- Pos. #1: Kathy Brock, 503-702-7620
- Pos. #2: Marc Ahrendt, 503—928-2083
- Pos. #3: Susan Schmidlin, 503-429-7861
- Pos. #4: Tony Spiering, 503-680-8112
- Pos. #5: Cathy Dummer, 503-703-6573
- Pos. #6: Kent Grewe 503-701-2087

Legislative Committee Chair: Scott Hayes 503-568-9999

Membership Committee: WCSWA Board members

Program Committee: John and Cathy Dummer – 503-970-8789, Bill Triest – 503-705-5833, Tony Spiering – 503-680-8112

Tualatin River Watershed Council Representatives: Tom Nygren, primary, 503-628-5472, Eric Chambers, alternate, 503-647-2458

EMAIL FOR ANYONE ON THIS PAGE: washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com

WCSWA Website – <https://wcswa.com/>

Website Manager: Michael Morgan
 Contact Tom Nygren or Bonnie Shumaker for web postings and information.

Facebook:

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

Forest Forum Newsletter

Editors: Tom Nygren & Bonnie Shumaker

503-628-5472 and 503-324-7825

Proofreaders: Bonnie Shumaker, Dan Hundley, Tom Nygren, Ardis Schroeder

The Tree Farm Tradin' Post

A free service to our members: List tree farm items/land to buy, sell, or trade. Contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472. You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. (3 month limit)

For Sale: 1941 Model A Farmall tractor, with disk and plow. In operating condition. Asking \$900. Contact Jim Evans by voice or text at 503-490-0558.

Full box of 8 rolls of white polypro Christmas Tree baling twine.

Old stock, new in box.

Harvest King "Plus" by Continental Western Corp of Seattle, WA.

1630 FT/LB 85 LB Tensile, \$35 OBO.

Bill Hanson 503-429-9101, If no answer, leave message when the voice says "message."

Wanted: No new items.



Event Calendar

June	16	Good Wood Celebration	Build Local Alliance. 5:30-7:00pm See page 8
	18	Oregon Woodland Cooperative Annual Meeting	See page 5 or call 503-357-2551 for more information
	23-25	OSWA-OTFS Annual Family Forest Convention	Benton County Fairgrounds – register on email sent by OSWA or call OSWA at (503) 588-1813
July	16	2021 Tree Farmer of the Year Tour and Picnic	Lee and Nancy O'Banion's tree farm in Gales Creek. See page 7.

August	20	Tour of ODF JE Schroeder Seed Orchard	St. Paul, OR. This is where we get our seeds for seedlings. More information coming in July FF
---------------	-----------	--	--

Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

I missed out on the May potluck to attend the Oregon State College of Forestry Dean's Dinner. This is an annual event to recognize student scholarship recipients in the College of Forestry. It's great to see there are 1,300+ students in the College of Forestry and even better that this year was a record year for scholarship awards exceeding \$900,000.

The winner of the WCSWA scholarship this year was Raymond Hinckley. I did not get a chance to meet Raymond but hoping to connect and provide more information about our scholarship winner in the next newsletter.

I shared a dinner table with Randy & Cindy Hereford, Butch Bernhardt and 2 College of Forestry student ambassadors. Randy is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Starker Forests – a sponsor of the Oregon Family Forest Convention. Butch is the Senior Program Manager with Western Wood Preservers Institute (WWPI), based in Vancouver, WA. What a coincidence to have a wood preservation expert to discuss the merits of pressure treated wood posts after recently observing short stretches of guardrail in the Sunriver area replaced with galvanized steel posts rather than treated wood. Steel doesn't really pencil out as they have similar 50-year lifespans and treated wood is a far cheaper (and better) option!

Recently the WWPI donated \$100,000 to the College of Forestry to support the construction of a pressure treating facility on the Oregon State University campus. The lab will be used by utility pole and treated wood research cooperatives to advance science related to treated wood products like utility poles, railroad ties and marine pilings.

Hoping you all can make it to the Family Forest Convention this year to renew and add connections in the small woodland owner community.

Until next time continue to stay safe!

Richard Waring receives 2020 Marcus Wallenberg Prize

Posted on November 1, 2021 by OSU College of Forestry



Richard Waring

We'd like to congratulate professor emeritus Richard Waring, who was honored as one of three recipients of the 2020 Marcus Wallenberg Prize. He gave the acceptance speech in the digital ceremony and symposium held on October 26, 2021.

Waring, along with co-honorees Joe Landsberg and Nicholas Coops, developed a revolutionary computer model to predict forest growth in a changing climate. Together these scientists fundamentally changed the understanding of forest growth, providing new, spatially explicit tools that are routinely used by forest managers, scientists and policy makers.

The annual prize, one of the highest honors in the field of forestry, is named for the late Marcus Wallenberg Jr., a banker, industrialist and member of Sweden's long-influential Wallenberg family.

Richard Waring joined the OSU College of Forestry faculty in 1963 and remained active in forest science teaching and research until 2018. The award was announced in April of last year.

Advertising Opportunity: The Forest Forum is a monthly newsletter sent out to over 300 members and friends of WCSWA. Advertisers receive free newsletters for the duration of their ads. ADVERTISING RATES (PRICE INCLUDES TYPESETTING & AD PREP)

YES! I want to advertise in the WCSWA Forest Forum. Ad size: _____

Enclosed is a check or money order for: 1 issue ___ 4 issues ___ 12 issues ___

Company _____
 Contact _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

	1 issue	4 issues	12 issues
1/12 page	\$20	\$40	\$100
1/6 page	30	60	150
1/4 page	40	80	200
1/3 page	50	100	250
1/2 page	75	150	375
2/3 page	100	200	500
Full page	150	300	750

Please send this form, ad copy, logos, photos, etc. to:

Bob Shumaker, 52490 NW Cedar Canyon Road, Banks, OR 97106

Thank you for supporting Washington County Small Woodlands Association!



Timber Cruising and Appraisals • Log Marketing • Logging Supervision
Forest Management
Working for you!

Home: (503) 637-3145 Cell: (503) 201-4590 Fax: (503) 637-6317	Don Lofthus 42704 SE Kleinsmith Rd. Sandy, OR 97055
---	---



Josh Miller
WA & OR Small Woodlands

120 Industrial Way
Longview, WA 98632
Josh.Miller@nw hardwoods.com

Cell 360.509.3599



Reforesting the world since 1889.

**FORESTERS
SEEDLING NURSERIES
CONE COLLECTION & PROCESSING
FOREIGN & DOMESTIC SEED & SEEDLING SALES**

SILVASEED.COM | (253) 843-2246 | INQUIRIES@SILVASEED.COM

Life isn't about waiting for the thunderstorm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.
Anonymous

Washington County Master Gardeners Classes Offerings

Free In Person Class: **Growing Herbs in Your NW Garden, Thursday, June 16th, 10 a.m. to noon** Location: Washington County Master Gardener Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate, 8005 SW Grabhorn Rd, Beaverton, OR 97007. Pre-registration not required.

Free In-Person Family Event **Bees In Your Garden**
Date Saturday, June 25, 2022, 10 a.m. – noon
Registration Required:
<http://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org>.
PCC Rock Creek, Bldg. 4 & WCMGA Education Garden.

Whatever you need to know



Gail and Gordon Culbertson (2019 Oregon Tree Farmers of the Year) working with Lauren Grand (center), OSU Forestry Extension Agent

Keep your forest healthy • Improve wildlife habitat
Reduce wildfire risk • Learn about certification

Find it at KnowYourForest.org

All the resources and assistance to manage your forestlands are in one easy to access location that is regularly updated.

- Search by County for local resources
- Find educational materials in the Learning Library
- Refer to forest practice laws
- Register for classes



Land Surveying/Planning/Engineering/Water Rights/Forestry

Stuntzner

Engineering
& Forestry, LLC



TEL 503-357-5717
FAX 503-357-5698
2318-B Pacific Ave.
Forest Grove, OR
97116

Serving small timberland owners in Oregon since 1968
Timber Sale Management – Timber Cruising and Appraisal
Land Use Planning For Rural Parcels

Oregon Woodland Cooperative Annual Meeting - June 18th

Outdoor Event - Equipment Demonstrations

Call 503-357-2551 for more information



OSU Extension Podcasts Available

In the Woods is a podcast series hosted by OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension. Recent episodes include "Small Landowner Management" and "Mass Timber" with Scott Leavengood. Listen at <https://inthewoodspodcast.com/episodes/>



Bighorn Logging

**OREGON
PROFESSIONAL
LOGGER SINCE 1996**

Bighorn Logging brings modern equipment & 37 yrs. of experience to your next timber project.

**We Harvest for the
Next Generation**



13820 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106
Phone: 503-324-2422
www.bighornlogging.com
Facebook.com/bighornlogging

Proud Member & Supporter of
the #TimberUnity Movement

**LOGGING
SERVICES**

- Timber Cruising/
Unit Layout
- Drone Cable
Logging Layout
- Log Marketing
- Free Project
Estimates
- Cutting &
Processing
- Shovel & Yarder
Logging



Foresters for the Birds (continued from page 1)

Oregon began developing its own Foresters for the Birds program about 2½ years ago with the theme of “How to keep common birds common.” 12 bird species in Western Oregon were chosen associated across different habitats including oak woodlands, Douglas-fir, Western Hemlock, and Western Red Cedar woodlands. The program for eastern Oregon with its own unique habitats will be addressed separately.

The 12 Focal Bird Species in Western Oregon are: Pileated Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, Varied Thrush, Pacific Slope Flycatcher, Pacific Wren, Hermit Warbler, Wilson’s Warbler, Acorn Woodpecker, Rufous Hummingbird, Swainson’s Thrush, Band-Tailed Pigeon, Black-headed Grosbeak.

Each species is described with suggestions for how to support them with trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants through active management. The guide will be published in late June, 2022. Workshops and materials will be offered for foresters, landowners and loggers. WCSWA members will be kept advised.

More on Alex Gorman – New Extension Agent for Washington, Columbia and Yamhill Counties



We introduced Alex to you in the May Forest Forum. However, Susan Watkins from Yamhill County had a chance to talk to him one-on-one and was willing to share further information with us. *Thank you, Susan. (See entire interview in Yamhill Co. newsletter)*

Alex’s forestry philosophy includes both traditional forestry and planning for climate change. A favorite story involves an annual visit to a family camping site. The road to their camp passed a stand that had recently been thinned. His mom was alarmed, but Alex was elated, knowing the work would improve the remaining trees.

Though Alex enjoyed his industrial forest work, he missed the social interactions his new Extension work will require. He is eager to jump into conversations with landowners. His goal, he says, is to “meet landowners

where they are," to help us identify and achieve our goals. Alex has deep ties to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. His brother lives in Albany, and other family and friends are scattered about the region.



Partnering with small and industrial forestland owners for more than 75 years.
We buy logs, standing timber & timberland in NW Oregon & SW Washington.

OUR FORESTERS/LOG BUYERS

<p>JEFF CLEVINGER</p> <p>503-365-8400 office 503-931-7651 cell</p> <p>WILLAMINA 1000 Willamina Creek Rd. Willamina, OR 97396 Desired Species: Douglas fir</p>	<p>DAVE KUNERT</p> <p>503-815-6321 office 503-931-3143 cell</p> <p>Tillamook 3111 Third St. Tillamook, OR 97141 Desired Species: White woods Warrenton</p>	<p>TYLER ROBBINS</p> <p>503-324-2681 office 503-728-8192 cell</p> <p>BANKS 13662 NW Commerce St. Banks, OR 97106 Desired species: Douglas fir</p>
---	---	---

TFOY Tour continued from page 1

Things you will see:

- Walking trails for family, friends and meditation
- Thinning in various age stands
- History of land use and conversion to forestry from previous farm uses
- Historic outbuildings, maintenance and reconstruction to last the next 50 years
- Sharing with children forest lessons about silviculture, habitat and peace of mind

Raffle: A quilted art piece crafted by Connie Gaebel will be offered as a fund raiser for scholarships.

RSVP to:

obnancy@gmail.com. Space is limited to 50 people, so RSVP now

It's Time to Think About Seedlings – S

Plan to Come – It will be fun and informative

The seedling supply for the 2023 planting season looks to be in good shape. Reforestation reporting 61,000 plus D.F. seedlings transferred to the planting beds. With a normal survival rate in the high 90 percentile, we should have a good supply of seedlings for WCSWA members and a few available for non-members.

The Vernonia stock that we have used in past years, has been depleted at the ODF seed orchard. In anticipation of this occurring, Bob Shumaker and I spoke with the ODF geneticist, and with his recommendation we are now using seed from the Dallas seed zone, one zone to the south. With this seed zone, we have a seed that should provide some protection from the warmer summers that have occurred recently. The Dallas climate/seed zone is just slightly drier than the Vernonia seed zone.

5,000 Western Red Cedar have also been ordered. The WRC are known as "Hi-Terpene", a deer and elk browse resistant species that the nursery recommended in place of the straight run WRC that we have been purchasing.

This is just a friendly reminder to sharpen your tree planting shovels and Hodads as planting season is only 6 months away. 😊

submitted by Don Sohler, Seedling Chair

Good Wood Celebration

Join the **Build Local Alliance** on Thursday, June 16th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. for an in-person **Good Wood Celebration** - stories of local wood, grown, crafted and placed.

Hear inspiring stories of Pacific Northwest “Good Wood” from people working across the local wood chain, from forest to finish. Storytellers will include a forest owner, a millwork manager, a wood reclaimer, a sustainable wood distributor, an architectural design-builder, and a furniture maker.

The Celebration will also feature a story of natural building and ecological landscaping in urban Portland. Each has their own perspective to share on “What is Good Wood?”

Refreshments and pizza will be provided by the **Build Local Alliance**.

[Registration \(FREE\) is required.](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-wood-celebration-2022-tickets)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-wood-celebration-2022-tickets>

When: Thursday, June 16th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Where: Sustainable Northwest Wood warehouse - 2701 SE 14th Ave., Portland, OR



Greg Thompson 503-710-0545

EXCAVATION & BRUSH MOWING

Backyard Excavating BlackBerries

Driveway Grading Under Brush

Boulder Placement Small Trees to 6” dbh

Landscape Demolition Wetlands

www.Landshaperllc.com

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

ALTERNATIVES TO
CLEARCUTTING

WCSWA Member Passing

Linda South: Linda and her husband Don South have been long-time WCSWA members. The South family was awarded Tree Farmers of the Year in 1985. They were founding members of the Oregon Woodland Cooperative and received 50-year certification with American Tree Farm System

Don and Linda were married in 1973 and moved to North Plains in 1978 where they built and operated South Tree Farm. Linda had a 50-year nursing career and was also a life member of the Oregon Wild Sheep Foundation.

A Memorial Service was held June 4. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Linda's name to the Oregon Wild Sheep Foundation.



WHITE OAK
Natural Resource Services, LLC

Comprehensive
FORESTLAND MANAGEMENT
...to meet your ownership goals

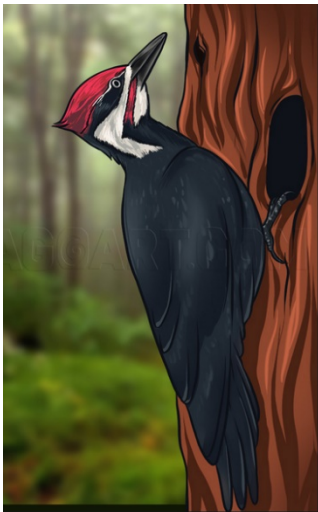
971-241-0268
whiteoaknrs@gmail.com
1904 Elm St, Suite 6, Forest Grove, OR 97116



North Plains & Longview

WANTED: Land & Timber, standing timber and pulp logs

Rob Vance – (360) 355-2817 Paul Hadaller – (360) 431-9661



BUYING OR SELLING TIMBERLAND?

You want to buy or sell with the confidence of knowing you will receive the best value on your transaction. We know timber management, and we know real estate. Call for a broker in your area today:

(541) 505-3377
www.nwforestproperties.com



Forests and wood: The path to a sustainable, negative-carbon world

From TREESOURCE, March 28, 2022 by David Atkins

Imagine stepping out of a **time machine** in June, 2050 — and finding yourself atop a 28-story, mass-timber building perched amidst a forest of high-rises on Chicago's South Side. This year, finally, the world has recorded a decrease in atmospheric CO₂. Such celebrations are under way worldwide. Climate-saving projects that prudently invested in forests and their products made this happen:

- The rapid increase in the number of mass timber buildings, bridges and other structures, from sustainably grown forests.
- The global expansion of forested acreage, now pull CO₂ out of the atmosphere— and provide a sustainable supply of wood
- The world's forest owners have received regular, reliable payments for carbon capture and storage.
- Many of these forests are also managed to restore biological diversity — while providing more wood for human use.
- In addition, new biochar production has led directly to the storage of gigatons of carbon-dioxide

The imagined future of tree-filled urban areas and diverse uses for carbon-storing wood and cellulose is nearer than you might believe. (re-thinkingthefuture.com)

Okay, Time Traveler. Now take a deep breath, relax and let yourself snap back to 2022. The roster of wood-related achievements that you've just encountered was NOT fantasy. Certainly not! All the requisite technologies exist today, although many have not yet penetrated consumer markets. As Michael Goergen, vice president of the U.S. Endowment for Forests and Communities, observes: "To bring new products into the market requires work on ... perception, legal, regulatory, financial and other aspects. ... It needs to do more than just help reduce carbon. It has to save money and improve performance."

The rapid increase in mass-timber structures over the past seven years has required coordinated efforts — to change building codes, to provide testing that’s capable of verifying the wood’s strength, and to test its durability during fires, or replications of stress and movement during earthquakes. To achieve the successes that mass-timber buildings have experienced in such a short time, partnerships were needed among NGOs, universities, industry associations, investors and governments at all levels.

The results of more than a decade of research and development of **cellulosic nanoparticles** and near nano-sized particles could now be on the verge of growth comparable to that experienced by mass timber. Three product lines have the potential:

- **No. 1:** Nanocrystals as an additive to concrete. A small amount of these particles added to concrete can reduce its carbon emissions by 15 to 50 percent, depending upon a variety of factors. Purdue University researchers reported that they can make a stronger bridge by using concrete infused with microscopic nanocrystals from wood. The researchers work with cellulose nanocrystals, byproducts generated by the paper, bioenergy, agriculture and pulp industries. (Purdue University) Not only that, but the use of nanoparticles reduces the wear and tear on concrete equipment used in construction and it can be pumped further. Separate research has shown the addition of biochar to concrete can also reduce carbon emissions and strengthen the “end product.” The potential synergy between these two additives has yet to be tested.
- **No. 2:** Wood nano-particles also could help reverse the bleaching of coral reefs. Chemicals used to create some sunscreens has been tied to the bleaching of coral, leading to bans on some (but not all) sun blockers. Researchers have discovered that nanocrystals can be formulated and used as a sunscreen or added to cosmetics to create a clear SPF 15 sunscreen without the deleterious effects on coral.
- **No. 3** use of cellulosic nanocrystals in tire manufacturing. The use of renewable wood cellulose in place of petrochemical additives could drastically change the carbon footprint of tires. Researchers have learned the addition also reduces the rolling resistance and weight of tires, thereby increasing the vehicle’s miles per gallon – or per charge. Goergen expects the “wooden tires” will soon be used in high-performance markets like Formula One and Tour de France.

Biochar is one of many forest products being researched for environmental and commercial use. (USFS). Biochar can be used in a whole suite of products. Biochar can enhance agriculture and forest soil productivity by adding carbon to hold more moisture and nutrients in the soil. It can help reclaim mining sites, and can be used in water filtration systems and in the manufacture of bioplastics. Each process, in turn, creates renewable energy – called Biomass Energy Carbon Capture and Storage or BECCS.

Biochar is made from any type of biomass, whether wood residues from forest management or sawmilling to agricultural residues like rice and nut hulls or human or animal waste and more. It is converted to primarily carbon through pyrolysis, the heating of the biomass in the absence of oxygen or in a low-oxygen environment. The gases released are burned, ideally to produce energy and the carbon left behind is very resistant to decay. Therefore, the carbon is stored for many hundreds to 1,000-plus years.

Transparent Wood: One of the more recent research breakthroughs, West said, came out of the Forest Service’s partnership with the universities of Maryland and Colorado: namely, the manufacture of transparent wood that could replace glass. Compared to glass, the transparent wood is lighter, stronger, and more insulative. Also, it requires less energy to produce.

Now, for a moment, back to the future: The futuristic image of 2050 South Chicago included a city filled with trees, shrubs and green roofs. The 2021 Infrastructure Bill provides for the planting of millions more urban trees. In 2050, real-life residents – not just time travelers – could see the benefits of adaptive forest management that uses ecological, disturbance-based knowledge: Forests that are more resistant and resilient when confronting wildfires, drought, storms, insects and diseases. The U.S. and

the rest of the world could be growing more wood, storing more carbon, and maintaining habitat and watersheds that could thereby help buffer the effects of increasingly severe rain and flood events.

Saving Butte Falls Town Creates Community Forest as Wildfire Buffer

By JAN JACKSON For the Capital Press. May 23, 2022

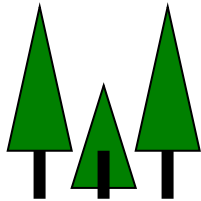
BUTTE FALLS, Ore. — Local members of the timber industry and fire crews worked around the clock to keep the Obenchain and Almeda fires from wiping out the town of Butte Falls, Oregon in September 2020. Now the 450 townspeople are working to prevent a repeat of those disastrous fires by creating a community forest as a buffer surrounding the town.

The 460-acre circle of timber around the town will be developed as a community forest. The plan is to manage the forest so its trees are spaced farther apart from one another with higher ladder fuels that can be "broadcast burned" without damaging the trees.

"The Oregon Department of Forestry has been incredible, we became an Oregon Solutions project, and (Gov. Kate Brown) came down and gave us her stamp of approval," Butte Falls Mayor Linda Spencer said. The town received a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service for the community forest, a \$700,000 grant from the Oregon Legislature and more money from other places.

The first contract was awarded in May. It will probably take at least five years to get there, but they have started. Contracts for the work are now being issued to many of those who worked to save the town two years ago.

Forest Forum



COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE
OREGON SMALL WOODLANDS
ASSOCIATION

**NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
HILLSBORO, OR
PERMIT NO. 54**

Potpourri

New Members: Welcome to new member **Mark Romreo** of North Plains.

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!