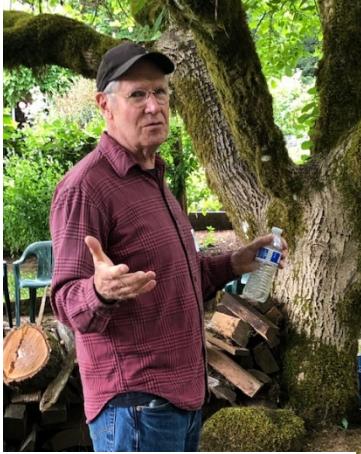


# Forest Forum

## Washington County Small Woodlands Association

August, 2022

### A Huge Thank You to Lee and Nancy O'Banion for a Delightful Tour



Lee O'Banion narrates Crow Hill Farm's History

On July 16, some 40 people attended the Tree Farmer of the Year Tour to honor the 2021 recipients, Lee and Nancy O'Banion at their tree farm in Gales Creek. They found their tree farm in 1975 when Lee, a teacher, drew a circle from Portland to rural areas and applied to the school districts at the edge of the circle. Forest Grove School District was the first to offer Lee a job. They found their dream property soon after. It was a fixer-upper and they went to work. They describe the property's history in their own words on page 10 along with pictures from the tour.



Nancy O'Banion

### August Field Tour: ODF Schroeder Seed Orchard



The August WCSWA tour will be on **Saturday, August 20th**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Schroeder Seed Orchard. The J.E. Schroeder Seed Orchard is located on a 400-acre agriculture site near St. Paul, in the heart of the Willamette Valley. The site had excellent terrain, soil, and climate for Schroeder's main business — production of tree seed.

The Seed Orchard is located at:

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**Don Kaczmarek**, ODF Forest Geneticist, will lead the tour. The seed orchard is a public/ private partnership which provides seed to State Forest districts, private industry, family forest, and federal government cooperators and stakeholders. The seed they provide is high-quality and adapted to local forest environments. Don will give us a presentation on the seed orchard and the associated seed bank. We will also get the opportunity to walk around the seed orchard, which will be in the process of being harvested, although the crews will probably not be picking on Saturday.

*Due to COVID there will not be any coordinated carpooling. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water for the outdoor portion of the tour. Children are welcome. The tour will likely last about 2 hours.*

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## **Event Calendar**

<b>August</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Tour of ODF JE Schroeder Seed Orchard</b>	St. Paul, OR. This is where we get our seeds to grow our seedlings. 9:30am. See page 1
<b>September</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting: Tribal Forestry</b>	30780 NW Highland Ct. North Plains, 7:00pm. Mike Wilson, speaker. See page 8
<b>October</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting: Meet Alex Gorman, our new OSU Extension Forester for Washington, Columbia and Yamhill Co.</b>	30780 NW Highland Ct. North Plains, 7:00pm. Meet Alex who will talk about his new job, the Emerald Ash Borer and Matteson Forest.

# Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

Have you ever seen a unicorn galloping through the forest? Maybe not literally but certainly many of us have seen figurative unicorns – those things that are unexpected and a little bit magical.

I saw a unicorn at the Tree Farmer of the Year tour at Lee and Nancy O'Banion's. It was in the form of the "Bunkhouse" – a structure quite distant from the main homestead and standing all alone in the forest awaiting human relaxation, reading, writing and maybe even an overnighter in the bunks inside.

This converted hay barn really was a special place. Thanks to the O'Banions for all the work they put in to host the TFOY tour and everyone that contributed by volunteering or participating in the tour.

Sometimes I get interesting reviews on the wood slices I sell on Etsy. Our Big Leaf Maple has some characteristics that make it desirable for pyrographers and painters. Kathryn from Colorado wrote "They are all nice, light-colored, well sanded, and there were no hard rings in the wood or spots where the resin soaked in (unicorn-level rare!)."

I really appreciate all the artists out there and enjoy supplying them high quality products. I recently joined the Oregon Woodland Cooperative (OWC) because their focus on making and marketing woodland products aligns with my interests. If you would like to learn more about OWC you can check them out at <https://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com/>

As always thanks to all the volunteers that make WCSWA work. Kathy Brock has jumped in to plan the Annual Banquet this year and is looking for helpers as mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter. If you have ever attended the banquet or any banquet you have all the skills needed to help put this together. Please contact Kathy and let her know you can help out.

Kathy is also leading a team to figure out how best to make investments in the community. At our last meeting, the board members agreed the primary objective of this committee would be to find ways to better help new landowners understand all the resources out there to help them manage their forestland. This will involve connecting with partner organizations that have similar objectives in educating new landowners. If you have ideas in this area and/or want to be on this committee let Kathy know.

OSWA's annual meeting and elections are coming 9/26 and there is a nominating committee discussing candidates for President Elect and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. If you are interested in being active at the state level or local level with our WCSWA Board let me know.

*Until next time continue to stay safe*

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## Annual Banquet Planning

It has been a long two years and we are happy to announce that plans are starting to formulate for our annual WCSWA Banquet we typically hold toward the end of November. We are looking for a few people to help bring the event to life including decorations, raffle items, registration. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Brock @ [Kathy.brock0964@comcast.net](mailto:Kathy.brock0964@comcast.net).

*"The land takes possession of us in several ways. It attracts the eye and captures the heart with its beauty; it teaches us the lessons of life in its natural metaphors; it enslaves us with its demands. But ultimately, we surrender our souls to the land, because it is abundant in response to our faith."*

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## **Emerald Ash Borer Sighted in Oregon: Be on the Lookout!**

FOREST GROVE, Ore – On June 30, Dominic Maze, an invasive species biologist for the City of Portland, was waiting outside a summer camp in Forest Grove to pick up his children when he noticed several ash trees in decline.

When he took a closer look, he recognized the distinctive D-shaped holes made by adult emerald ash borers, an invasive and destructive pest, as they exit an infested tree.

"When my kids arrived, I asked them to look for adult beetles," said Maze. "My son promptly found one crawling on him. Knowing how many millions of ash trees across the country these beetles have killed, I felt like I was going to throw up."

Maze's discovery of EAB in a parking lot in Forest Grove is the first known sighting on the West Coast. Maze was familiar with EAB and signs of it in ash trees through educational materials federal and state agencies have been providing to Portland and other Oregon cities. He immediately called the Oregon Department of Forestry's Forest Health Unit to report the EAB sighting.

ODF Forest Entomologist Christine Buhl drove to the site that same day and identified an adult EAB, known for their metallic, shiny green color. She then alerted the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Her identification was verified later by two additional invasive species specialists – Max Ragozzino with ODA and Wyatt Williams with ODF. (continued on page 8)



**Emerald Ash Borer: .3 to .5 inches long, slender with metallic olive to emerald green coloring**

State officials are asking the public to learn what an emerald ash borer looks like and to report any sightings online at the Oregon Invasive Species Council hotline. This will help the state know how far and how fast this destructive insect is spreading in Oregon.

The infested ash trees in Forest Grove were cut down and chipped within 48 hours of discovery. ODF and ODA are now working closely with industry partners, including urban foresters and nursery producers, to provide information and resources as Oregon launches a response to the discovery of EAB.

To report sightings of emerald ash borer please make a report online at the [Oregon Invasive Species Council](#) hotline. (see additional article on ODF response plan, page 9)



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### **Mike Wilson: Tribal Forestry**

**September 27 WCSWA Meeting, 7:00pm, 3078 NW Highland Court. North Plains**

Join us as our speaker, Mike Wilson, a Grand Ronde Tribal Member, covers the historical impact of laws, treaties, and land ownership that ultimately laid the groundwork for current land use laws. Mike is the former manager of the Natural Resources Division for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon is a federally recognized Tribe that includes over 30 Tribes and bands from western Oregon, northern California, and southwest Washington.

These include tribal bands from the Kalapuya. The Atfalati band of the Kalapuya Indians, who settled in the basin of the Tualatin Valley some 10,000 years ago, were the first peoples to call Washington County home. Historical records indicate they dwelt from villages at Wapato Lake in what is now Forest Grove to Chakeipi, or "Place of the Beaver," located in present day Beaverton.

Mike holds an Associate's Degree in Forest Technology from Lane Community College, a Bachelor's degree in Business and Environmental studies from Linfield College, and an MBA from George Fox. He has worked as a tree planter, timber cruiser, wildland firefighter and several other jobs in the woods.



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## ODF NEWS: The forest pest emerald ash borer is found in Oregon for first time; July 11, 2022

SALEM, Ore – The long-anticipated arrival in Oregon this summer of the destructive emerald ash borer sharpens concerns about the impacts to urban forests, wetlands and streams.

Wyatt Williams is the Oregon Department of Forestry's Invasive Species Specialist. He helped collaborate on the state's response plan to emerald ash borer (EAB), published in March 2021. And for the past couple years he has been managing a federal grant to try and save the gene pool of the state's only native ash species ahead of a pest that could wipe it out.

Since it was first found in the Detroit, Michigan area back in 2002, EAB has become the most destructive and costliest forest pest ever to invade North America,” said Williams. “This little insect (it is only half an inch long and an eighth of an inch wide) has spread to 35 states and five Canadian provinces, killing up to 99 percent of their ash trees in some locations.

Within a decade of EAB’s arrival in an area, most ash trees will be dead or dying. The concern in Oregon is for Oregon ash because of the important ecological role it plays along streams and in wetlands.

Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) is a deciduous hardwood tree found most commonly in wetlands and along streams. “It’s an ecologically vital tree as it shades water, keeping it cooler for fish. The roots stabilize streambanks, reducing erosion. And lots of animals, birds and insects eat the seeds and leaves. Losing it will likely have a huge impact on those ecosystems,” Williams explained.

“ODF has used the advance notice that EAB was heading west to gather up seed from throughout Oregon ash’s range in the state,” said Williams. “The first goal is to try and preserve as much of the tree’s genetic diversity as we can before it is lost. The U.S. Forest Service’s Dorena Genetics Resource Center in Cottage Grove stores the ash seeds and is sharing them with researchers. The researchers will test for any resistance to EAB hoping to breed resistance into local strains and replant streambanks.”

For more information about impacts of EAB to Oregon’s urban forests and the risks to native ash trees please visit ODF’s [Forest Health](#) page.

## TFOY Tour History and Highlights (continued from page 1)

"Our 40-acre farm was settled in 1904 by a Scandinavian immigrant who supported himself by growing and drying prunes. He farmed with horses and made hay with a scythe. Our buildings (a dozen) are all made with hand tools and lumber from our property. He lived here for 70 years. We purchased the farm in 1975, and after raising animals for several years began converting it to a tree farm, planting about 10,000 seedlings. We have done both pre-commercial and commercial thinning. It has given us firewood, garden vegetables, water, fruit, the occasional deer and elk, two healthy sons and kept us busy for nearly 50 years."



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Tree Talk, no doubt



Rick Zenn (left), OSWA Executive Director, enjoyed the tour, too



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This shed has been remodeled into a magical place

## Tips for a new Code of the West

By Dave Marston, published with permission

It's not always easy living in the rural West, with customs so entrenched that everybody takes them for granted. What makes it hard for the newest newcomers is that they're caught up in a mysterious culture. Learning the Old West code was easy decades ago. Novelist Zane Gray's "Code of the West" told men to wear a hat only outdoors, to never wave but nod at someone on horseback, and to treat women with chivalry. You — and you were always presumed to be male — were also advised to take your gun belt off before sitting down to eat.

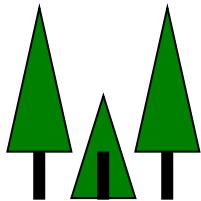
But here we are in 2022, and to make the urban-rural transition easier, I've collected 10 tips guaranteed to ease you into your new life. But first, know that you will *never* become an old-timer, although with patience you might become what Western historian Hal Rothman dubbed a "neo-native." Here's hoping this helps:

1. Always wave at neighbors when you see them and make eye contact with everyone who passes you, either in a car or on foot. This is not a challenge; it means you're neighborly. And be cordial to everyone you see at the post office because you will see them everywhere. You may even see their dual personas, as many locals must work two or even three jobs to pay the rent.
2. Never go for a long hike with new boots. Take enough water and food for yourself and to share. Bring a rain jacket and sweater and waterproof matches. The saying "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes," is dead-on accurate. And when someone on a hike assures you that "it's all downhill," it's only partially uphill. "A little technical" means the mountain has hair-raising sections, while "just around the corner" means the end of the trail is not.
3. Realize that nobody is more important than anybody else. Rich and poor may sport raggedy clothes. Notable figures in town are probably dogs; learn their names.
4. Know that it's considered rude to insult a person's dog, but if it comes on your land and harasses your cattle, you can shoot the dog. If your dog chases wildlife, you're in for a big fine and maybe worse.
5. Flashing your headlights to oncoming cars is good form if there's a hazard ahead, usually a deer, or perhaps a deputy sheriff trolling for speeders.
6. Notice that law enforcement people are not the only people carrying guns, and a gun on the hip doesn't necessarily indicate political party.
7. Always stop to help people on a trail or road because federal agencies are spread too thin for fast rescues. Locals would stop to help you, even if your hat logo fails to reflect their politics.
8. You might be bored senseless, but you will learn what local public service is all about if you sample meetings from school board to county commission. And immediately volunteer at a nonprofit or two, while also subscribing to your local paper if you're lucky enough to have one.
9. Clean jeans are considered dress-up.
10. Forego saying you're pretty good at something unless you have a death wish. For example, in Durango, Flagstaff or Jackson, saying you're a "good" mountain biker or skier is an invitation to be politely left behind at midday.

Bonus tip: If you think about buying a house next to a yard full of old farm implements, don't be tempted. That yard collection is permanent. Complaining, however, rarely works in the rural place you've adopted. A painful lesson might be that like it or not, you can only change yourself. Wagon wheels are always a safe decoration.

*Dave Marston is publisher of Writers on the Range, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He grew up in rural Colorado.*

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