

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

**December, 2022**



**Jamieson Family, (left to right), Andrew, Michael, Lillian, Marian, Patricia**

exchange and consolidate timber land in his area and has collected deep history and fascinating stories about the ground where he now grows trees.

He is an enthusiastic champion of strategic financial planning around growing timber. Short of offering personal tax advice, Mike's wisdom includes information about tax decisions that can make a big difference for small forestland owners. He is eager to share tools and hard-to-find public information we all can use.

Mike's farm (and others) are featured on an OFRI YouTube project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwpBwpwsRNM>

The Jamieson family will hold a tour and picnic on one of their properties this summer at a date to be announced soon. There we will learn first-hand from the wisdom Mike has garnered over the years.

### **Jamieson Family Tree Farm named 2022 Tree Farmer of the Year for Washington County.**

In 1993, Mike Jamieson was awarded the honor of Washington County Small Woodlands Association Tree Farmer of the Year as an individual.

Since then, Mike has added family, more land and experience to earn the title of **Jamieson Family Tree Farmer of the Year for 2022.**

The beautiful wooden engraved sign was presented to the family on November 19 during the WCSWA Banquet at Embassy Suites in Hillsboro.

Mike has a long history of research, trial, and error around thinning, invasives, and other management concepts. He has been a sharing, active member helping new and "veteran" family forest owners for decades.

Mike has entertaining stories to tell about his successful efforts to creatively purchase,

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**The Tree Farm Tradin’ Post**

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**Event Calendar**

<b>December</b>		<b>No event</b>	We always take a break in December
<b>January</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Tualatin Basin Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment and Preparedness Plan</b>	30780 NW Highland Ct. North Plains, 7:00pm. Brandy Saffell, the forest conservation specialist with the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District will present. See page 8.
<b>February</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Beavers, a Dam, and eDNA</b>	30780 NW Highland Ct. North Plains, 7:00pm. Tualatin River Watershed Council presentation.
<b>March</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Native Plant Sale</b>	30780 NW Highland Ct., North Plains, 9:00 – 3:00. See pg. 4

# Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

It was great to get together again see everyone at the Annual Banquet and meeting. Much appreciation to Kathy Brock for all her work making it happen including selecting the site, table décor, menu, survey, party favors and all the rest. Also thanks to Mary Spiering for showing picture highlights of the year and sourcing and raffling the prizes and to all the prize donors and event volunteers. The highlight of the night was guest speaker Grant McOmie with videographer Jeff Kastner who found a way to connect to everyone through personal stories and behind the scenes Grant's Getaways video.

Congratulations to Mike Jamieson, 2022 WCSWA Tree Farmer of the year – we look forward to getting together next summer for a tour and I'm sure there will be a lot to learn from all Mike's experience. We thank outgoing board members Susan Schmidlin and Tony Spiering for their 6-year run on the WCSWA board and welcome new board members Dave Rabon and Jonathan Ciampi.

At the Annual meeting you elected the following officers and board members:

President: Vic Herinckx (1-year term)  
Vice President: Barrett Brown (1-year term)  
Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Shumaker (1 year term)  
Board of Directors Position #3: Dave Rabon (3-year term)  
Board of Directors Position #4: Jonathan Ciampi (3-year term)

A survey was available at the annual meeting to collect feedback and suggestions and to start a list of areas where members might want to volunteer in the future. The feedback was limited but all positive! If you didn't make the meeting but would like give feedback or let us know you're interested in a committee or helping at an event, send me an email at [vic.herinckx@gmail.com](mailto:vic.herinckx@gmail.com) or give me or any of the board members a call.

Wishing everyone safe and happy holidays!

*Until next time continue to stay safe!*



## Meet Dave Rabon, newly elected WCSWA Board Member

David "Dave" Rabon is a retired Building Maintenance Supervisor. After 43 years of caring for and operating commercial office buildings, he is ready to focus on his forest. Dave grew up in the Banks (Hayward), Oregon area. He graduated from Banks High School and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Era. He currently lives in Hillsboro with his wife, Leslie. Dave is active on his Church's maintenance team and enjoys backyard beekeeping, gardening, reading and occasionally brewing a batch of beer. Dave is looking forward to serving on the WCSWA board and discovering which of his talents might best serve the group.

## Meet Jonathan Ciampi, newly elected WCSWA Board Member



Jonathan, his wife Liz, and their two children moved to their tree farm in Washington County about five years ago. The first order of business was to replant 1/4th of the property that had been clearcut by the previous owners. The replanting was a great success and a learning experience thanks to several OSWA members who offered their advice. They look forward to meeting more members and appreciate the opportunity to serve our community.

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# 10 Big Facts About Turkeys

By mentalfloss .com Nov 15, 2017 | Updated: Nov 14, 2022, 3:44 PM EST

## 1. Turkeys (the birds) were named after Turkey (the country).

The turkey is a North American bird, but it shares its name with a country in Asia. Turkish traders had been importing African guinea fowl to Europe for some time when North American explorers started shipping *Meleagris gallopavo* back to the Old World. The American birds looked kind of like the African turkey-cocks, and so Europeans called them *turkeys*.



## 2. Turkeys nearly went extinct.

By the early 20th century, hunting and habitat destruction had turkey population at just 30,000 birds. Conservationists helped the turkey comeback to where it's a nuisance in some parts of the country.

## 3. Turkeys have two stomachs.

Like all birds, turkeys don't have teeth, so they've got to enlist some extra help to break down their food. Each swallowed mouthful goes first into a chamber called a *proventriculus*, which uses stomach acid to start softening the food. From there, food travels to the *gizzard*, where muscles grind it into smaller pieces.

## 4. Female turkeys don't gobble.

Turkeys of both sexes purr, whistle, cackle, and yelp, but only the males gobble. A gobble is the male turkey's version of a lion's roar, announcing his presence to females and warning his rivals to stay away.

## 5. Turkeys sleep in trees.

Turkeys have many natural predators, including coyotes, raccoons, eagles, and owls. As the sun goes down, the turkeys go up—into the trees. They start by flying onto a low branch, then clumsily hop their way upward, branch by branch, until they reach a safe height.

## 6. Both male and female turkeys have wattles.

The wattle is the red dangly skin under the turkey's chin. The red skin on top of the beak is called a *snood*. Both sexes have both. Females prefer mates with longer snoods, perhaps indicating health and good genes.

## 7. Turkeys have excellent vision.

Turkey eyes are *really, really sharp*. On top of that, they have great peripheral vision. Human vision ranges about 180 degrees from left to right, but given the placement of their eyes on the sides of their heads, turkeys can see 270 degrees from left to right. They have better color vision and can see ultraviolet light.

## 8. Turkeys are fast when they need to be.

Perhaps you wouldn't guess it by looking at them, but turkeys can really book it when they need to. On land, a running turkey can reach a speed of up to 25 mph. Turkeys can also fly 40 to 50 mph for short distances.

## 9. Turkeys are smart birds.

Turkeys can recognize each other by sound, and they can visualize a map of their territory. They can also plan ahead and recognize patterns. But in other ways, they may seem a little less sharp: Male turkeys will attack anything that looks remotely like a threat, including their own reflections in windows and car doors.

## 10. You can prevent turkey attacks.

Spring is mating season for wild turkeys, and to win over females, male turkeys will try to dominate anything that moves. And a belligerent turkey can be dangerous. Wildlife biologists advise those who find themselves in close quarters with an aggressive turkey to make themselves appear large and imposing to avert attack.



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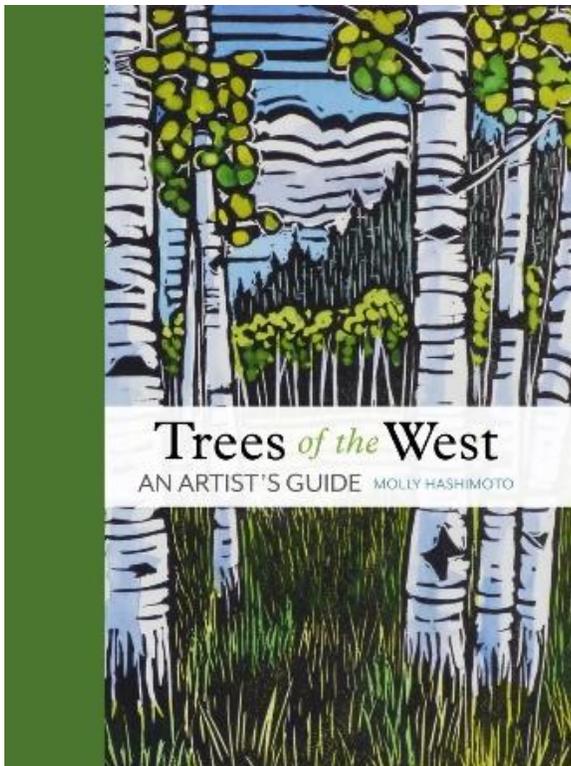


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Artist Molly Hashimoto has appreciated trees all her life—they have shaped her as a hiker, outdoors lover, gardener, traveler, and artist. She pays homage to them through her art, working in many different media, each revealing different aspects of these stalwart companions: crisp lines, imposing silhouettes, and the subtle—or sometimes brilliant—hues of foliage. Hashimoto also delves into the process of creating art, discussing the mediums she used in the featured pieces and the reasons she chose them, as well as sidebars with tips and techniques.

As in her popular *Colors of the West* and *Birds of the West*, Hashimoto emphasizes her personal experiences with nature, telling stories about her encounters with trees everywhere from her backyard to national parks and forests throughout the West. She focuses primarily on native trees, rather than cultivars, with a special interest in 46 major species found across the region, ranging from the stately Coast redwoods to the diminutive but distinctive Fishhook Barrel Cactus.

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**WCSWA January 24 Program  
Tualatin Basin Quantitative  
Wildfire Risk Assessment  
and Preparedness Plan**

Please join us on Tuesday, January 24 at 7pm in North Plains for our first meeting of 2023.

**Brandy Saffell**, the forest conservation specialist with the **Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District**, will help us kick off the new year with a presentation on the Tualatin Basin Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment and Preparedness Plan.

This project is a joint effort between Tualatin SWCD, Clean Water Services, Tualatin River Watershed Council, the Joint Water Commission, and OSU Extension.

The partners completed the hazard and risk assessment report in 2021, and continue to develop a preparedness and response plan with a focus on protecting water quality and increasing forest resilience.

Brandy will provide background on how this project came about, give us an update on the status of the project, and share some insights on how this study and the associated findings might help small woodland owners and managers understand wildfire risk and prepare for wildfire in Washington County.



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## Fact sheets detail new forest regulations

To help small forestland owners understand upcoming changes to Oregon's forest practices regulations as a result of the Private Forest Accord agreement between the timber industry and conservation groups, OFRI created a new set of fact sheets.

The three fact sheets explain the significance of the Accord, related changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and plans for the state to seek a Habitat Conservation Plan for private forests. Order at [OregonForests.org](http://OregonForests.org)

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## WCSWA Annual Banquet A Huge Success

It felt so good to get together after a two-year hiatus. Our speaker, Grant McOmie, regaled us with outdoor tales and excerpts from "Grant's Getaways." Food, friends, raffle items and door prizes added to the fun. We thank the volunteers that made this happen and the following for donating items.

**Vic Herinckx:** Sunriver weekend

**Shumaker Vineyards:** 4-variety-pack wine & logo items

**Connie Gaebel:** Quilt, wall hanging

**Rich Gaebel:** Wood duck nesting box

**Melinda Fischer:** Handmade wreath

**Jacto North America:** Backpack sprayers & logo hats

**Delilah Ahrendt:** Essential oils and facial toner

**Norie & Don Dimeo-Ediger:** Hand carved bowl, bracelet

**WCSWA:** OSWA sign

**Northwest Hardwoods:** Stihl helmet, oil, suspenders, cap

**Anne and Richard Hanschu:** Foam cannon

**Banks Hardware:** 6-pack oil, chainsaw sharpening guide

**Bighorn Logging:** Ball cap

**Gordon and Candii Dana:** Special garlic

**Hampton Lumber:** Ball-cap, T-shirt

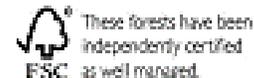


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**2022 WCSWA Banquet, November 19, 2022**  
**Speaker, Grant McOmie, A great time was had by all**



**90 people enjoy good friends, food, and prizes**



**Tom Nygren receives award for 22+ years as Forest Forum editor**



**Mary and Tony Spiering awarded "Volunteers of the Year" for 2022**



**Mike Pihl and friend all dressed up**



**Grant McOmie and Scott Russell comparing notes**

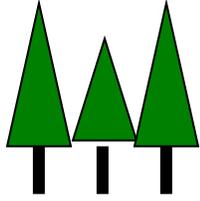


**Happy hard hat winner!**



**Vic Herinckx, WCSWA President with Kathy Brock, banquet chair**

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### Stay Up-to-date on the Forest Practices Act Requirements

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[NFPA - Preparing homes for wildfire](#) (Home Ignition Zone)

[Defensible Space - Ready for Wildfire](#) (Defensible Space)

Firewise Landscaping Checklist: [checklists \(oregon.gov\)](https://checklists.oregon.gov)

[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](#)

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