

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

**April 2023**

### **WCSWA Monthly Meeting, April 25, 7:00pm, North Plains Oregon Department of Forestry Update**



**Mike Cafferata**

Please plan on joining us for our April meeting which will take place at 7pm on April 25 at "The Hub" in North Plains (30780 NW Highland Court).

Our featured speaker will be Mike Cafferata, Forest Grove District Forester for the Oregon Department of Forestry. Mike will provide an update on implementation of the Private Forest Accord, which includes Forest Practices Act rule changes along with the creation of a small forestland owner assistance office by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

This is a great opportunity to better understand potential changes that might be coming our way so bring your questions on the Private Forest Accord.

A summary of fire season activities from last summer, an update on the Salmonberry Trail as well as personnel updates at ODF are all topics likely to be touched on by our knowledgeable, engaging and entertaining ODF District Forester. You won't want to miss this meeting.

### **2023 WCSWA Monthly Programs**

<b>April</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>ODF Update</b>	30780 NW Highland Ct., North Plains, Mike Cafferata, 7:00pm
<b>May</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Gardenfest Plant Sale</b>	Master Gardener's Plant Sale 9:00am – 4:00pm See page 4
	<b>20</b>	<b>Forestry for the Birds – Western Oregon:</b>	8:30-12:00 noon, Registration required, see page 5
	<b>23</b>	<b>Annual Potluck</b>	Jackson Bottom Learning Center Julie Woodward, OFRI Director of Forestry
<b>June</b>	<b>22-24</b>	<b>OSWA Annual Meeting</b>	Estacada High School/ Lodging, camping in Sandy
<b>July</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TFOY Tour</b>	Jamieson Family Tree Farm. SAVE THE DATE!

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## Yes, our Native Plant and Tree Sale volunteers did a SUPERLATIVE job. WCSWA THANKS YOU ALL SO MUCH

The 2023 Native Plant Sale was held on March 11<sup>th</sup> and once again achieved better than average net profits! Sixty-nine volunteers over 3 days made this all-volunteer event a success.

Friendships were formed, plants met happy new homes, funds were earned.

Co-operation, ability, flexibility--everything and everyone contributed beautifully.

Customers raved about "how helpful and knowledgeable the volunteers were," which we know leads to return customers. While many of the nearly 270 attendees said they are familiar with our sale and try to come every year, most others heard about the sale by word-of-mouth or through our advertising.

We are always looking for volunteers, either on the committee or during the event. It's a great way to stay in touch with other WCSWA members and meet new people. The Plant Sale Committee thanks the many volunteers who made this year's sale a success. "The WCSWA members are such a great group of people, and the Native Plant Sale is a great way to engage," said Committee Chair, Bernadette Strand. If you are interested in volunteering at the sale, or as a member of the Native Plant Sale Committee, please contact Beth Adams @ [NORDBERG@AOL.COM](mailto:NORDBERG@AOL.COM).

Your WCSWA Native Plant and Tree Sale Committee: Bernadette Strand, Chair, Mary Spiering, Kathy Brock, Beth Adams

# Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

Great to see everyone at the Native Plant Sale on March 11. All the advance planning by the plant sale team and event volunteers contributed to a successful sale and positive experience for everyone that came to buy. We have many repeat buyers at the annual sale, and the line to get in started forming about an hour before the doors opened!

We are now owners of a new trailer for the plant sale, and everything is stored away safe and dry. Other than being new and shiny, my favorite thing about the trailer is being able to walk into it without ducking. The main access has about 6'4" clearance and the interior is over 7' in height.

Along with the new trailer we need to say goodbye to the old one. The board will discuss options at the next board meeting in April, but the most likely path will be to auction it to a WCSWA member. If you are interested, keep an eye out for an email with more details.

We still have a lot of members that haven't renewed this year and time is running short. Whether you are an active member or not, your membership dues are very valuable and help OSWA support our chapter by maintaining our membership roster, contributing to education events like TFOY, collaborating with partner organizations and developing and supporting legislative priorities. If you have been putting off renewing your membership, now is the time.

**Until next time, continue to stay safe!**

## 2023 Plant Sale Pictures



**Bernadette helping volunteers with initial set-up**



**Plants carefully arranged for buyers**



**Eager customers lined up early**



**Buyers visiting as well as buying**



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**Photo of a brown creeper on a tree trunk, by Mick Thompson**

## Forestry for the Birds: A Workshop for Forestland Caretakers

May 20, 2023, **Limited to 30 attendees**, Register at [foreststewardsguild.org](http://foreststewardsguild.org). Click on Attend an Event, scroll down to May 20 and fill out registration form. Free to OSWA members. 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Forest Grove, OR (off Hwy 6). *The event address will be shared after registration.*

Join us and wildlife biologist Nicole Ruggiero from the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District and forester Scott Hayes (retired) from Oregon Department of Forestry who will help demonstrate the *Forestry for the Birds, Western Oregon Guide* and identify birds and habitat preferences.

This *Guide* was developed to assist woodland caretakers including landowners, loggers, foresters, natural resource managers, or practitioners, to identify, assess, and support a healthy forest with birds in mind. We will review the guide while walking through various habitats and forest stages. Learn more about the focal birds within the *Guide*, bird habitat preferences, identifying understory plants, and forest structure and variability that make appealing habitat for different bird species.

We look forward to meeting you, hearing about your management goals and efforts, and your wildlife and bird observations! Please bring your stories, curiosity, and binoculars if you have them. We will have coffee and cake for the early birds!





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WCWSA will have their annual potluck on May 23 at Jackson Bottom Wetland preserve in the Main Building, Julie Woodward will be the speaker.

Julie Woodward is the Director of Forestry for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI). Julie oversees OFRI's landowner education program and serves as lead forester. Julie has been professionally engaged in Oregon's forest sector for over 25 years, including teaching and communicating to a variety of public, landowner and forest sector audiences. Julie holds bachelor's degrees in forest management and business administration, and a master's degree in natural resources education and extension, from Oregon State University.

Look for further information in the May Forest Forum.





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### April 19, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

In person: Starker Forests Classroom, Peavy Forest Science Center Room 117

Lecture: Innovations in Silviculture and Forest Management in a Changing World. Technological, social, economic and climatic changes require innovations in forests management. In this lecture, Dr. Tom Fox will present an overview of current and future innovations in silviculture, including the use of technological improvements, as well as economic, social and ecological considerations.

### May 31, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

In person: Starker Forests Classroom, Peavy Forest Science Center Room 117

Lecture: Social Innovations to Meet Societal Challenges

Speakers: Michelle Medley-Daniel, Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Director, and Dr. Mindy Crandall, OSU, Assistant Professor in Forest Policy.

Mitigating climate change impacts, wildfire risks and improving rural livelihoods are some of today's most urgent challenges. To meet these challenges a large number of society and community members need to agree to engage and act collectively.

Video archives of previous lectures are available at [www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/starker-lectures/former-lectures](http://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/starker-lectures/former-lectures)





## Wilson Forest Lands

*By Bonnie Shumaker*

Bob and I recently discovered and are enjoying this YouTube channel. Wilson has woodland property somewhere in Southern Oregon, a Wood-Miser sawmill, lots of experience and a great sense of humor. You can check it out at:

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### Log, Pole and Pulp Buyers Panel Discussion- March 28 WCSWA meeting

**Josh Miller** represented NW Hardwoods. The market is soft now and they are not taking maple. There is a market for alder, domestically and in Mexico. There is no Asian market now. The alder market grades go from furniture and cabinets down to painting grades, internal furniture structure to pallets. Prices are down 20-25% from last summer's peak.

**Paul Hadaller** represented PacFibre and the market for pulp. The North Plains mill was built in 1987. Its purpose was to feed paper mills. There used to be nine to eleven area paper mills, now there are two. PacFibre stopped purchasing pulp logs six weeks ago. Things need to change or find new markets.

**Mike Luttrell** represented Bell Timber. The pole market is strong, and they are ramping up production. 99% go east of the Rockies where they look for bigger poles with a minimum 12" butt, 36' or longer. Ideal taper is one inch in ten feet. Mike notes there is volatility in this market. It will take three years to build up to production levels and then prices will level off.

**Tyler Robbins** represented Hampton Lumber and discussed sawlog prices. Prices are down 20-25% from the high prices of the last 3-4 years, but still good. Seasonally, prices are not as good in summer. Prices depend on your location, number of loads and freshness. Housing starts are a good predictor and are increasing. Tyler says, "We like 'em big, we like 'em small, we like 'em all."



## Don't Be A Sap

By Dave Rabon, WCSWA Board Member



There has been a good deal of buzz the last few years about collecting bigleaf maple sap and cooking it down into syrup, a process called “Sugaring.” I had read about the Oregon Maple Project and their efforts to promote the bigleaf maple and the syrup that could be made from its sap. I liked the fact that tapping does not hurt the trees and is a sustainable practice, treating the bigleaf maple as a resource in a diverse forest rather than a forest weed.

The flavor of the syrup is described as having a complex woody character with hints of vanilla bean, caramel and a light smokiness. Some say it has the flavor of butterscotch toffee with an underlying earthiness from the minerals in the sap. This forest owner was intrigued and decided to give it a try; after all, how hard could it be? After many hours of watching YouTube videos, reading articles by the OSU Extension Service and a very good website, [ravensroots.org](http://ravensroots.org), I felt confident I could do this.

I jumped on the “net” to my favorite online retailer and ordered a sugaring kit that came with a 7/16ths drill bit, spiles (taps) and sap collection bags, everything I needed to start my adventure. Maples can be tapped any time after the leaves have fallen in November

and sap can be collected until bud break in early spring. While waiting for the leaves to fall, I scoped out some bigleaf maples close to a forest road on my place. I'm into easy and lugging 5-gallon buckets of sap through the undergrowth just didn't sound like my idea of fun.

Tapping day finally arrived in early December. A cold, dreary day in Cedar Canyon, with a haunting mist drifting through the trees, I made my first tap. Armed with a battery powered drill I bored into the south side of the trunk 2-2 ½ inches at a slight upward angle, tapped the spile into the hole and hung the collection bag. Ten more trees followed. Is this easy or what? With visions of thick caramel syrup made from my own trees, I headed home.

After the first cold snap I drove out to my forest with containers to hold 20 gallons of sap, enough to process down into a quart of syrup, as it takes 40 parts sap to make 1 part syrup. To my surprise the collection bags were empty! How could this be? The nights had been below freezing and the daytime high temps were in the low 40's, the sap was supposed to flow! I have checked weekly since then and have never collected more than a quart of sap per visit. Ever hopeful I will leave the bags on until the trees start to bud later this month.

What could have gone wrong? Did I drill incorrectly or too early in the season? Did the summer droughts of the past 2 summers or the third year of La Nina winters affect sap flow? In the coming months I will ponder what I may have done wrong and be ready again next winter. In the meantime, I guess maple syrup from Vermont will have to suffice.

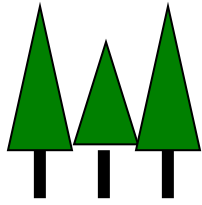


After further reading, it seems nights below freezing with sunny days below 45 degrees gets the sap moving up and down. Our winter had some periods of correct temperatures but no sunny days.

Steve Harrell told me that he talked to a number of people who've also not gotten sap this year. I'm leaving the bags on until the trees leaf out. The sap has to flow up eventually.



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**REMINDER:** If you intend to use power-driven machinery this year, please submit your application through the FERNs (Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System) website of Oregon Department of Forestry@ <http://ferns.odf.oregon.gov>, Once on the website, first create your account. Then click on “NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)” and apply. The Oregon Forest Practices Act (FPA) requires forest landowners and operators to notify the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) of operations at least 15 days before they begin forest operations. If you have questions or need help with the website, please call your ODF local office; (Forest Grove office 503-357-2191). They are wanting and willing to help.

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Firewise Landscaping Checklist: [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](#)

### Helpful Links:

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