

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

**January 2024**

### **Funding Focus of our January Meeting**

Our January meeting will be a chance to get updated information from our funding partners. The presenters will outline resources for financing projects on your property. These resources can be instrumental to your efforts to be a good steward for your woodland. A panel of speakers will discuss programs they have which may meet your needs:

USDA Natural Resource Conservation (NRCS): Jessica Wells, District Conservationist. Jessica will present several cost reimbursement opportunities that NRCS has to offer. On forest land they all start with a Forest Management Plan. If you don't have one or yours isn't up to date, they are currently taking signups (Application Cut Off – 1/29/2024) to hire a Technical Service Provider (TSP) to write a plan for your property that meets your goals and objectives. They also have opportunities for implementation of practices recommended in plans.

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD): Brandy Saffell, Forest Conservation Specialist. Brandy will describe the Tualatin SWCD Forest Financial Assistance Program, which shares costs on landowner-led projects that increase forest resilience like young stand thinning, oak release, and fuel reduction. She will also briefly cover a few grant opportunities for local organizations like WCSWA.

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD): Bethany Lund, Habitat Program Coordinator. Bethany will outline the Tualatin SWCD streamside and oak habitat restoration programs which aim to establish and enhance wildlife habitat and improve water quality in rural Washington County.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF): Taylor Johnson, Small Forestland Owner Forester. Taylor will discuss the grant opportunities ODF is currently offering including the Small Forestland Grant Program and the Western States Fire Manager Grant for homes in the Wildland Urban Interface. From a forestland management side, he will also talk about the Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) program available for Small Forestland owners who have water crossings that need improvement for fish passage and stream health.

### **2024 WCSWA Monthly Programs**

<b>January</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Funding Opportunities</b>	7:00pm: 30780 NW Highland Ct. N. Plains
<b>February</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Small Forestland Maple Syrup Production</b>	7:00pm: 30780 NW Highland Ct. N. Plains (see more info on page 3)
<b>March</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>PGE Vegetation Management</b>	7:00pm: 30780 NW Highland Ct. N. Plains
<b>April</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Managing for Carbon Sequestration</b>	7:00pm: 30780 NW Highland Ct. N. Plains

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## Magness Memorial Tree Farm Reopens to the Public



Magness Memorial Tree Farm, a 77-acre forest located in Sherwood, Oregon, has once again opened its gates to the public on Mondays between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. This scenic woodland has been owned and operated by World Forestry Center since 1977. Donated by Howard and Panzy Magness, the tree farm was originally developed as a demonstration site for woodland owners to showcase forest management and silviculture.

The forested property has 2.5 miles of hiking trails, sheltered picnic areas, meadows and streams and is located at 31195 SW Ladd Hill Road in Sherwood, Oregon, just a 45-minute drive from downtown Portland. World Forestry Center has a staff member on-site during open hours, and visiting Magness is free of charge.

Magness offers several trail options. The Nagle Loop, the Northwest Trail along Heater Road, and the South Trail between Corral Creek Road and Ladd Hill Road are open to the public. The Southeast Trail section on the east side of Ladd Hill Road is temporarily closed with plans to reopen in 2024. The Heater Trail to the Northeast Heater Grove area is permanently closed at the request of the Heater family.

Thank you for being a part of WCSWA and continuing to support OSWA's mission through your membership. We appreciate all the dedicated members in WCSWA who volunteer many hours each year to leadership positions, committees, and other volunteer positions.

Hopefully you have been able to spend time with family and friends over the holidays. Something on my to-do list has been taking the family to the Chehalem Ridge Nature Park which has been the subject of a few WCSWA tours, most recently in September. As a first-time visitor I was pleasantly surprised to see the forest diversity with Douglas-fir reprod, riparian areas and some open spaces. From a hiker's point of view, the trails were well signed with maps at every intersection and wide, lightly gravel-topped paths that had mostly gentle slopes. The trails were moderately used on Dec 26 with some equestrian, mountain bike and hikers sharing the paths. We stuck to the "all ages and abilities" trails on this hike so I'm looking forward to another trip to explore the ridge trail and to see the oak savannah.

I have written about a timber thinning project in prior Forest Forums. This is a small 25-year-old stand with hand falling and skidding using a 25hp tractor and Farmi winch. Here are the final round numbers that I'm adding here to help anyone contemplating whether they may want to try a similar effort on their property – 3 self-loader truck loads held 236 diameter logs and 10.6 MBF. Log value was around \$7,000 and trucking cost from South Hillsboro to Molalla around \$2,000. A good portion of these trees had some defect that was generally left in the woods and processed into firewood. About eight cords of firewood was generated from the defect, breakage and tops. What did it take to make this happen – about 500 labor hours due to learning curve, semi-skilled labor, catching up with the cousins, small equipment and probably the biggest time sink – freeing hung up trees.

A few key learnings from this project:

- It's easy to hit design limits with small equipment. For example, several logs were bucked to a short 19' log instead of a long log just to be able to get them to the landing.
- It's nice to have a few options for handling logs. A Junior Arch, Forwarding Arch and neighbor's tractor were all used at different times. The Oregon Woodland Cooperative <https://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com/> is a good local source for small scale forestry equipment and wood splitters.
- Accomplishments cannot always be measured in \$/hour.

**Until next time, Happy New Year and continue to stay safe!**

### **Small Forestland Maple Syrup Production is Topic for February Meeting**

Please plan to join us for the February monthly meeting. The topic will be an Introduction to bigleaf maple tapping and syrup making, with highlights of the maple tapping operation of Tom and Julia Tibbs. The featured speaker will be John (Trey) Scheb. Trey graduated from OSU this year with a master's degree in natural resources. His master's research focused on sugarbush management within Oregon's emerging bigleaf maple sugaring industry. His academic and professional focus is on agroforestry and ethnoecology.

Trey did his master's research under the guidance of Eric Jones, assistant professor in the College of Forestry at OSU. During his research, he worked with several small woodland owners in Northwest Oregon to help them get started in maple tapping. He will share his hands-on experience with these small woodland owners. Other topics he will cover include the botany of bigleaf maple, history of maple tapping, the maple industry, bigleaf maple sugarbush management, technologies for bigleaf maple sap collection, processing sap and syrup-making, and selling bigleaf maple products in Oregon. This will be a great foreshadowing of the Tree Farmer of the Year Tour that will be taking place later this summer at the Tibbs' property.

The meeting will be February 27, 2024, at 7pm in North Plains at the Hub (30780 NW Highland Ct. North Plains). We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Training on new forestry rules continues

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is continuing to provide training for private forest landowners and managers to cover new rules for stream protection and forest road construction and maintenance that goes into effect Jan. 1, 2024. A recording of a recent public training session covering these new rules and a fact sheet summarizing key dates and recent changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act are available on the ODF website [Forest Practices Act webpage](https://www.oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/fpa.aspx), <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/fpa.aspx>.

## The 86<sup>th</sup> annual logging, construction, trucking and heavy equipment expo is happening in February!

Register today for the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Logging Conference to network with forestry professionals and see the latest technology and equipment.  
 Thursday, February 22-Saturday, February 24, 2024  
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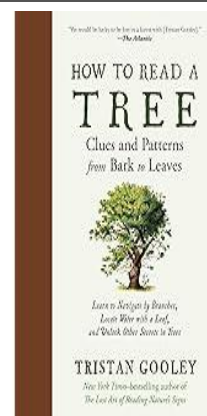
## How to Read a Tree: Clues and Patterns from Bark to Leaves (Natural Navigation) by Tristan Gooley Published May 2023

(Editor's note: The text below is from Amazon. I have not yet read the book-NDE)

Trees tell us about the land, the water,  
the people, the animals, the weather, and time.  
And they will tell us about their lives,  
the good bits and bad. Trees tell a story,  
but only to those who know how to read it.

In *How to Read a Tree*, Gooley shows he is the master of providing a way to examine patterns. And using pattern recognition is so much more beneficial than trying to memorize specific traits of a single species. This book includes personal stories of his experiences as well as some good pictures and drawings that help to illuminate the concepts that are discussed in the book. Like snowflakes, no two trees are the same. Every difference reveals the epic story *this* tree has lived—if we stop to look closely.

**TRISTAN GOOLEY** is the *New York Times*–bestselling author of *How to Read Water*, *How to Read Nature*, *The Natural Navigator*, *The Lost Art of Reading Nature's Signs*, *The Secret World of Weather*, and *The Nature Instinct*.



## Oregon group visits trees that survived World War II atom bombings (Oregon Department of Forestry)

A group of Oregonians returned recently from visiting Hiroshima to view trees that survived the atomic bombing of that city near the end of World War II. Nearly 80 years after the bombing, some 160 trees that miraculously survived the inferno the bomb unleashed are still alive. Two of those survivor trees – known as hibakujumoku in Japanese – are the parents of some 53 saplings now growing across Oregon.

The seeds of the trees were sent to arborist Mike Oxendine in southern Oregon in 2017 by Green Legacy Hiroshima (GLH) at the urging of Hideko Tamura-Snyder, a survivor of the blast, who now lives in Medford. Oxendine germinated the seeds and then turned to the Oregon Department of Forestry and the non-profit Oregon Community Trees organization to find homes for the trees, which are known as Hiroshima peace trees. More than three dozen Oregon communities from the Coast to the Willows and from the Columbia Gorge to the California border asked to receive a peace tree. Between 2019 and 2023 peace trees were planted at schools, colleges, churches, parks, arboreta, a cemetery and on the grounds of the state's maximum-security prison in Salem. Many were planted to mark the 75th anniversary of the atom bombing and to celebrate the 75 years of peace since then that has been maintained between Japan and the United States.

In November 2023 a self-funded group made up of Oxendine, Oregon Community Trees board member Jim Gersbach, southern Oregon arborist Chris John, and Portland film-maker and environmental historian David Hedberg, his wife, Rehana, and son, Kai, traveled to Hiroshima and to Nagasaki to visit trees that survived the atom bomb and thank GLH volunteers for sending seeds from those trees to Oregon.

Chikari Horiguchi, the arborist who has been caring for the survivor trees in Hiroshima and who inspired the first seed collections, is making a documentary called "Seeds of Peace" about the impact peace trees have had in Oregon. Hedberg expects to have completed "Seeds of Peace" sometime next year in time for widespread screenings coinciding with the atom bombing's 80th anniversary in 2025. The documentary looks at several Oregon communities and shows the various meanings the gift of a peace tree has held for Oregonians.



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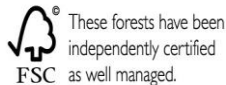
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## New publication focuses on native bees in Oregon's forests

PORTLAND, Ore. – A new publication from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) introduces readers to the vast variety of native bees found in Oregon's forests.

Wildlife in Managed Forests: Native Bees is the newest publication in OFRI's Wildlife in Managed Forests series, which offers scientific research-backed guidance on managing forests to support healthy wildlife populations. The Native Bees booklet provides context for better understanding the roles managed forests play in providing habitat for native bees.

The reader will learn about threats to Oregon's native bees, current research findings regarding these bees' reliance on forest habitats, and forest management techniques that provide habitat for native bees.

OFRI's Wildlife in Managed Forests series includes publications focused on other kinds of forest wildlife such as deer and elk, fisher and marten, beaver, songbirds, fish, and amphibians. The educational booklets inform forest landowners, managers and others about managing forests to provide habitat for native wildlife. Printed and electronic versions of Wildlife in Managed Forests: Native Bees are available to order or download for free through OFRI's website, OregonForests.org.

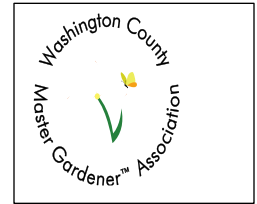




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The class will be led by Robin Carpenter and Jack Shorr, OSU Extension MG Volunteers. Robin was certified as a Master Gardener in 2022. Her interests lie in native plants and the guidance provided by the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. She also volunteers at the Portland Audubon Society and as a Master Recycler. Jack became a MG in 2006 and a Master Naturalist in 2012. He volunteers with the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, the Master Gardener Speakers Guild and the WCMGA Education Garden at the PCC Rock Creek Campus.

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Tree School planning is well underway, and we hope to see you there this spring! Tree School Catalogs will be mailed in mid-January and registration will open Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. The Tree School Catalog will also be available online at [beav.es/tree-school-clackamas](http://beav.es/tree-school-clackamas).



### Northwest Hardwoods Alder Seedling Project

We're excited to introduce the NWH Alder Seedling Program. As part of our vision, we're working to help replenish the alder tree population in commercial forests in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. In collaboration with PRT Nursery, we're excited to offer 35,000 alder seedlings annually—at no cost to small woodland owners.

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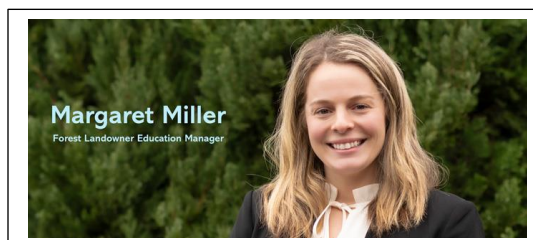
### **OFRI hires manager of landowner education**

Certified forester Margaret Miller has joined OFRI staff as the new manager of landowner education.

Margaret, who most recently worked as an air quality planner and forester for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is responsible for providing forestry education to Oregon's forest landowners through OFRI's landowner education program, as well as overseeing management of the Institute's demonstration forest at The Oregon Garden in Silverton.

She has experience working as a forester in the public sector and as a private consultant. At DEQ, she led the agency's smoke management and biomass utilization regulatory portfolios and acted as a liaison to the Oregon Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service. Margaret is a former wildland firefighter and has earned both a graduate certificate in forest carbon science, policy and management, and a bachelor's degree in forestry from Michigan State University. She is a certified forester with the Society of American Foresters and a certified plan writer with the American Tree Farm System.

In her free time, Margaret enjoys hiking and backpacking with her husband, Dan, and their German shorthaired pointer, Banjo. When not in the woods, she enjoys exploring new restaurants and playing soccer in various adult travel leagues.





## Have a Question? Ask Extension!

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Here is their answer to a question asked about the big mushroom year we are having.

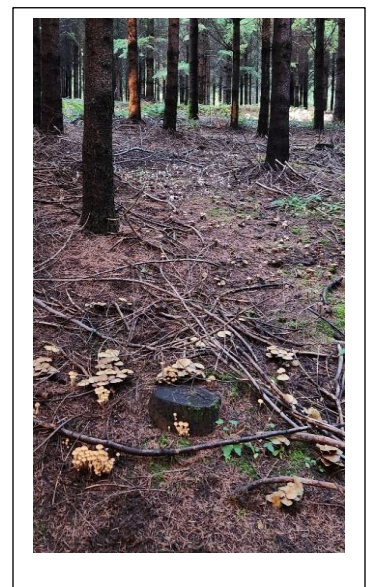
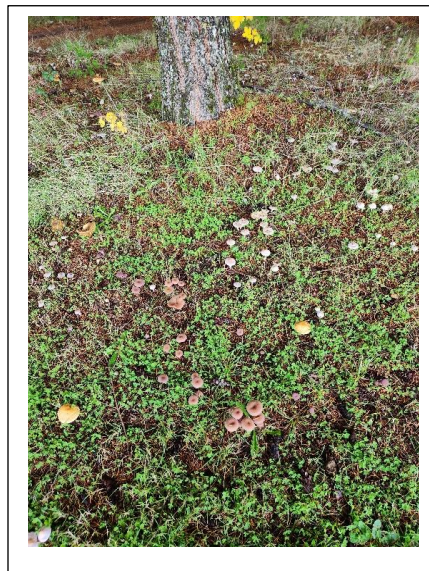
As you might expect, there are a variety of factors affecting mushroom fruiting year to year. Late summer and early fall rain with mild temperatures often stimulates a good mushroom crop. Good tree-growing conditions in the previous year also can be related to a good crop of mushrooms the following year. It often takes more than one growing season for fungi to build up the energy to fruit.

Two major categories of mushrooms are saprophytic (growing on dead organic matter only) vs. mycorrhizal (symbiotic fungi growing on living plant roots). Mycorrhizal fungi will thrive when their host trees thrive, so growing conditions for the trees are a key driver. Saprophytic fungi will thrive when there is an abundance of dead organic matter - roots, branches, twigs, and leaf litter incorporated in the soil. So, factors that add pulses of organic matter to the soil may stimulate saprophytic fungal fruiting a few years down the road.

Some fungi fruit almost every year and others may need several years to develop the energy to fruit. So, there can be a great deal of variation in species and abundance year to year.

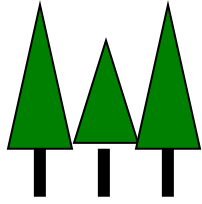
And when comparing one patch of ground to another, differences in soils - organic matter percent, pH, moisture/drainage, etc. - will result in differences in the fungal community and its productivity.

The Oregon Mycological Society is a good source of information about mushrooms. Their monthly meetings are open to the public. <https://www.wildmushrooms.org>





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**Forestry for the Birds: *Western Oregon*** was produced by the Forest Stewards Guild.

Download at: <https://foreststewardsguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ForestryfortheBirdsWesternOregonGuide.pdf>

## Recommended Fire-safe Brochures:

Initial Attack Fire Equipment for Woodland Owners Booklet. Go to [www.wcswa.com](http://www.wcswa.com). About us/links.

[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](#)

## Helpful Links:

- [www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com](http://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com) learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>
- For E-Notification: : <https://ferns.odf.state.or.us/E-Notification> or visit an ODF Office