

# Forest Forum

Washington County Small  
Woodlands Association

November, 2011

## WCSWA October Meeting: New Venue - Plus Two Topics

Our new location for meetings at the North Plains Fire Station proved popular, easy to find and accommodating. Our two speakers - Jim Wick, representing American Tree Farm System and Neil Schroeder, representing Oregon Woodland Cooperative - gave us important information as reported below.

### American Tree Farm System



#### Growing Stewardship from the Root

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Reported by Neil Schroeder, OWC President

### NATURAL WILDCRAFTED PRODUCTS FROM LOCAL PRIVATE FORESTS HEALTHY FORESTS=HEALTHY BODY CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER MEANS HEALTHY LIVING

The Oregon Woodland Cooperative story, above, is the message our customers want to hear. Surveys show that the public is very much aware of the importance of Northwest forests for the health of our planet and its inhabitants. We tell this story as we sell products from the woods.

The OWC is making progress in their goals of marketing new products from our woodlands. The Hillsboro Tuesday Marketplace provided an excellent opportunity to test some of those new products. Hand lotions, air fresheners, smudge sticks and smudge tips, incense, soaps and the essential oils from local conifers all sold well. In addition, we sold several bulk cords of firewood and tested the market for **Wood by the Bucket**, a five-gallon bucket of small chunks sold to apartment dwellers and back yard chimenea users. Plans to develop similar products for sale on the internet and to local stores are well underway.

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## **The Prez Sez**

### **Calendars**

The goblins were out in force last night. The cucumber plants have wilted, but the carrots are still green and growing. The pile of leaves in the garden is getting larger. Recently frost has been seen on the porch roof. Property tax bills have arrived. Some projects will have to be put off until 2012..... This is the scenario in Portland. Definitely November. I haven't spent enough time at the farm! Maybe next year.

The Oregon Board of Forestry will have met in Forest Grove by the time you read this. The agenda is all indoors for November 3rd, and outdoor for the 4th. The outdoor consists of a day-long tour to three of our members' tree farms; the Renzemas, the Shumakers, and the Hanschus. The decision by the Board to commit their time to such a tour indicates they recognize the vital role family forests play in Oregon. It is an honor to have the Board visit farms in our Washington County, and an opportunity for the Board to learn about the challenges small woodland owners face. Congratulations to the farms selected, and thank you for hosting the Board.

Also on November 3rd, the OSWA Annual Meeting committee, chaired by yours truly, will tour the probable meeting venue at Pacific University. The committee now consists of six WCSWA members, with many of the usual suspects participating. At our recent Board meeting, Jim James, Executive Director of OSWA, outlined the customary format and division of planning duties. The event looks quite feasible, and WCSWA is on schedule or a little bit ahead in preparing for it. As planning progresses, the committee will welcome participation by more of our members, but no 3 a.m. phone calls. The Annual OSWA Meeting gives us the opportunity to share what is unique about Washington County woodlands with our friends and colleagues from around the state. Remember to mark your calendar for June 22nd, 23rd, and maybe the 21st in 2012.

The WCSWA Annual Dinner Meeting on November 18th will feature an interesting speaker, nomination of officers and Board, and the announcement of the Washington County Tree Farmer of the year. If you have not made a reservation for the event, there may still be time. Doug Eddy is handling reservations this year or if you are unable to reach Doug by telephone, call me. Contact info is in the list of Board members on page 3. I want to extend a WCSWA thank-you to Doug, Beth Adams, Ann Hanschu, Marge and Scott Hayes, Deb Kapfer, and Stuart Mulholland for their work on the event. Another thank you goes to Elouise Binns, Miles Merwin, and Ardis Schroeder for their efforts on the Nominating Committee.

A funny thing happened on my way to renewing my membership two years ago. Either I misplaced my renewal statement or OSWA did not send one to me. Checking my records for tax purposes before year-end, I discovered the error, preserved my deduction, and avoided the embarrassment of being president of an organization of which I was not a member! OSWA usually informs our chapter about lapsed memberships, which occur with some frequency and are usually unintended. Occasionally, we do not learn of a lapse until the roster is published and a long-time member is not listed! Since most of us renew at year's end, now is the time to mark your calendar for a December record-check.

Last November, I wrote a list of OSWA benefits in the Prez Notes. Locally, we learn from each other and enjoy working together. This year I want to be certain **all** small woodland owners, members or not, understand that OSWA is the key state-wide organization that connects us with one another and with our state government. Please recommend membership to your forest-owning neighbors. Invite them to a meeting or tour. Total OSWA membership numbers have slowly declined in recent years. To sustain a viable and effective state-wide organization, maintaining and increasing membership is essential.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner Meeting on November 18th. Happy woods-work until then!

Jim Brown

## WCSWA Leadership

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## 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. Got a tool or piece of equipment you don't need any more? Or maybe you are looking for tools, equipment, property, or materials? You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. Another way for tree farmers to help each other! (3 month limit)*

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## Event Calendar

<b>November</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Friday,</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>WCSWA Annual Awards Banquet.</b> Jennings McCall Center, 2300 Masonic Way, Forest Grove. Speaker: Ellen Morris Bishop, author of "In Search of Ancient Oregon."
<b>December</b>			<b>No Meeting Scheduled</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting</b> - 7:00pm at the Washington County Fire District 2 Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains.
<b>February</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting</b> - 7:00pm at the Washington County Fire District 2 Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains.

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## Memorial Service for John Helmer, Saturday, Nov. 26

John Helmer's death was reported in last month's Forest Forum. The following is the information on his memorial service for those who wish to attend.

**Sunset Presbyterian Church  
 14986 NW Cornell Road Portland OR  
 Saturday, November 26 at 11:00 AM.**

## ***WCSWA Annual Banquet Friday, November 18***

This event is being held on a Friday this year to make it more accommodating to working folks.

The food is always good as well as the company. The 2011 Washington County Tree Farmer of the Year will be announced. Our featured speaker is author Ellen Morris Bishop.

If you haven't yet registered and would like to call Doug Eddy at (503)628-1468. More details on page 3, "Events."



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## Steve Kruse passes

Steven Charles Kruse died October 15, 2011. Steve spent most of his life in Washington County and owned woodland property near Hagg Lake. He and his wife, Kathy Clair recently moved to Bend.

He was a Ham Radio operator, fly fisherman, store owner, tree farmer and arborist for the city of Forest Grove Parks Department. He loved music, fly fishing, radios, his dogs, trees and laughter.

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### *ATFS, continued from page 1*

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### Oregon Board of Forestry Meets in Washington County

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Board of Forestry held their monthly Board Meeting in Forest Grove. It was hosted by the Committee for Family Forestland and the ODF Forest Grove office.

That evening, there was a social hour and dinner after which Bob and Bonnie Shumaker gave a talk on their experiences as tree farmers and on issues that small woodland owners would like the Board of Forestry to address.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Forestry and others, totaling about 60, toured the tree farms of Cary and Kristin Renzema, Bob and Bonnie Shumaker and Ann and Richard Hanschu. The tours included further discussion on issues of concern to small woodland owners.

A summary of the BOF meeting can be found on page 9.

### ShadeFund

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## Sharing and Learning from Others

You will have to indulge me this month with an extra-long article covering a field trip we hosted for the International Fellows from the World Forestry Center. We met a few of these folks at the OSWA Annual meeting in Baker City this June and invited them to come to our tree farm as an example of small woodland management. The scheduled day in October had fantastic weather which added an extra element to this enjoyable day. People owning small woodlands is unheard of in many of the countries represented. The idea of having a young forest such as ours with little income until years beyond our lives is sometimes confusing to us, too; but we explained that small woodland owners mostly have a profession beyond forestry, and the lifestyle offered by living on our tree farm is reward in itself. With this group of professionals, we enjoyed their thoughtful questions and insights into forestry in their own countries. The World Forestry Institute's International Fellows program is valuable. The following is from their website and will explain more and give information on the group that visited our farm.

"WFI's team of International Fellows is selectively chosen from the forestry profession around the globe. In a program unique to the industry, these Fellows serve six to twelve month Fellowships at WFI, using a wide range of skills, expertise and language abilities to complete a primary project."



Kwangho Baek, Korea

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Kwangho Baek works for the Korea Forest Service in Daejeon City, Korea. Mr. Baek started at the World Forest Institute in January 2011 for an 18-month Fellowship to study the utilization of forest biomass in the Pacific Northwest. Today, Korea tries to find ways to use small diameter timbers to activate the community economy, protect the environment, and produce energy.



Chia-Chen Wu, Taiwan

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Mr. Chia-Chen Wu is a research assistant at Taiwan Forestry Research Institute in Taipei. Mr. Wu will be at WFI for 10 months, during which time he will study tree breeding in the Pacific Northwest. He is looking to learn more about using marker-assisted selection technology in plant breeding to improve tree seedling quality.



Gabriel Salako, Nigeria

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Mr. Gabriel Salako is a principal lecturer from Umar Suleiman College of Education in Gashua, Nigeria. His major research interests are in wetlands and forest resources management. While at the World Forest Institute he will explore the science of cold-weather tolerance in conifers and research adaptation of conifers to the Mambilla Plateau - a region in NE Nigeria.



Ning Hou, China

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Dr. Ning Hou is a lecturer at Beijing Forestry University. As a teacher and forestry specialist, Ning is involved in many forestry projects and concentrates especially on community forestry and forestry carbon credit issues. Ning will spend one year at WFI doing a comparative study on forestry carbon credit markets in US and China.



Huancheng Ma, China

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Huancheng Ma is a professor of silviculture at Southwest Forestry University in China. He will complete a 4 month Fellowship WFI looking into various forest management techniques used in the PNW to determine the possibility of applying the forest management skills in the PNW to areas in SW China to achieve both high quality timber production and biodiversity conservation.



Elvis Tata, Cameroon

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Elvis Tata is a high school teacher from the Advanced Teachers' Training College-ENS Yaoundé, Cameroon. He is currently registered into a professional Masters Degree program in the department of Geography and Forest/Environmental Studies at the University of Douala-Cameroon. While at the World Forest Institute, Elvis will be carrying out a 6-month analytical study to assess how geo-information technology has contributed to the sustainable forest resource management in the Pacific Northwest.

## Board of Forestry's November meeting in Forest Grove

*Summary by Doug Decker, Oregon State Forester*

**The Governor presented his vision to the Board of Forestry.** Governor Kitzhaber joined the Board Thursday afternoon to share his vision for forests and forestry in Oregon and to provide some specific ideas and suggestions to the Board relative to State Forests. I invite you to read the full text of his comments, which are available along with video of his testimony on the ODF website ([www.oregon.gov/odf](http://www.oregon.gov/odf)). Several themes come through:

1. Managing for social, economic and environmental values is the key to sustainability. The Governor made the point that forest management must address this full portfolio of values, and that we should achieve this mix—consistent with laws and landowner objectives—across the full forest landbase.
2. Federal forests need to be contributing across that value set. Governor Kitzhaber noted that federal forests now provide only 12 percent of all harvests, even though they represent more than 60 percent of all Oregon forest lands. Active management to address forest health and fuels management is a key to addressing this imbalance.
3. The current higher export value of raw logs is not in Oregon's best long-term interest because it drives down the manufacturing sector and Oregon employment, while putting heavier harvest pressure on private and state lands. The Governor is advocating for Oregon to enhance its share of the manufactured wood product export market.
4. On State Forests, the Governor encouraged the Board and Department to strengthen state forest performance measures and to consider a range of strategies that can help achieve those outcomes. He asked us to examine how we can use our existing authority to establish conservation areas that provide protection for sensitive resource areas. (Under current plans and authority, we identify areas where no harvest operations are contemplated. We have an opportunity now to more clearly highlight such areas and their conservation attributes.) The Governor endorsed our focus on adaptive management, and asked us to be clear about identifying the resources we need for effective research and monitoring. Wrapping all of these pieces together, the Governor recognized that we need to have a business model that funds all of this work, and that continues to generate revenues for our financial beneficiaries. The Board took his comments to heart, and members asked us to utilize these key elements as an overlay as we work together to develop the Board's 2012 State Forests workplan.

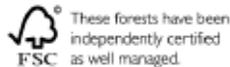
**The Elliott State Forest Management Plan was approved.** The Board voted 4-2 to adopt this plan, which the State Land Board adopted last month. This action brings to a close more than 10 years of effort to achieve a suitable plan that meets Oregon Constitutional direction for management of these lands, that meets the Endangered Species Act, and that achieves a sustainable mix of social, economic and environmental values. The plan places about one-third of the forest into conservation areas, increases harvest levels about 30 percent, and commits to developing a comprehensive monitoring and adaptive management plan.

**The Board received a study about stream temperatures and began to discuss its strategy in response.** The RipStream study, conducted over the last eight years by ODF in cooperation with OSU and DEQ, indicates that Forest Practices Act riparian protections for small and medium fish-bearing streams are not adequately insuring that forest operations meet the statewide water quality standard for protecting cold water. The Board began to discuss the legal landscape it must now operate in as it determines how best to respond to the study. This work will likely define the Board's work in private forests in 2012.

**On Friday, the Board spent the day looking at family forests in the Forest Grove area.** This was a memorable day, organized nicely by the Forest Grove District and the Committee for Family Forests, and featured an in-depth look at the challenges and opportunities associated with this class of forestlands. One of the more interesting discussions focused around the challenge of passing lands and a management ethic from one generation to the next. A panel of next-generation forest owners, who are in the process of inheriting lands from their parents, pointed out how these challenges ranged from tax and financial implications, to family decision-making models. The day was helpful in back-grounding Board members on the unique aspects of small woodlands, and focusing all of us on the importance of these lands to forestry in Oregon.



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Also, for the fourth year we are selling Western White Pine, Western Red Cedar, Noble Fir, Arborvitae, Incense Cedar and Port Orford Cedar boughs. This year we have some new members in Deschutes County and will add Juniper to the offering.

We have partnerships with several organizations including Ecotrust, The Institute for Culture and Ecology, the Tualatin River Watershed Council, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, and others and recently we partnered with Northwoods Figured Wood, owned by Susan Curington and Les Dougherty of Gaston. They will buy maple burls from your property and sell chunks to hobbyists. Any species which may make a woodworker happy can be sold.

And oh yes, we still sell timber-related products including logs! We now have over 60 members representing over 25,000 acres of woodlands. We are fast approaching the point where we will be a viable participant in the marketplace. You can join by downloading an application found on our website, "OregonWoodlandCooperative.com" and help us become an important economic player in the Northwest forest industry.

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*In earlier years, Vernonia Orchard seed collections for the Oregon Forest Tree Seed Bank (OSB) would have contained seed from all the 100+ clones. The mean estimated genetic gain for the 2007 seed crop was about 10% for age 15 volume.*

*For the 2009 Vernonia Orchard seed crop, out of 89 clones that produced seed, the OSB collection only includes the top ranked 22. This increases the estimated genetic gain for the lot to more than 17% for age 15 volume.*

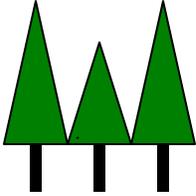
*At present, we are upgrading the Vernonia and several other orchards at Schroeder, digging out older, low gain clones and adding newer, higher gain material. It takes several years for the new material to reach cone bearing age and size, but we expect these new upgraded orchards to produce genetically improved seed of much higher gain potential.*

WCSWA has a few seedlings still available for this year. Visit [wcswa.org](http://wcswa.org) for an order form or call Bob Shumaker (503)324-7825.

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**Noble Fir** Looking for a little Noble fir for Christmas, or to add to your landscaping? The Tualatin River Watershed Council has a nice selection of 18" to 2 foot high trees, in tall containers where roots can grow, for sale at a bargain price - \$10 each! The money will be used to support Tualatin River Watershed Council stream restoration projects. Contact April Olbrich, Council Coordinator, at 503-846-4810. These trees would make a nice table-top Christmas tree; then you can plant it for landscaping or to grow a full size Christmas tree in a few years!

### Did you Know?

Wood products make up 47% of all raw materials used in manufacturing in the United States. Nearly 100% of a log can be used to make wood and other products we use every day.

*Oregon Forest Facts and Figures, 2011 (OFRI)*

### What is the Committee for Family Forestlands?

The committee is comprised of 10 members appointed by the Board, three are ex-officio (non-voting) members. The seven voting members include: Four family forestland owners (representing small to large acreage ownerships in various regions of the state); one forest industry representative; one environmental community representative; one citizen at large. The ex-officio members include: An Oregon State University College of Forestry representative; A State Forester representative; An Oregon Forest Resources Institute representative.

Committee members closely monitor the effects of policy changes and other actions that affect family forestland owners and help develop policy, as necessary. They also help define the role family forestland owners play in sustaining Oregon's forests, restoring salmon, and improving watersheds and the availability of timber. Their guidance is very helpful in determining the type and level of assistance family forestland owners need.

Please join in the discussion about Oregon's private forests by providing your input to the Committee. Email comments to Linda Ellis, [lellis@odf.state.or.us](mailto:lellis@odf.state.or.us), or call (503) 945-7427.