

# Forest Forum

Washington County Small  
Woodlands Association

January, 2012

## What's Your Recreation?

*The following is from Finley Hayes "Rigging Shack, Classic" column in the September, 2011 issue of "Loggers World." It originally appeared in the September 1971 issue.*

### What am I doing?

"Several months ago went back logging again: This time as a hobby instead of as a career.

Of all the things I've done for recreation-flying-fishing-camping-boating-traveling-eating-drinking-partying-there is nothing I enjoy for recreation more than logging.

It is fun to fall and buck timber when you don't have to, when you can stop and B.S. with passer-bys, when you can say 'to hell with it, I've had enough' and head for the barn and go do something else. There is nothing that gives me more enjoyment than dangling around in that Mountain Logger, mashing down brush, making lots of noise just like a real logger, choking logs and bringing them to a landing. Pure fun ---if you don't overdo it."

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**WCSWA Meeting: January 24, 7:00pm, N. Plains Fire Station** 31370 NW Commercial

## Thinning: Theory & Practice

Do you look at your forest and wonder if, when and how to thin the trees? How much crown should you maintain on your trees? Is tree growth slowing down? Does your forest just seem "too dark?" What would wildlife like?

WCSWA's January program should help answer these and any other questions about thinning. The program will feature both professional expertise and experienced woodland managers to share both concepts and results.

Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU Extension Silviculture Specialist, will lead off with the theory and research on density management, citing the body of research that has developed guidelines used by today's public and private professional foresters.

Following his presentation, a panel of experienced woodland owners/managers from our chapter (Ron Larson, Scott Hayes and Mike Jamison) will discuss their personal experiences, including their management objectives and results.

There will be time allowed for your questions, too.

***This is a program you won't want to miss!***



*Help! Which trees to thin?*

## ***The Prez Sez A Very Good Year! (It Will Be)***

I hope you all enjoyed the recent holidays and had a chance to rest up a bit. Now you are probably all charged up to continue practicing effective, satisfying forest stewardship in 2012. I wish each of you the greatest success this new year!

The results of the WCSWA election are official! Welcome to our newest officer, Vice President Vic Herinckx. Also re-elected unanimously are Board members Doug Eddy and Bill Triest, Secretary/Treasurer Bob Shumaker, and president Jim Brown. Congratulations to us! We appreciate your confidence in our leadership, but remind you that Washington County Small Woodlands Association is YOUR organization. The broad support, input, and participation of members are essential to WCSWA's relevance and effectiveness - and fun, too. So don't hold back.

This forest owner didn't get enough firewood prepared last summer, but the unusually dry early-December weather gave me a chance to limber up the Farmi winch and yard out some maple logs I felled in 2010. I bucked them to firewood length, hauled the rounds in the loader up to the cul-de-sac at the end of the driveway, and split them up. After the pile sat semi-covered for three weeks, the wood was dry enough to burn! Let me add here that the cul-de-sac gets several hours of sunshine in a day (if there is any sunshine) and can be ten degrees warmer than the surrounding territory. On the flip side, it's been too dry to do any planting, so my native seedlings will have to remain snug in their bed until there has been more rain.

My local son, Jon, and his two daughters, Mischa and Quinn, paid a visit to my forest one sunny day in December. We hiked around a bit, and I selected an un-sheared Christmas tree from those I had planted in 2006. We checked out the 2005 clear-cut. We were gratified to see the vigorous growth in the re-plant that was done in winter, 2006. Survival is 90% or better with very little animal damage, and the trees are growing faster than I had expected. Since the area of the patch was about ten acres, I hired a planting crew. I also hired some brush control help three years ago. I could not have accomplished all of the work myself. Paying for it was a sound investment. This old tree-farmer still has some blackberry, maple, and Scotch broom to control in 2012, but I should be able to do the job without hired help.

Another welcome visitor in December was Mike Barnes. He came to do a Tree Farm System site-visit to renew our OTFS certification. Mike liked what he saw on the ground, but he had a few suggestions on how to improve my forest plan on paper. I will follow his sage counsel. Mike was helping Tom Nygren complete site visits. Since my forest is in Yamhill County, it is in Tom's site-visit territory. I felt proud to have Mike validate my management efforts. I also must say I genuinely appreciate the time and effort Tom and Mike and all of the volunteer foresters donate to help us keep our forests certified! We all owe them our thanks.

The OSWA Annual Meeting Committee will meet via conference call on the 31st. Let me remind you that we are seeking donated items for the silent auction and suggestions for sponsors and vendors whose participation will be of mutual benefit. Program plans are taking shape on schedule, and your participation and good ideas continue to be welcome.

Our meeting on January 24th will bring together a panel of experts on the topic of thinning. Thinning can be applied to increase production, or develop greater diversity, or encourage wildlife, or any combination of goals. In other words, thinning is one of the tools you can use to create the environment you envision for your forest. As with any tool, instruction in how to use thinning can help you save time and avoid undesirable results. Of course, there will also be helpful literature available for the taking, including the new, expanded, revised, second edition of the illustrated manual: *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws*.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 24th at the North Plains Fire Hall!

Jim Brown

## WCSWA Leadership

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## Event Calendar

January	21	<b>WOW (Women Owning Woodlands)</b> – see article in Pot-Pourri
January	24	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting - 7:00pm at the Washington County Fire District 2 Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains.</b> <b>Topic: Thinning Theory and Practice</b>
February	28	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting - 7:00pm at the Washington County Fire District 2 Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains.</b> Tax implications and business models in relation to succession planning
February	28	<b>Symposium on Forests and Water - Corvallis</b>
March	27	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting - 7:00pm at the Washington County Fire District 2 Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains.</b> Government assistance programs
April	24	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting - 7:00pm at the Washington County Fire District 2 Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains.</b>
May		<b>WCSWA Annual Potluck Meeting - Date, Time, and Place To Be Determined Later</b>

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## \$5 Million Gift Funds Forestry Education

Roseburg Forest Products CEO Allyn Ford and his wife, Cheryl Ramberg Ford, have donated \$5 million to create an endowment to fund the dean's position in the College of Forestry at Oregon State University.

"At Roseburg Forest Products, we have seen very clearly how important the College of Forestry is for the future of our industry," Ford said in a written release from OSU. "Faculty research and innovation help us stay competitive in the global marketplace. It's also essential that the college continue to provide the industry with graduates who understand these complex systems." Hal Salwasser will fill the Cheryl Ramberg and Allyn C. Ford Deanship of Forestry. When he retires at the end of the academic year, school officials said the endowment will ensure OSU will be able to recruit a leader of similar caliber to replace Salwasser.

*From The Capital Press. 10-14-11*

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### 2012 Election Results

The results are in! Thank you for all who sent in your ballot. We welcome Vic Herinckx as our new Vice President and thank all who are willing to serve.

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OSU announced it has been awarded two grants totaling \$9.8 million.

The larger grant, \$5.4 million, is for two five-year projects to create aviation fuels from tree plantations and low-value wood products.

The smaller grant, \$4.4 million, will be used to establish an education component of the program at the high school and college level.

*From Capital Press 10-7-11*

## Madrone Enters the Music World – Doug-fir, too

The madrone tree is a scrubby survivor. Gnarled and twisted, it leans away from the wind as it grips rocky outcroppings along the West Coast.

Which makes it perfect for Carnegie Hall.

New York's famed concert hall is undergoing a \$200 million makeover, and the architects wanted a hardwood with warm grain for the floors. They called Oregon Lumber Co., a small, high-end wood business in Lake Oswego, and owner Charles Couch suggested madrone. The architects agreed, so now Couch must find 20,000 square feet of madrone for the floors in the building's new music classrooms, studios and practice rooms that sit atop the concert hall. The remodeling project, which will not alter the building's exterior, will expand Carnegie Hall's music education programs, and focus on two existing towers, one 10 stories, one 12. The hall's three auditoriums will not undergo renovations.

One reason the architects -- lu + Bibliowicz Architects -- chose madrone was to withstand the jabs of endpins by cellists and other musicians when they stabilize their instruments on the floor. "Madrone is hard enough for that," said Carolyn lu. "It is also a beautiful wood with character and warmth. The project finishes are warm, welcoming, timeless and durable. Madrone fits that bill."

Madrone is only half the job. Couch is also shipping 20,000 square feet of Oregon Douglas fir for floors in Carnegie Hall's backstage areas.

Oregon Lumber Co., which started in 1962 and employs five in the office and up to 25 millworkers, is used to high-profile jobs. It supplied 42,000 square feet of alder for floors, sweeping stairways and some walls and ceilings in the breathtaking new headquarters of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle. The company also supplied floors for the floating stage in the Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Getty Center, both in Los Angeles, Alice Tully Hall in New York's Lincoln Center and colored oak for the medallion in the famous revolving floor in Rockefeller Center's Rainbow Room.

## Log Price Information

Below are domestic prices for delivered logs in Northwest Oregon as reported by the Oregon Department of Forestry. All values are reported in \$/MBF and are averages of quotes from regional sawmills. Prices for other log sorts and time frames can be found online at:

<http://oregon.gov/ODF/STATEFORESTS/TIMBERSALES/logpage.shtml>

Species	Grade	2011 1 <sup>st</sup> Q	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q	2011 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	2012 4th Q
Douglas-fir	2S	545	520	530	
	3S	510	480	515	n/a
Hemlock	2S	455	435	455	
	3S	430	410	435	n/a
Cedar	2S	950	950	900	
	3S	950	950	900	n/a
Red Alder	CR	545	575	585	n/a

## SUPREME COURT: Justices ask Obama administration to weigh in on pollution permitting for logging roads

Lawrence Hurley, E&E reporter (eenews.net)

Greenwire: Monday, December 12, 2011

The Supreme Court moved into a hot-button issue in the Pacific Northwest today by asking the Obama administration for its views on whether stormwater runoff on logging roads requires Clean Water Act permitting.

The issue is presented in two related petitions before the court: *Decker v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center* and *Georgia-Pacific West Inc. v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center*, in which the State of Oregon and the timber industry, respectively, are seeking review of a ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The fact that the Supreme Court is asking for the views of Solicitor General Donald Verrilli increases the chance that the justices will end up hearing the case.

The 9th Circuit's 2010 ruling, in which the court held that logging road operators should be required to apply to U.S. EPA for permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for runoff associated with the industry, provoked a political backlash both in Congress and in the affected states.

Legislation has already been introduced in Congress that would reverse the ruling.

Timber industry groups and 26 states have filed briefs urging the justices to take up the issue.

The states concede in their brief that "stormwater runoff should be managed to minimize the amount of sediment delivered to a state's waters during storm events" but insist that federal law requires the states themselves to handle that issue and report to EPA on best management practices.

# TREE TALK

by Bonnie Shumaker

*Looking back on this year, we began to see  
For the Shumaker family, it was the year of the tree*

*We had a tree farm meeting with family where we said  
What we've already done and got ideas for what's ahead*

*Following that we had grade school children come out  
The kids learned a lot while running about*

*A road trip to E. Oregon for a small woodland convention  
Such beautiful forest, but fire and infrastructure tension*

*We normally host kid's tours, but from that tradition we broke  
And hosted two tours for NRCS new hires and World Forestry folk*

*Interaction with adults, both novice and forestry trained  
Was delightful for us and sharpened our brains*

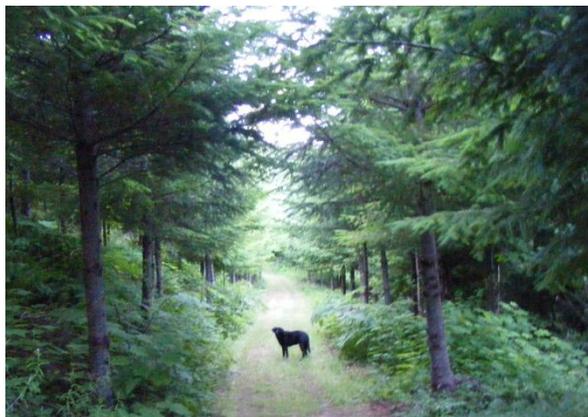
*We were asked to speak at a meeting of Oregon's Forestry Board  
And endeavored to put forth small woodland owner's needs in one accord*

*The next day we were part of the Board of Forestry family forestland tour  
Learning and sharing with woodland friends is a big part of the allure*

*What will 2012 bring? We'll just wait and see  
But be assured there will certainly be plenty more tree*

*With seedlings, plant sale, WCSWA hosting OSWA's State Convention  
Add in pruning and gearing for firewood production, I'll also mention*

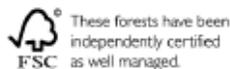
*In 2012, Bob and I wish you and your tree farm the best, and this we know  
In addition to work, there's much pleasure in just watching trees grow*



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**New ALC Website**

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Americanloggers.org serves as a unified voice for professional loggers and to communicate with the public and policy makers on issues critical to the nation's loggers.

"We believe that we now have one of the premier sites in the industry," says Danny Dructor, Executive Vice President, American Loggers Council. "We worked hand in hand with our friends at John Deere and its creative teams to develop a site that is user-friendly and easier to navigate. Financial support from both Caterpillar Forest Products and Bandit Industries also helped to provide the necessary funds to get the site up and running."

"The on-the-ground real-life video found on the site will help to put a face on the nation's loggers. For the most part, we are still considered an invisible industry as most of our operations are far away from the public's view. One goal of the site is to bring the logger to the public so that they will have a better understanding of the professionalism of the industry." There will be regular updates to the site.

# Got Woods Goods?

Linn County has invited any interested WCSWA members to participate in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Goods from the Woods" sale to be held February 18<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with their seedling sale. Register to sell your "Woods Goods" by January 17<sup>th</sup>. Fill out the form below and mail it in or contact them for more information.

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- For more information call Mary Brendle: 541-367-2845 or Drea at Benton County Extension: 541-766-6750
- For nonprofit vendors, no fee is charged. For-profit vendors, please make \$25 fee payable to Linn County Small Woodlands Association.



### Vendor Registration for Goods from the Woods Sale

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Product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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To Register as a Vendor, complete the above section of the form and mail before Jan 17th, 2012 to: Goods from the Woods. A confirmation letter will be sent to you.

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## ODF Forest Health Update

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There is a wealth of information including bear damage, Swiss needle cast and bark beetle areas and more. Mapping and narrative descriptions are included. Check out [www.oregon.gov/ODF/privateforests/fhMaps.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/privateforests/fhMaps.shtml).

## A Murmuration of Starlings

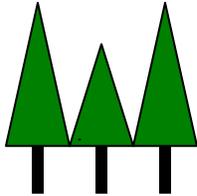
Starlings are an invasive species in Oregon and not a popular bird. A bunch of them flying together is called a murmuration, and they can do impressive acts of flight.

As suggested by "Forest & Tree Notes", Yamhill County OSU Extension newsletter, I checked out the video from Ireland. While we may see hundreds flying together, here it is thousands. Apparently the ability to turn, dive and swirl in unison has more to do with physics than biology. The video is available from many sources, but wired.com included an interesting scientific explanation as well as the beauty of flight.

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### **Potpourri**

The **Natural Resources Conservation Service** is accepting applications for the **Conservation Stewardship Program** now through January 13th. The CSP provides a per-acre payment to small woodland owners who can demonstrate that they are implementing conservation and stewardship practices such as stream restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, or other measures. Interested landowners should contact their local NRCS office to learn about eligibility and to determine whether CSP is a good fit for them.

### **Women Owning Woodlands (WOW): Interpreting your Timber Cruise January 21, 9 am- noon**

**Hyla Woods – owned by Pam and Peter Hayes**

*Directions: Hwy 26 to Timber Junction; turn South on Timber Rd. Go approx. 1.7 miles and turn into driveway on right (just past cedar fence).*

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We will gather in the cabin at Hyla Woods to learn how to understand what a cruise report tells you about your timber. We will go through what the various units, numbers and abbreviations on a timber cruise mean. If you have a cruise report from your own property, bring it with you to work with. We will also talk about when is the right time to have a timber cruise done, and options for updating an old one. Time and weather permitting, we will tour Hyla Woods and see some of the interesting projects that the Hayes family & friends have underway! If you have time, bring a lunch and we will continue the conversation after noon.