

Forest Forum

Washington County Small
Woodlands Association

June, 2012

2012 WCSWA Scholarship Winners Announced

The WCSWA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce our two \$1,000 scholarship winners for 2012.

Alora Riley is a senior at Franklin High School in Portland, where her achievement record is outstanding. Alora has been involved in community groups promoting public education and environmental responsibility. She has a strong interest in the environment and sustainability. Her possible career choices include teaching or another career where she can "give back" to the community. Alora was sponsored by WCSWA members Beth and Mel Adams.

Sam Bookhardt is a junior at Humboldt State University in California, where he is completing a degree in botany. From his high school days, Sam's botanic interest has taken him into elementary school classrooms to give presentations on carnivorous plants, into the greenhouse to propagate plants, and into the field to help restore native plants to the environment. In college, Sam has done considerable research work in addition to his regular course of study. Upon graduation, Sam plans to continue "working with plants". Sam was sponsored by WCSWA members Ardis and Neil Schroeder.

As always, the Committee had to select two winners from a group of outstanding applicants. We use specific criteria and a numeric scoring system. Without this system, selecting winners would be nearly impossible. As it was, the top scorer received 100 points; the lowest scorer received 96.5 points. The Committee's discussion . "See "Scholarships", page 9

Hanshus Host WCSWA Annual Potluck



The weather threatened, but the potluck went on!

The Little Beaver Creek Tree Farm of Anne and Richard Hanschu was the site of the May 22nd annual WCSWA potluck. Though the weather threatened to open up any minute with a downpour, it held off until the members concluded a fine meal and interesting and educational tour. The Hanschus were ready in any case-- a fine weatherproof structure provided a setting for the feast!

The Sadtler/Shumaker Team provided the industrial strength grilling, WCSWA provided the meats, and everyone else filled the serving tables with delicious side dishes, salads, and desserts.

The program for the evening was a slide show report of Tualatin River Watershed Council activities – emphasizing that WCSWA is a charter
See "Potluck", page 11

The Prez Sez: Tires Popping and the Calendar Filling

Looming large on the calendar horizon is the OSWA Annual Meeting in Forest Grove at Pacific University June 22nd and at the Hayes' Hyla Woods forest on the 23rd. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so right away. OSWA must complete arrangements for meals, buses, etc. a week or more before the event. The entire program promises to be useful, interesting, relevant, and fun - an unbeatable combination! See information elsewhere in this newsletter about how to donate items for the silent auction. There is still time.

The Annual Meeting Committee has wrapped up the planning. Some WCSWA members will be loaning items for use on tour day. WCSWA volunteers who will help with the tour will meet at Hyla Woods for orientation and a dry run on June 11th. Thank you in advance to all of our members who have agreed to help with the event. This is the kind of support that makes good things happen.

Here's something to do right away, not write onto your calendar: Our 2012 roster will be mailed to members later this summer. Now is the time to check your contact information in the 2011 roster. If you have changed your phone number, e-mail address, etc., please **send that information to the OSWA office**. OSWA keeps the official records that are used to generate WCSWA's roster and mailing list. OSWA contact info: jenrains@gmail.com 187 High Street NE; Suite 208
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Once you have updated your contact information and rested up from the Annual Meeting, the WCSWA Program Committee has future events planned for you. Now is a good time to check the list on the next page and jot those events into your calendar. Our interesting, informative, relevant events are open to non-members, so why not invite a couple of neighbors to attend with you as guests? They will probably enjoy themselves. They might even decide to join WCSWA. (Remember, *yearly dues have been reduced for 15 or fewer acres of forestland - now just \$45.*)

All this calendar stuff reminds me that I marked my calendar for September, 2011 to *get that spraying done!!* Well, I got some of it. On expert advice, one dry day in late April, I sprayed a very persistent patch of Scotch broom with Garlon 4, taking care not to spray my crop trees. After a month, the scotch broom is black. Early April spraying of blackberry seems to have been effective as well. The expert says to be sure to spray the stems. I am still brush-cutting combined scotch broom, hawthorn, poison oak, maple, and blackberry. September spraying is already on my calendar for 2012. Other good news from the farm is the patch cuts re-planted in 2003 and 2006 are looking super and growing vigorously.

Some bad news has to do with punctured tractor tires. I keep my un-rocked logging roads mowed to reduce fire danger and create a durable turf. Somehow, despite passing over the same ground dozens of times over the years without incident, both left tires went flat! Punctured tractor tires immediately take on a shape which prevents the tractor from moving or being moved. It was in a place only accessible by four-wheel-drive truck even in dry weather. I will spare the details, but after four hours of a mechanic's time, eight hours of my time, visits to four tire shops (with two different opinions on the best way to repair the tires), the use of my pickup and the mechanic's tools and my tools, and a few anxious moments, the tractor was back on all fours. Oh yes, and about \$350. The up-side is that I learned some things, we both worked safely, and the dollar cost was much less than hiring the work done a few times each year. My very careful search has not found what punctured the tires. I have since mowed the roads again. Stay tuned.....

Enjoy the ambience! See you at the Annual Meeting.

Jim Brown

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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)

For Sale: (none)

Wanted: (none)

Event Calendar

June	21 & 29		Water Resource Tours See page 6
June	22-23		OSWA Annual Meeting – “Howdy Neighbor” Program – at Pacific University and Hyla Woods – hosted by Washington County Small Woodlands Association
July	21		Stimson Lumber Mill Tour – 9:30am, Forest Grove
August	TBA		Field event - TBA
September	15		Oregon Woodland Co-op – community woodland event in the mid-Willamette Valley; detail in future issue.
October	23		WCSWA monthly meeting
November	TBA		WCSWA annual banquet meeting
December			No regular meeting

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Why Monitor?

The term "monitoring" sounds pretty abstract, but it really is a common-sense approach to being a good manager of your woodlands. A few years ago a popular book about good corporation managers touted "management by wandering around". Good woodland managers do that as well – it's called "monitoring".

Here are some good reasons for monitoring your woodland:

- **Trees and woodlands are constantly changing.** Constant competition creates winners and losers.
- **Invasive species** move in; the sooner you know about them, the easier it is to get rid of them.
- **Your woodland's environment changes** as well – neighbors, weather, and other factors affect your woodlands.
- Monitoring is a great way to **get the family interested and involved.**
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OFRI Launches New Websites

Oregonforests.org is one of three new sites designed to better communicate with the public. Simultaneously, OFRI is launching **LearnForests.org** for K-12 teachers and forestry educators. These folks need easily accessible sources of credible information that align with state standards and benchmarks for math and social science. Expected this summer, OFRI will launch a new site for forest landowners. This is a collaborative effort by the Partnership for Forestry Education, with funding assistance from a federal grant.

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Stuntzner Engineering and Forestry, one of the original Forum advertisers, recently achieved several distinctions. **Ron Stuntzner** received the **Oregon State Society of American Foresters Lifetime Achievement Award** for his contributions to forestry. **Cliff Barnhart**, a consulting forester in the Stuntzner firm, has just been elected as President-elect of the **Association of Consulting Foresters** of America.

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Through a partnership between the Clean Water Services, the Joint Water Commission and the Tualatin River Watershed Council, two free tours in June will focus on how water resources are managed to protect water quality in the basin. Learn how local water resource agencies are working together to plan for long-range water needs of fish, farms, families and factories. The tours feature visits to Scoggins Dam and Hagg Lake, and the Joint Water Commission Water Treatment facility and Clean Water Services' wastewater treatment facility near Forest Grove. You will also hear how organizations and the public can protect our fragile watershed for future generations.

The dates and times of the tours are:

- Thursday, June 21 1 – 5 pm
- Friday, June 29 1 – 5 pm

To register for the free tours, please contact Michelle Mann at (503) 681-4430 or e-mail to mannm@cleanwaterservices.org. Deadline to register is one week before

TREE TALK

by **Bonnie Shumaker**

The merry, merry month of May was just that on this tree farm. We have become wiser over the years and concentrate all our school tours in this month. We also limit the number of tours to three. So, for three Thursdays in a row we hosted tours for the second grade classes at Banks Elementary, the first grade class at Valley View Charter School in Hillsboro, and third graders from Terra Linda in Beaverton. The first and last tours were for 90 children each and we could not have done those tours without the help of Master Woodland Managers and woodland associates. Thank you to Jim Brown, Tom and Pat Nygren, Jennifer Ranger, April Olbrich, Jennifer Wilson, Bill Triest, Mary Johnson, Sam Sadtler and Dallas and Sharon Boge. The kids learned a lot as evidenced by the “Thank You” notes they sent. Two out of the three tours even had excellent weather. The weather for Banks Elementary was character building to say the least, but kids and adults survived in good spirits. If the series of looking forward to it, enjoying the time and rejoicing that it is over is any indication of a successful touring season, then we achieved the desired result.



Wallenstein firewood processor does the job

May is also wood-gathering time. We try to get our winter supply of firewood stacked in the garage by the end of May. Bob has always enjoyed splitting wood, and I have enjoyed letting him do just that and then helping stack the wood. We keep two year's supply in our garage, so the wood we stack this year will be burned when it is good and dry the winter after this coming one. This year the effort was a breeze. In the coming years, our young forest will be overburdened

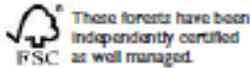
with trees ripe for harvest as firewood, and we anticipate probably joining the Oregon Woodland Co-op when that time comes; but a good deal on a wood processor came up this year. Getting to know the Wallenstein processor was enjoyable as it split the wood and deposited it into the bed of our RTV from which we stacked it in the garage. There was hardly any bending over involved which my back appreciated a lot, and the job was completed speedily.

As subscribers of a “waste not, want not” philosophy, Bob and I try to put that mantra into practice. A few years ago, we took down a garage and carefully stacked all the useable materials envisioning their use in expanding our shop. The time and the inclination have come together, and we are starting this project. When I see Bob staring off into space, I know that his brain wheels are turning that salvaged wood into an improved shop with as little waste (and as little purchasing of materials) as possible. By summer's end, we hope this project is completed. Of course, that “waste not, want not” personality also has a shop full of a little bit of everything which must be sorted and moved aside temporarily. That will be a project in itself.



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HISTORY *MWM Feb. Update*

For you history buffs out there, a historical look at Oregon's wood product industry (via Oregon Dept. of Economic Analysis):

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Stimson Tour Planned for July 21st

If you've never toured a sawmill, or have never toured one that is part of one of the oldest running forest products companies in the country, or if you'd like to see some beautiful country and have a picnic at scenic Hagg Lake or take a hike following the tour, plan on attending our July program – a tour of Stimson Lumber Mill, south of Forest Grove. For a history of the company, check out this website: <http://www.stimsonlumber.com/Company/company.html>

The tour will encompass the whole process of receiving raw logs, scaling, debarking, going through the sawmill and figuring best utilization of each log, drying the dimensional lumber in the huge kiln, planing, and preparing for shipping. On this particular Saturday, the sawmill will be running and is very interesting to see... and quite noisy as well. Earplugs, hardhats, goggles, and vest will be issued to all tour participants for their safety. Our tour leader will be Bob Banchemo, who has been with Stimson for nearly 30 years and enjoys showing folks the facilities and answering questions. It would be helpful to get an approximate headcount for the tour so that Bob can ensure a safe, informative, and enjoyable tour for all. If you're planning to attend, please contact Marge Hayes at 503.992.1509 or by email at MargeHayes@wildblue.net.

The tour will begin at 9:30 on Saturday, July 21. The address is 49800 SW Scoggins Valley Road, Gaston (going west from Hwy. 47) . We'll meet at the main office which is located at the 2nd main entrance on the left, where there is also ample parking. The tour is expected to take approximately 2 hours including Q&A.

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The OR SAF award goes annually to an Oregon forester who has made a significant difference in forestry leadership in Oregon, especially in outreach and education to small woodland owners.

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Scholarships, *from page 1*

confirmed the mathematical result. "We encourage applicants who did not receive a scholarship for 2012 to apply in future years. It is important for WCSWA to thank those who helped with the 2012 plant sale, particularly those who served on the Plant Sale Committee as well as those who pitched in on other important jobs. Their contributions in time, work, and planning make our scholarships possible. Their hard work ensures that funds for scholarships are available from the proceeds of the WCSWA Plant Sale.

While results won't show up until next year, several volunteers worked hard to "pot" native plant seedlings this spring so that they would be ready for next year's plant sale.

Other jobs that "fly under the radar" are making contacts with media to promote the sale, arranging for the sale site and the "tent" that has become the center of the sale, hauling the tables and other gear, protecting the sale site during the night preceding the sale, and more!

Logging Roads – The Continuing Saga

When we last reported on the logging road situation (Federal court decision mandating an industrial waste discharge permit for runoff from logging roads), there had been action on two fronts: an appeal of the court decision to the US Supreme Court, and legislation introduced in Congress to legally return to the previous Environmental Protection Agency silvicultural exemption for logging roads. A recent legislative rider pre-empted any enforcement of the appeals court decision requiring discharge permits until September 30, 2012.

Fast forward to the present: EPA has filed a notification of intent (Federal Register, May 23rd) to issue a new rule to protect the status quo on logging roads – on both public and private land – by specifying that they should be operated under best management practices (such as the Oregon Forest Practices Act), rather than the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits of the Clean Water Act. This new rule will specify that stormwater runoff from logging roads are not discharges “associated with industrial activity.”

The Supreme Court has not announced whether or not they will hear the appeal. Twenty-seven states, and many forest owners and timber companies have asked the Court to accept the case. The introduced legislation has not yet moved forward. National environmental groups have not weighed in on the case, leaving it in the hands of the original plaintiffs (Northwest Environmental Defense Center) for the time being.

Dave Tenny, President and CEO of the National Alliance of Forest Owners says that the EPA’s regulatory announcement is a sign that “we’re all in agreement on what the policy outcome ought to be.” He said he hopes the EPA notice indicates the agency will support the effort to win Supreme Court review of the Ninth Circuit appeals court decision.

There is no guarantee, however, that the Supreme Court will take the case, however, nor any guarantee that the legislation will pass (it still has not made it out of committee). If the judicial and legislative remedies fail, the EPA proposed regulation will be the best chance to address the 9th Circuit Court decision. However, it is very likely that the litigators will challenge the new EPA rule, and the 9th Circuit may again be able to weigh in. The EPA proposed rule may be seen at <http://op.bna.com/env.nsf/r?Open=fwhe-8uhtnx>.

(Excerpts from Daily Environment Report)

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member of the Council; Tom Nygren, Neil Schroeder, and Ardis Schroeder represent WCSWA on a current basis. April Olbrich is the Council Coordinator. The Council serves as a forum for community discussion of important watershed issues, including water supply, stream restoration, urban and rural water quality concerns, and more. Tom and April explained the various activities of the Council during the past few years. **As a follow up from the May 2012 WCSWA meeting, the Council is looking for input from WCSWA and its other stakeholder member groups regarding emerging Basin issues; education and outreach opportunities; and restoration and enhancement opportunities.** You can provide information to Tom Nygren, tnygren@juno.com, 503-628-5472, Neil and Ardis Schroeder, theoneil@upwardaccess.com, 503-628-2344, or April Olbrich, trwc@easystreet.net, 503-846-4810.

Following the program, members followed Richard and Anne Hanschu on a guided tour of many interesting sites where they have been practicing forestry activities, such as harvest, planting, thinning, educational tours, and more. For more tour pictures, go to the WCSWA website (www.wcswa.org) and look on the tour menu.

The Potluck in Pictures:



The "Taj Mahal" of picnic shelters!



April Olbrich, TRWC Council Coordinator



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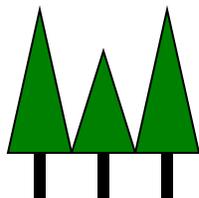


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We are here to help you achieve your management goals for your woodland. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. You'll find many kindred spirits among our diverse membership – and many opportunities to learn and share together! If you have any questions or need help, contact any of the Directors, Officers, or Newsletter Editors listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

OSWA ANNUAL MEETING - SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS STILL SOUGHT

This year, the silent auction will be held on Friday, June 22nd, 2012, during the OSWA Annual Meeting at Pacific University, in Forest Grove. **If you wish to donate an item to the silent auction or would like more information about the silent auction, please contact Ilene Waldorf at (503) 829-3181 or iwal@mollala.net**. The actual items can be delivered either directly to Ilene, delivered Friday morning June 25th, before the meeting begins, or to the OSWA office the week before the meeting.

Small Woodland Marketing – What Are You Doing?

Cristhian Gutierrez Patzi, who is a World Forest Institute Fellow-- Bolivia, is doing a survey of the wood marketing on small forestlands. Some of you met Christian at the WCSWA annual potluck, or at the WCSWA monthly meeting in April (see his picture and bio information in the May issue of the Forum). Christian is gathering information about how small forest businesses and families market their wood – the information will be aggregated and analyzed as part of his fellowship project at the World Forest Institute of the World Forestry Center in Portland.

A survey form is included with this newsletter; Christian would very much appreciate your filling out the form and returning to him at the address on the survey form.