

Forest Forum

Washington County Small
Woodlands Association

December, 2012

WCSWA Ballot Enclosed: 2013 Board, Officers

Board Positions 1 (**Tom Nygren**) & 2 (**Sam Sadtler**) are due for re-election at the close of 2012. Tom Nygren has declined to run for re-election; Sam Sadtler has consented to be re-nominated for another term.

Board Officers run for re-election each year. This year the position of President is open. **John and Cathy Dummer** have agreed to accept nomination from the Nominating Committee. The positions of Vice-President (**Vic Herinckx**) and Treasurer (**Bob Shumaker**) are also subject to election. Both incumbents have agreed to run for re-election for another term.

The floor was open for additional nominations at the Annual Banquet, but none were offered. Write-ins will be accepted. A ballot is enclosed for your vote. **Please mark the ballot, fold and staple/tape, stamp, and return by January 11th.**

WCSWA Earns OSA Gold Award!

This year WCSWA turned back its share of OSA member dues, as well as the share of the OSA Annual Meeting proceeds it earned. The Board determined that it was in the interest of WCSWA to assist the state organization as it endeavors to expand its services, community recognition, and membership.

OSA offers Patron Contributor awards of Platinum \$5000 Contributor; Gold \$2500 Contributor; Silver \$1000 Contributor; and Bronze \$500.

WCSWA Annual Banquet: From Washington County to Washington D.C.



Vic Herinckx, Acting President, presents Rep. Suzanne Bonamici with an Honorary Membership in WCSWA

Jim James, Executive Director of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Sam Sadtler - Washington County Small Woodlands Tree Farmer of the Year – and Suzanne Bonamici, 1st Congressional District Representative to the U.S. Congress, were the headline trio of the 2012 Annual WCSWA Banquet on November 17th at the Meriwether National Golf Course Clubhouse in Hillsboro. Vic Herinckx, Acting President of WCSWA, was the emcee for the event. Vic expressed special thanks to Beth Adams for her excellent work in arranging the Banquet (see picture on page 8), and introduced the candidates for election to two Board seats and a slate of officer candidates.

James gave a brief overview of “the state of OSA”, pointing out the continuing need for OSA to retain and increase its membership in order to fully redeem its role representing OSA members. OSA is starting a campaign to “grow the organization”, following three years

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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

December			No regular meeting
January	22		WCSWA Meeting, 7 p.m. – North Plains Fire Station
February	16		Goods from the Woods Fair, 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Linn County Expo Center, Albany
	26		WCSWA Meeting, 7 p.m. – North Plains Fire Station



Growing by Bundles and Boughs (and logs and oils, and....) The Co-op Is Members Helping Members!

Neil Schroeder, OWC President

At this time last year the OWC bundled firewood producers had received about \$100,000 in the three years we had been in that business. We have come close to returning that much in the last 12 months! Orders of 55 bundles were large orders when we first started. Last week we received an order for 200 bundles to one store. We are now selling kindling, premium hardwood and Doug Fir bundles. Four new members are producing firewood and realizing income from their hard work.

Two new floral customers are enjoying the quality of our holiday boughs. That business has begun to grow and customers are recognizing our outstanding products and are willing to pay a premium.

A new brand is nearly completed for many of the products we will be selling on the internet. Six conifer species of essential oils have been successfully distilled, a label designed, a bottle size determined, and a display container constructed. The internet and "Wellness" sections of stores will be our marketing outlets. Our market analysis indicates excellent possibilities for these products. We are looking at using the same brand to build a line of soaps, hand creams, lip balms, and body lotions using the essential oils. Look for them on our new commercial internet site.

Our website should be finished and operating by the end of the year. You will be able to buy or order most of our products by using your computer.

Northwoods Figured Woods has collaborated with us to find the specialty woods in our forests which will be purchased by hobbyists. Your property can be inventoried to find the burl wood and interesting shapes that will sell by the pound. When you are contemplating a harvest please think ahead about this possibility. You may be able to add some value to your harvest by taking out Maple or Cherry that normally would be slash.

On somewhat the same note our marketing people have found manufacturers of furniture and other products who have been buying their wood from the East Coast. We think we can provide a steady supply of Maple, Alder, and Oak to these production sites that will return a very good price to our members. Our small sawmill owners are making flooring and finish lumber from the logs that normally would be slash or firewood.

When we first began to meet as a cooperative our annual meetings were in our homes. If 12 people came we felt we had a successful meeting. In the last four years our annual meeting held at the Kinton Grange has averaged around 100 folks. In September we held an informational gathering at the Jim and Ed Merzenich farm near Brownsville. Over 150 interested folks attended and were involved in everything from cider making to climbing to the top of a 150 foot Doug Fir. Yes, the cider making has a lot to do with tree farming. The wood in the presses can come from our properties. Mark your calendars for April 20 and plan to come to the OWC Annual Meeting. Place to be determined.

There are many products yet to exploit and pursue. Truffles hold a lot of interest for many members. Dogs have been trained locally and the dog handlers are willing to share income from the sales. Some members are working with OSU and others to develop methods for inoculating lands to grow the tubers.

Considerable income may be developed from medicinal plants. OWC and OSU Extension have researched the growth, harvesting, marketing and extracting of Berberine from Oregon Grape. This is a widely used component of herbal medicines. This is only the tip of the medicinal iceberg regarding what we have growing in the fantastic chemical factory we call a forest.

One very promising prospect is the idea of touring our lands as a source of income. Some initial market research shows that city folks would pay \$30 + per person to visit a tree farm for a half day.

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OFRI Offers New Guide for Family Forest Owners

Oregon Forest Resources Institute has prepared a new publication to assist family forest owners: **Family Forests – A guide to technical, financial and educational resources for Oregon’s family forest landowners.**

OFRI worked with the “Partnership for Forestry Education” and other forestry entities to assemble this booklet. It draws together in one publication the resources available for families and individuals owning forestland that can help them achieve their goals for forestland ownership.

OFRI plans to update this booklet each year so that its information remains current. Like all OFRI publications it can be [downloaded](#) or [ordered](#) for free from [OFRI’s website](#).

(Editors’ note: One valuable resource is not included – the **Oregon Woodland Cooperative**. OFRI intends to include it in future editions)

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WCSWA Roster Updates

As noted in the November *Forest Forum*, some of the contact information for members was in error or incomplete (August insert in the *Forum*). Here are the corrections provided to the Editor so far:

Beth and Mel Adams:
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Did You Know? Black Fire Beetles Use Infrared Sensors

Black fire beetles of the genus *Melanophila* possess unusual infrared sensors. It seems that they use these to detect forest fires, even from as far away as 30 miles or more. Their wood-eating larvae can only develop in freshly burned trees. This is a very special ecological niche. "It allows the beetle larvae to freely eat their way through the wood because the trees, which have been killed by great heat, can no longer fight back, and there are hardly any predators that would eat them in freshly burned forests". Scientists are looking for ways to understand and utilize this amazing talent in forest fire detection.

Prof. Helmut Schmitz, University of Bonn

Forestry Board Approves “High Conservation Value” Designation

By a 4-2 vote on July 26th, the Forestry Board approved creation of a new category of state lands that will protect “high value conservation lands” for fish and older forest habitat. Board members Sybil Ackerman, Cindy Deacon Williams, Nils Christoffersen and Chairman John Blackwell voted in favor of the decision, while members Gary Springer and Tom Insko voted against.

Thursday’s meeting marked a step in a new direction – one the Board has inched toward since Gov. John Kitzhaber last November called on it to establish new protections for areas within the 500,000 acres that make up the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests, along with other state-managed forestland.

The Board’s decision sets in motion what is expected to be a year-long process. In November, Department of Forestry staffers will present the board with a roster of land that’s already set aside, which they will recommend for inclusion under the new designation. A lengthy public process will follow that meeting. But if everything is approved, the new designation could go into effect by July 2013.

Opponents of the decision say the Oregon Department of Forestry and counties that rely on timber payments are in no position to lock themselves into areas that will prohibit logging in the future. Proponents see the board’s decision as a step toward maintaining consistency in stream temperatures – which helps drop mortality rates for steelhead and other salmonids – and providing more diverse and natural timber stands.

The term “high conservation forest” is an internationally recognized term used to identify unique habitats. The American Tree Farm System defines them as “forests of outstanding and critical importance due to their environmental, social, biodiversity, or landscape values”.



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<http://pne.oregonstate.edu/course/oregon-master-naturalist-online#course-options-section>

Note: Tree Talk will reappear in the January Forest Forum, giving Bonnie Shumaker a well-deserved vacation!



Sam Sadtler is being presented with the traditional WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year sign by Tree Farm Nominating Chair Dallas Boge.

Sam Sadtler of Banks was awarded the Washington County Tree Farmer of the Year honor at the WCSWA Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 17th. Sam and his wife **Cee**, who call their tree farm “Redgate”, have owned the 19 acre property since 1990. The property has been logged several times. The first time was in the 1930’s, and as was the custom in those pre-Forest Practice Act days, it was not formally reforested. The resulting natural stand was thinned in the 1980’s, and again in 1996. In the latter thinning the goal was to improve the views from the residence.

A December 2006 wind storm created another unplanned salvage harvest, along with revealing some laminated root rot incidence. Another thinning was done in 2007 to remove vulnerable Douglas fir, along with other species. The resulting openings in the stand were reforested with western red cedar, some Coastal redwood, and Douglas fir (in areas that appeared free of root rot).

The Sadtlers appreciate their woodland retreat, and take the job of being good stewards seriously. They both are active participants in Washington County Small Woodlands Association, where Sam has served on the Board of Directors for several years.

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Beth Adams Recognized For Banquet Work

Interim WCSWA President Vic Herinckx presented Beth Adams with a floral bouquet at the Annual WCSWA Banquet on November 17th in appreciation for her work in setting up the Banquet.

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Forest Leadership Academy January 18th and 19th, 2013

By Jim James, OSWA Exec. Dir.

The Partnership for Forestry Education will be hosting the 2013 PNW Forestry Leadership Academy on January 18th & 19th at the Oregon Garden Resort in Silverton, Oregon. Partners include Oregon Tree Farm System, Oregon Small Woodland Association, Oregon and Washington Society of American Foresters, Oregon Forest Resource Institute, OSU Forestry & Natural Resource Extension, Cispus Institute, Washington Farm Forestry Association, and Washington Tree Farm Committee. The academy begins with lunch on Friday January 18th and concludes at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 19th. The program and all meals are included for a registration fee of \$25 for woodland owners, \$75 for forestry students and \$125 for SAF members. Rooms at the Oregon Garden Resort are available at \$69 for a single and \$89 for a double room. Both OSWA and OTFS have scholarships available to cover the cost of rooms. The first 45 OSWA and/or OTFS members to register will receive a scholarship to pay for their lodging. Contact Jen Rains at OSWA (jenerains@gmail.com) if you would like to attend and to request the OSWA or OTFS scholarship. The official registration form will be available soon.

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of membership loss. One of the ways will be to get greater name recognition for OSWA, and a property sign with the OSWA logo is being offered to members to help with that aim. The sign is well-made to withstand the weather, and can be obtained from the OSWA office in Salem for \$35..

The 2012 Tree Farmer of the Year, Sam Sadtler, was announced. The special WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year engraved wooden sign was presented to Sam (see story and picture on page 7).

Sam Bookhardt, one of the four winners of a \$1,000 scholarship from Washington County was present and introduced. Sam shared his background and activities in his field of study (botany).

Special guest for the Banquet was Suzanne Bonamici, who represents Washington County and much of northwest Oregon in Congress. Rep. Bonamici has a special tie to WCSWA, as one of her aides is the daughter of WCSWA members Tom and Julia Tibbs.

Rep. Bonamici shared some information about her Congressional committee assignments, and her concerns about the budget decisions to be made in the near future. She stated that the uncertainty about the budget has led to a lack of confidence. She said that there is general agreement in Congress that across-the-board cuts are a not good policy. She believes that a balanced solution will be reached. She pointed out that the Farm Bill decision is an important one for woodland owners. She believes a deal will be reached on the Farm Bill by year's end. She stated that the current estate tax exemption (\$5 million) is due to drop to \$1 million at year's end. She supports an emphasis on forest research, small farms and businesses, and OSU Extension. She also noted that trade laws are very important for the 1st District.

In a brief Q&A follow-up, Rep. Bonamici fielded a variety of questions from WCSWA members:

- Property rights: Noting the concern, she pointed out that this issue is mostly a state and local issue, but she will follow it closely. Another member pointed out that the LNG and pipeline issues involve federal jurisdiction.
- Federal lands vs local control: The current discussions on O&C lands involve primarily her Congressional colleagues from Oregon, but she is aware of the concerns.
- LEED program and FSC vs Tree Farm: Rep. Bonamici pointed out that Rep. Schrader is working on this issue to get Tree Farm certification accepted on a par with FSC in LEEDS. A member pointed out that USDA had a policy of FSC/ATFS equivalency, and urged other federal departments to follow that lead.
- Corporate farms – Rep. Bonamici pointed out how important they are in providing the volume of food needed, but also stated that the subsidy program needs to be looked at.
- Budget red ink: She says we are spending more than we can afford; we need to set aside our differences and find solutions.
- Role of science: Science is very important and needs to be supported.
- Future of Washington County (10-20 years)? Rep. Bonamici says the County has the best of everything – high-tech clusters and rural values. Controlled growth and maintaining farmland are important; need to maintain the diversity of growth and preservation.

Rep. Bonamici closed the presentation with an invitation to keep her informed, and provide feedback on Congressional bills, both good and bad. Contact information for Rep. Bonamici is: <https://bonamici.house.gov/contact-me>.

WCSWA Board Funds Pilot Natural Resource Education

The Board recently took the first step toward establishing a role for the organization in providing opportunities for Washington County schools to improve the knowledge of students about natural resources. The Board approved a grant of \$250 to the Magness Memorial Tree Farm for use in facilitating the participation of a Sherwood school in a field trip to the Tree Farm.

Several WCSWA members (Shumakers, Boges, Hanschus, others?) have been providing natural resource education opportunities to local schools for years. These trips are based on local contacts with schools, and are very popular with the students and schools. Oregon Forest Resources Institute has been assisting schools by providing funds for transportation to get students to the woods. However, there is still a limit to how much schools can participate in these opportunities as school funds become more limited. Popular and successful programs such as Outdoor School are being cut back or limited and funds for teaching supplies, teaching assistants, and other supporting needs are not available.

Though WCSWA does provide scholarships for college tuition, there is ample opportunity to assist local schools in elementary and high school natural resource education. Some other OSWA chapters have cooperative programs with schools to help with the natural resource education goal. The Board will be considering options for WCSWA to do the same. Some options discussed have included establishing a yearly funding commitment to organizations that provide opportunities to schools (like Magness Memorial Tree Farm), agreements with local schools to assist in providing educational materials, and WCSWA member commitments to providing their tree farms as “learning laboratories”.

Good news for Oregon Timber Industry

The *Portland Tribune* reports that a three-member panel at the Portland Business Alliance’s monthly breakfast agreed that Oregon’s timber industry can expect to see growth in global demand for wood fiber. However, they warned the increase will be slow and irregular. Oregon’s timber industry, which dwindled during the Great Recession, is going to face challenges as it tries to meet the growing demand.

Panelist Andrew Miller, president and chief executive officer of Portland’s Stimson Lumber, said that Stimson has had trouble getting logging contractors for the past three years. “The whole supply chain shrunk. It will take years in some cases to rebuild capacities.”

The same is true of the housing construction industry, said panelist Joshua Prangle, vice president of basic materials investment banking for J. P. Morgan Chase in Chicago. When the nation lost 2 million construction jobs, many of those workers left for different industries.

The third panelist, Doug Robertson, a Douglas County commissioner, noted that about two-thirds of the mills in his county have closed in the past four decades.

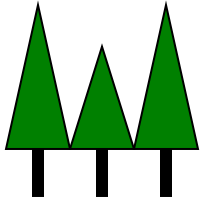
The panelists also agreed that there probably won’t be increased logging in national forests because environmental groups tend to challenge timber sales in court.

However, Oregon Congressmen Greg Walden (R-Hood River), Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield), and Kurt Schrader (D-Canby) are working on a bill that would pass control of 1.4 million acres managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to the state of Oregon. They will argue that the state can do a better job implementing sustainable forest management practices than the federal government can.

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New Members Welcome to **Christopher Morse** of Forest Grove and **Bernadette Strand** of North Plains! We are here to help members achieve their management goals. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. (You're always invited to the WCSWA meetings!). 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.

Board of Forestry

The terms of Board of Forestry members Steve Wilson and chairman John Blackwell are expiring at the end of the year. Neither is seeking reappointment.

Mountain Pine Beetles Contributing to Climate Change?

Newly published research suggests mountain pine beetles have become so widespread that they're not just benefiting from global warming, they're starting to contribute to it. "The effects of climate change cascade," said Holly Maness of the University of Toronto. Scientists have concluded that the gradually warming climate has allowed the tree-killing beetle to spread into forests it used to be frozen out of. The report quotes figures suggesting that over the last decade, the bugs have spread over about 20 per cent of the total area of British Columbia, making it one of the largest ecological disturbances ever recorded. The warming effect is related to lack of carbon storage occurring, and increasing positive heat exchange from reduced respiration. Read more: <http://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/pine-beetles-contributing-to-climate-change-study-says-1.1053055#ixzz2E6y6E6LK>

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www.orwoodlandco-op.com to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative (see page 3)