

# Forest Forum

Washington County Small  
Woodlands Association

August, 2013

## September Tour Set: Schroeder Seed Orchard

The September WCSWA tour will be on **September 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 a.m.** at the Schroeder Seed Orchard. The Seed Orchard is located at 3700 Mahoney Road, south of St. Paul. The orchard is located about halfway on the Mahoney Road segment that extends from Hwy. 219 to River Road.

WCSWA has had tours at the Seed Orchard in the past, and there is always something new to see. The Seed Orchard began with an emphasis on creating superior Douglas-fir seedlings to supply State nurseries, and the results have been shown in the current “elite” seedlings, such as those that WCSWA has contracted for and grown from seeds provided by ODF.

In the early 1990’s, there appeared to be a more or less consistent demand for Valley ponderosa pine seed to produce about 1 million seedlings per year. This would require about 260 lbs of seed per year. Based on this forecast, members of the Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Conservation Association collected cones and plant material from more than 160 Valley ponderosa pine trees. ODF developed a total of 14 acres of seed orchard, and established the Robert H. Mealey Native Gene Conservancy in 1996.

Unfortunately, the forecasted seedling demand never materialized. There are two explanations for this:

- The deep and continuing economic recession has caused family forest

*See Schroeder Tour, page 10*

## Washington County 2012 Tree Farmer of Year Tour



**Sam and Cee Sadtler – 2012 Tree Farmers of the Year, Washington County**

**Redgate Tree Farm** northwest of Banks was the site of the Tree Farmer of the Year Tour and BBQ on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Redgate is the tree farm of Sam and Cee Sadtler, who were the 2012 Tree Farmers of the Year for Washington County.

A good crowd was present on a beautiful day to celebrate Sam and Cee’s selection, and to tour the farm and see the interesting exhibits and demonstrations on display. Members of the Sadtler family, including son Sam III, daughter Caroline, and cousin Doug from Nashville, Tennessee, and several grandchildren, were on hand as well.

Bill Wood, manager of the Magness Memorial Tree Farm, gave a demonstration of a simple tool he has developed for calculating tree heights. The tool, which is based on simple geometric concepts, is designed for use by forest owners who may not wish to purchase a more sophisticated but expensive clinometer or other instrument. Interested forest owners came away with one of the tools for their future use.

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## Event Calendar

<b>August</b>			<b>No Scheduled Event</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Tualatin Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Tour and BBQ, Robert and Myrna Daly farm. Contact Judy Marsh, TSWCD 503-648-3174, x117.</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Schroeder Seed Orchard Tour, see page 1.</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Fun in the Forest, at NPFS</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Annual WCSWA Banquet, Meriwether National Golf Course</b>
<b>December</b>			<b>No scheduled event</b>

# ***The Woodland Beat***

Being co-presidents has given us a first-hand glimpse into how the WCSWA works behind the scenes. It has been great to see how so many people are passionate about their small woodlands and about our organization. You may have noted in the July 2013 issue of the OSWA newsletter "Oregon Family Forests News" that each chapter was asked to recognize a volunteer or volunteers at the annual meeting. We chose to recognize Bob and Bonnie Shumaker for their efforts on many fronts. Most notably they have hosted local school children on their tree farm each year for the past 35 years! Another group of members that we'd like to thank is this year's scholarship selection committee which was headed by Ron Larson and included Art Dummer, April Olbrich, Norrie Dimeo-Ediger from OFRI, Richard Hanschu, and Don South.

The WCSWA Board meets quarterly and occasionally has a special meeting. In May we had a special meeting during which the OSWA Mission Statement and WCSWA Objectives were reviewed and the following priorities were established for the WCSWA:

Priority 1 - Educate, recruit and support small woodland owners as they address the challenges of small woodland management, including:

- a. Encouraging the sustainability of small woodlands within Washington County as viable economic and socially responsible components of the community.
- b. Providing a medium for exchange of ideas concerning woodlands by landowners, public agencies, consultants and timber industry personnel.

Priority 2 - Represent the interests of owners of small woodlands before legislative bodies and administrative agencies especially as they relate to property rights. Submit issues to the Oregon Small Woodlands Association for their consideration for legislative or other action.

Priority 3 - Educate and inform the general public regarding the challenges of small woodland management.

Priority 4 - Represent the Oregon Small Woodlands Association within Washington County.

Current WCSWA activities were reviewed and the priorities that they address were identified. The following current activities are associated with the priorities identified above:

Priority 1 – Seedling Sale, Newsletter, Annual Banquet, Tree Farmer of the Year Award and tour, Website, Potluck, Speaker Gifts

Priority 2 – Newsletter, Annual Banquet, OSWA donation

Priority 3 – Plant Sale/Scholarship, Newsletter, Website

Priority 4 – No budgeted items identified

It was reassuring to note that most of our priorities are covered in some way with our current activities and interesting to see how those activities fit into WCSWA priorities and how those priorities fit into the goals of OSWA. That linkage is important and provides a pretty good base from which we can evaluate our future activities.

This process also gave us a first-hand understanding of the current and past members who have been making good decisions over the years to get us to the strong and stable situation we have today. We are also very grateful for the current board members for taking the time to help get this framework down on paper so we could share it. But most of all many thanks to all members who have made and continue to make all these activities happen. They are all important and all part of what makes this a very strong organization. ***Until next time – Happy Small Woodland!***

*John and Cathy Dummer*

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## Oregon Timber Harvest Showed 36% Increase in 2012

The 2012 Oregon Timber Harvest was up for the third consecutive year from the depths of the most recent recession in 2009, according to a report just released by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The low of 2.75 billion board feet in 2009 has increased to a 2012 harvest of 3.75 billion board feet. "This was a 36 percent increase," said Brandon Kaetzel, the Oregon Department of Forestry's principal economist, "attributable during 2012 to a still strong export market and an improving domestic market (e.g. housing starts)."

Private lands in the state (both industrial and non-industrial) also saw increases. Industrial harvests increased from 2.46 billion board feet in 2011 to 2.56 billion board feet in 2012 for an increase of four percent. Harvests on non-industrial private lands (i.e., small woodland owners) increased by 14.3 percent from 278 million board feet to 318 million board feet. The forest industry made up 87 percent of the private harvest.



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**2013 WCSWA Scholarship Winners  
Visit TFOY Tour**

The winners of 2013 WCSWA scholarships were presented at the Tree Farmer of the Year tour at the Sadtler Redgate Tree Farm on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Both scholarship award winners will be attending college this fall. Jonathan Herinckx will be majoring in mechanical engineering at Oregon State University, and Miriam Marsh will be majoring in engineering and math education at George Fox University.



**Jonathan Herinckx**



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These plants spread by cuttings from their stems, especially in moved fill dirt or water. Even the smallest fragment of a stem can yield an entirely new colony downstream. Worse still, knotweed will grow even more quickly and densely in response to cutting, so skip any attempt to pull, cut or otherwise mechanically remove it.

The best action to take is reporting knotweed to the Oregon Invasive Species Hotline. For more information on reporting, contact Tualatin SWCD at 503-648-3174, x121, or [tualatinswcd@gmail.com](mailto:tualatinswcd@gmail.com).



**Bill Wood** shows **Anne Hanschu** how his tree height calculator works at the Tree Farmer of the Year Tour and BBQ.

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# TREE TALK

by **Bonnie Shumaker**



I am writing this month's Tree Talk from Isanti, Minnesota. Bob and I planned this stop on our cross-country trip in order to attend the American Tree Farm System National Convention Field Day in Minnesota.

I am guessing that many of you share with me in having never seen the forests of Minnesota. If it were to fit in with my impression before we arrived here, probably impressed by not much more than tales of Paul Bunyan, I expected to find large forests, regrown from

Paul's time, on slopes probably lesser than the Pacific NW and with a few more hardwoods. Here is my now first-hand observation augmented from discussion with experts at Dave and Bev Medvecky's 240 acre tree farm. The land is flat, the trees are almost all hardwoods and the surrounding land is planted in cornfields, grain crops and pastures. The Medveckys

own 240 acres. They grow oats, cover crops to improve the soil and a hardwood forest of maple, basswood, ash, burr oak and white oak. According to UMN Extension

agent Eli Sagor, this land, which is situated about 30 miles north of Minneapolis, is at the juncture of three forest types: The Northeastern composed of spruce, fir, aspen and birch; the Eastern Broadleaf with maple, basswood and red oak; and the prairie. I asked Eli what was a main concern in this area. He answered they are on the lookout for the Emerald Ash Borer which could be devastating if it reaches here.

Other facts I gleaned from Greg Wuerflein, MN DNR: Minnesota's Forest Service was started in 1911 following devastating fires. There are approximately 6 million acres of



**The Medvecky's mixed hardwood forest**

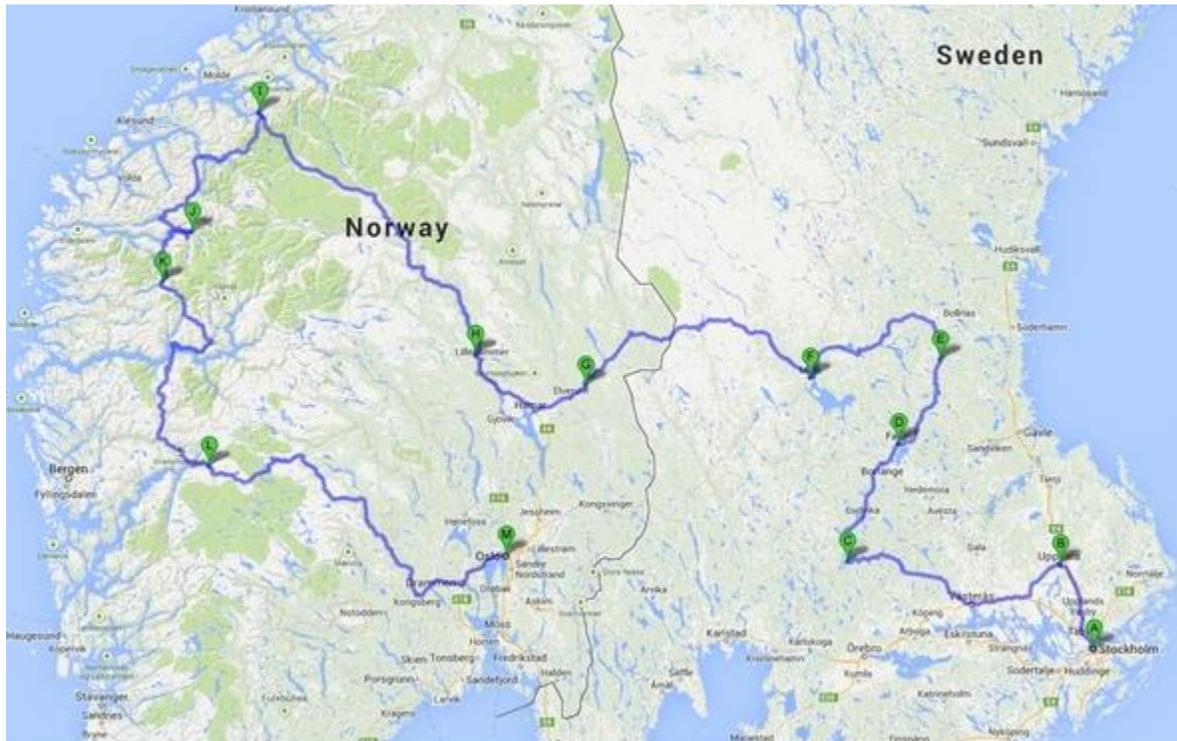
commercially productive forest: 45% is privately owned, 24% state owned, 13% federally owned and 16% county owned.



**Old forwarder holding oak logs**

We enjoyed meeting people from all over the U.S. The Medveckys had worked hard to provide an interesting and informative tour on their lovely piece of land. The only downside was that Mother Nature provided a rainy day with near-record cool temperatures when 80 or 90 degrees was expected.

## **A VIEW OF SCANDINAVIAN FORESTRY COOPERATIVES**



The Oregon Woodland Cooperative (OWC) is sponsoring a two-week technical and cultural tour for small woodland owners to Scandinavia from May 25 to June 8, 2014. The guided tour will focus on the role of cooperatives in private forestry in Sweden and Norway. We will meet woodland owners and tour their tree farms, see harvesting equipment in action, and visit forestry companies, sawmills, equipment manufacturers, and forestry museums. In addition, tour participants will see and experience outstanding natural beauty in the farms, forests, mountains and fjords of Sweden and Norway, and enjoy the cultural highlights of the towns and cities along the way. Discounted international airfare is included. Travel will be by private motor coach and accommodation in first-class hotels.

Find the latest tour information including itinerary, pricing, and registration at <http://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com/news-and-events>. For questions, contact OWC c/o Richard Hanschu: [netvetrdh@gmail.com](mailto:netvetrdh@gmail.com), home (503) 357-2551, cell (503) 539-5988. Please note that space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Initial deposits and registrations are due by Oct. 1, 2013.

### **NAFO report shows impact of private forest landowners**

The National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) released new data confirming the strong value forest owners provide to the U.S. economy. "The Economic Impact of Privately-Owned Forest in the United States" reveals forest owners support 2.4 million jobs, \$87 billion in payroll, \$223 billion in sales and 5.7 percent of all U.S. manufacturing. The report provides national, regional and state-specific data on jobs, payroll, sales, acreage ownership and contribution to overall manufacturing and gross domestic product.



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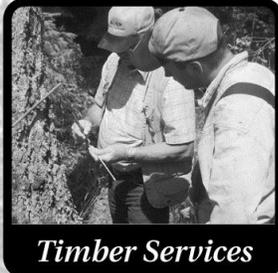


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**Schroeder, continued from page 1**

- landowners to significantly reduce their forest management activities, resulting in much reduced demand for forest tree seedlings of all species.
- Anecdotally, much of the land suitable for valley pine planting has already been planted.

The Seed Orchard continues to seek improvements in forest seedlings, including Willamette Valley ponderosa pine and Douglas fir.

**WOW Events Coming Up**

**Silviculture Field Day** - Saturday, August 17, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location: McDonald-Dunn Forest, Monmouth. Instructors: Steve Fitzgerald, Brad Withrow-Robinson.

**Small Scale Thinning and Management For the Woodland Owner** - Saturday, September 14, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Location: Mark Havel's farm, Willamina. Instructor: Mark Havel.

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From a distance, the **willow** trees that have been damaged appear to be reddish-bronze color and missing a lot of foliage. The damage is inconsistent, with some willows heavily affected, and nearby trees without damage. Upon closer examination, the remaining leaves of affected willow trees have been partly skeletonized. The fleshy leaf tissue has been eaten away, leaving just the vein network, which quickly dries to reddish brown. Most leaves have green, undamaged areas adjacent to patches where feeding occurred.

**Alder** leaves don't have as fine a vein network as willow. Affected alder leaves tend to have less of a browned, skeletonized look, and more large holes. The heaviest damage is in the lower parts of the crowns.

Damaged willow and alder leaves may also be occupied by grubby black insect larvae. (Yes, beetle larvae are often called "grubs" but "grubby" is doubly suitable because the larvae produce a little webbing that collects dirt, leaf fragments and specks of dark feces where they are feeding. Hence, the descriptor "grimy" or "dirty" is appropriate in addition to the insect itself being an immature beetle "grub"). Larvae look somewhat like black lady beetle larvae, with a head, six short legs and a long, tapering body.

(Karen Ripley, Forest Health Program Manager, WA DNR, karen.ripley@dnr.wa.gov)

## New OFRI publication outlines challenges and solutions for deer, elk and forest management

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The new publication *Wildlife in Managed Forests: Deer and Elk* synthesizes recent scientific findings and provides several examples of how deer, elk and forests are managed in Oregon.

Many Oregon land managers face the challenge of balancing healthy populations of deer and elk with the need to manage forests for healthy, sustainable timber production.

Here are some of the questions discussed in this new 32-page booklet:

- How do deer and elk interact with intensively managed Douglas-fir plantations?
- How important is winter and summer forage for elk?
- Which forage species do deer and elk prefer?
- How much damage do deer and elk cause?
- How has the change in management on federal forestlands impacted deer and elk distribution?

Digital copies of the new publication can be downloaded – or paper copies ordered – at no cost at [OregonForests.org](http://OregonForests.org).

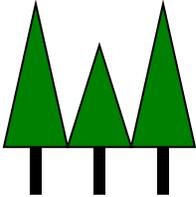
This publication is a complete revision of an earlier publication on just elk. Especially handy for small landowners, it discusses in an easy-to-read format the most recent scientific background and solutions to problems concerning the management of these species in Oregon forests.

It follows earlier books in this series on the Northern Spotted Owl, Stream-Associated Amphibians, and another capstone booklet on Oregon Forests as Habitat. It can be ordered or downloaded from [OregonForests.org](http://OregonForests.org) at no cost.

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### Potpourri

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***Interested in using native plants in your yard?*** Good choice, native plants can support wildlife, protect waterways and save time and money. If you need a little help to get started, check out *Native plants for Willamette Valley yards*. This guide offers detailed information for 140 plants including sun and moisture requirements, wildlife benefits and native range within northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington. It also lists resources for design help, plant sources, invasive plant information and botanical references. You can download a copy online or request a printed copy by calling (503) 234-3000. (Clean Water Services)

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