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 Washington County Small
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December, 2013

WCSWA Banquet – A Rousing Success!



The 2013 WCSWA Annual Banquet was a rousing success! An interesting speaker, an update from OSWA executive director Jim James, good food, a large number of door prizes, unusual table decorations, and a wonderful array of over 90 members and their families all contributed to a great event.

Grant McOmie, (above) outdoor reporter on TV Channel 8 (Saturday evenings), author and producer, was the guest speaker. Grant, who recently published a book, “Grant’s Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures,” let the audience in on how his documentaries are produced – with several examples from recent and upcoming shows. Grant started in the outdoor documentary business because he was tired of the standard TV news fare of violence in the community. He wants people to see the beauty and interesting features of the world around us – and his documentaries focus on Oregon. An interesting factoid: it takes about one and one half hours of filming for each three minutes in the documentary.

Grant shared some of his experience with a Rockaway establishment called “Karla’s Krabs” – which was a smokehouse restaurant of regional fame. He also showed a clip from one of his past documentaries on the women who have worked on the region’s fire towers, the “Cloud Girls”. Some of the story was shot at the Tillamook Forest Center, which has a real fire tower that visitors can climb up into. He plans to do a sequel, following up with some of the original Cloud Girls. Next winter he will be working on a story on truffles – which should interest a number of small woodland owners.

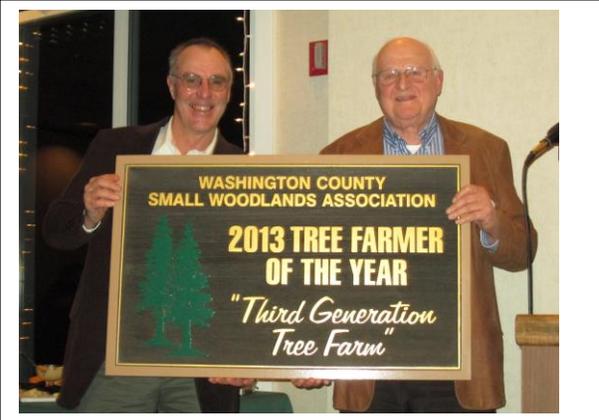
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WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year Named

The Annual Banquet is the traditional venue for announcing the selected WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year. This year Chuck and Judy Price were the honorees, and they and many of their family were there to accept the carved wooden sign that signifies the Tree Farmer of the Year.

The 91-acre Third Generation Tree Farm is located south of Forest Grove, near Gaston. Chuck, Judy, and their family (son Tim and daughters Tammy and Tracey) have been important contributors to the development and maintenance of the tree farm. Chuck and Tim completed

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Roger Van Dyke, Stimson Lumber, and Chuck Price

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Event Calendar

January 28	7:00 p.m.	North Plains Fire Hall	Ed Kamholz – local forest and logging railroad historian
February 25th	7:00 P.M.	North Plains Fire Hall	Mike Cafferata – ODF District Forester: Banks – Tillamook trail and other updates
March 25th	7:00 P.M.	North Plains Fire Hall	TBD
April 22nd	7:00 P.M.	North Plains Fire Hall	TBD
May (TBD)			Annual WCSWA Potluck (tentative)
Summer	TBD	TBD	Tours of Woodlands and Other Sites of Interest

The Woodland Beat

A young woman came to our door a few weeks ago and said she was with the Environment Oregon Research & Policy Center and was concerned about how the government was planning to allow timber companies to clear cut all the O&C property and skirt the Clean Water Act in the process. She then asked if I was in support of her position, which was to convince our congressional delegation to stop any logging on O&C property. I asked why she thought logging on the O&C property was a problem and she talked about how logging on those properties was going to destroy water quality and once the trees are gone there won't be hunting opportunities (guess I gave off some kind of hunter vibe during our conversation). She also suggested that it was unfair that the O&C revenue went to smaller rural communities rather than being distributed to all Oregonians to reduce the tax burden for all of us from this resource that belongs to all of us. She asked again if I was in support of her position, which I could only answer by asking more questions: Without the tax revenue from the timber harvest, what other options are there for funding the local schools? Why does she assume that the Oregon Forest Practices Act will not adequately protect waterways and reforestation? How does logging destroy hunting opportunities? How much of the land proposed for clear cutting has been harvested before and how much is old growth? She didn't seem to have answers to these questions and eventually said something about not trying to change my mind, thanked me for my time and headed off to the next house in my neighborhood. It was an interesting conversation, not least because she left us with unanswered questions, but also because it provided an excellent opportunity for us to do our own research into the subject.

Although the young woman was perhaps not as well informed on her subject as she could have been, she was at least willing to start the conversation. And really we as forest landowners all play a critical role in being willing to have conversations with those around us about forest related issues. We don't have to talk to strangers about politically charged subjects; we can just share our experiences and our point of view as hands-on managers of working forests with friends and neighbors. As forest landowners our voices are more important than ever.

Hope you enjoyed the annual banquet last month. Nice work on the part of a lot of people to bring that together – Thanks to all who had a hand in it! Have a safe and restful holiday season.

Until next time – Happy Small Woodlanding!

John and Cathy Dummer

The Adventures of Duggy Fir by Thomas Perkins



It was the Christmas Season in Duggy's Oregon Forest. Children were playing in the snow a ways from where Duggy grew.



"Why are they chopping us down?!" panicked Duggy to Harry the wise Hemlock.



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Tree Talk by Bonnie Shumaker will return next month so Bonnie can take some well-deserved time off!



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Co-President John Dummer presents Grant McOmie and Jeff Kastner, his photography partner, with WCSWA mouse pads

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Stuart Mulholland and **Leah Jackson-Hurley** did an outstanding job of acquiring door prizes from local merchants and businesses. Donors this year were:

- Banks Hardware Store
- Lake Stop Store
- Helvetia Tavern
- Napa Auto Parts, Forest Grove
- Coastal Farm and Ranch, Cornelius
- Montinore Estate
- Plum Hill Vineyard
- A number of WCSWA members also contributed to the door prizes.

Ardis Schroeder provided unusual table decorations for the dining tables – clever and interesting bird houses she was able to borrow from a friend. These decorations provided each table with a topic of conversation!

Finally, **Beth Adams** deserves a great deal of thanks for her work in organizing and managing the process of putting on the Banquet. The Meriwether National Golf Course – which she suggested last year, was an excellent venue.

Bob Shumaker won a door prize!





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the Master Woodland Manager program in 2000.

The Third Generation tree farm began with the land purchase in 1962 by Chuck's parents, who operated a walnut orchard on the property. The property passed down to Chuck and his siblings, and he acquired full ownership. He planted a large portion of the former orchard to Douglas-fir in 1995; the remainder of the property had naturally seeded in to a mix of fir and hardwood.

The Tree Farmer of the Year sign, engraved with tree farm name and designation of "Tree Farmer of the Year", is provided by a grant from the Stimson Lumber Company. Roger Van Dyke of Stimson represented his organization at the presentation of the sign.

A tour and luncheon is provided by the Tree Farmer of the Year, with the assistance of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association, the summer following the year of selection.

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Can We Still Track Trends? *David Stallcop, Global Marketing Manager for Vanport International, Inc. From Forest Business Network (edited for brevity)*

Like many people in the wood products industry, I am the ultimate information junky. I enjoy reading statistics, following trends, and analyzing the past in order to predict the future. Yet so many transformational changes in markets and technology have occurred over the past six years that one needs to use more caution, as relying on the past as a strong predictor of the future may no longer hold true. China's demand for wood fiber, a lack of long length cutting mills, and the dramatic demand change of 2×10 and 2×12 dimension lumber are all contributing to this transformational change.

China's demand for wood fiber

The first trend point is China's insatiable appetite for wood fiber, whether in the form of round logs or lumber, that will have a major impact on the available supply of wood products that we will need here in the U.S. as the economy continues improving. China will continue to adjust its economic policies in an effort to expand domestic consumption while promoting reforms designed to make the economy less reliant on exports as the primary engine of economic growth. As Chinese demand for North American logs continues to grow, it is inevitable that log shortages will begin to occur, just as sawmills in the Pacific Northwest and Canada begin to add capacity. Whether this expansion comes from increasing work hours, adding a Saturday shift or even adding a second shift, this increased domestic demand will inevitably push up log prices further and put a strain on domestic log supplies. At what point will log prices in the Pacific Northwest be too high for Chinese buyers to accept that they stop sourcing logs from this region? Where will that future supply come from?

Lack of long length cutting mills

The second trend point is the closing of long length timber cutting mills during the recession. Nobody really noticed their loss or their impact on the lumber supply situation because the demand just wasn't there to support all of these specialized cutting mills. However, as the demand for higher end homes has begun to recover, and as commercial projects begin to scale up, the pricing for longer length Douglas-fir timbers has begun to reach record highs. There is such a lack of supply of long length solid timbers in this market that demand is being transferred over to glue laminated beams to replace the solid sawn structural timbers that were originally specified in architectural designs. As demand continues to increase, we could easily see prices in the market continue to reach new highs unless we see the addition of some new production capacity, which seems unlikely; at least in the short-term. This in turn will either push up the price of clears to the point where some mills will saw and pull for this market again or it will encourage the traditional users of the clear lumber to seek out alternative lumber sources such as Europe and New Zealand, or switch to non-wood substitutes like vinyl lumber for moulding and millwork products. It will be interesting to see what new trends will come about in our industry as the lack of long length timbers creates demand for alternative products in these traditional applications. Eventually, a balance will be found, but in the meantime timber producers are in the driver's seat.

Dramatic demand change of 2×10 and 2×12 dimension lumber

The last trend point is the incredible buzz we have seen over the past few months as prices of 2×10 and 2×12 have reached near record highs. Back before the advent of engineered wood products being used as joists, there were many times when we saw the prices of wide dimension lumber easily reach the levels we are seeing today. The widespread acceptance of wood I-joists and laminated veneer lumber as substitutes for wide dimension lumber (in floor joist and header applications) essentially placed a lid on those prices.

What we are seeing now as states adopt all or part of the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC) for one and two story family dwellings, is greater restrictions being placed on the use of wood I-joists on the first floor due to burn rates that don't meet the new code requirements. This will force contractors to either sheetrock over the wood I-joists, use higher cost I-joists that are treated with a fire retardant, or switch back to using solid sawn 2×10 or 2×12's.

As always, our industry is ever changing and as these changes occur it is interesting to see the domino effect that they have and the new trends that result, either intentionally or unintentionally.



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Scanning the Horizons for a Logger

By Steve Bowers, OSU Extension Douglas County

If you've taken one of Forestry Extension's Managing Your Timber Sale workshops, it's possible you were exposed to a section on finding and selecting a logger. Under normal circumstances, finding one isn't nearly as difficult as the selection process. Much like shopping for an insurance agent or a car salesman: there's plenty out there, but finding a good one is another matter. And thus is the case for loggers....usually.

But for those of you who keep track of log values and trends, and here let us say you should constantly monitor the market even if you have no intentions of logging, because if you did, then it's entirely possible you've decided making a few stumps might have an appreciable financial return about now. Just after the first of the year, values began to increase, really took-off in February, held their own in March, and April still looking pretty good, then after that it's anyone's call.

Trouble is, that those of you who have already decided to do some logging have largely absorbed the supply of logging contractors. If you do your own logging, then it's merely a matter of sharpening the saw, firing up the dozer, and away we go. But such is not the case for those of us relying on someone else getting our logs to market. Well, we've spent half of this article telling you what you did wrong. Maybe take the remaining portion and see if we can throw some light on the subject.

OK. If I was looking for a logger, the first thing I'd do is find a trucker. You might ask, isn't this putting the cart ahead of the horse? Absolutely not. If you equate the cart to the logger and the horse to the truck, the mechanism of moving something precedes making it. Start asking around and even if they are busy, ask them what logger they're assisting (if you're planning on harvesting less than 10 loads of logs, it's likely you'll need a self-loader. A larger operation likely comes with a contractor that performs all facets of logging, i.e. cutting, yarding and trucking).

At the same time, talk to your neighbor. If they're currently logging, who's doing the work? And if they did in the past, who was it? And while you're driving over to the neighbors, look around and see if there are any loggers working in the vicinity. And if so, stop and see if they're looking for any future work? There's a chance that even if they are committed to another job, if yours is in closer proximity to the current one, they just might squeeze you in before moving out of the area.

OK, so if you're going to do some logging, you need a buyer. And all log buyers have contractors who do a majority of their work for those buyer's respective mills. A positive to this strategy is a mill isn't going to keep a cull around doing their work. The downside is the logger's allegiance tends to lay with the mill, not necessarily you, so the word of the day is watch those log lengths and diameters as your trees are being felled and bucked.

Still striking out? We all have to fill out a Notification of Operations to sell our wood. Many of the local ODF offices will keep a list of loggers and even if they don't, the Stewardship foresters know many of the operators in the area merely because they are the enforcement arm of the State. They will have insight as to whether a logger is worth his salt as they see them in daily operations, and the forester typically doesn't have a dog-in-the-fight, so their assessment will be an objective one.

On our last legs? The Association of Oregon Loggers (AOL) headquarters is in Salem and they can be contacted for a list of loggers associated with the organization. These companies will be accredited with the Pro Loggers Program,

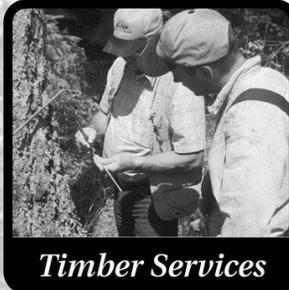


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and if you're selling logs, you'll need a written management plan or have an accredited Pro Logger do your work in order to procure a contract with most buyers in the region. It's not a pre-requisite to have a contractor affiliated with the AOL, but it's not a bad idea.

Strong log values correlate to busy mills, buried truckers and booked logging contractors. This is where we tell you to plan ahead to avoid the pitfalls of scurrying around at the last minute looking for operators and truckers. If you'd have known several months ago values would have been this good, then everything would be all lined-up, ready to go. But you didn't know. Nobody knew. So let's deal with it and hopefully, you'll get something out of this article. Best of luck.





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FERNS updates the current paper Notification process. Deputy Division Chief Lena Tucker commented, "It will make forestry management and compliance more streamlined and efficient by modernizing our systems. It mirrors technology currently used by families and businesses alike. It will mean more time for operators and stewardship foresters to focus on operations on the ground."

Both internal and external groups assist ODF to develop and test FERNS to ensure it meets the users and legal needs. ODF and beta testers continue working diligently to provide an electronic format similar to the paper form to ensure a seamless transition.

Private Forest Division Chief Peter Daugherty explained, "Administratively, we're simply matching current technology. The principles stay the same - communicate, protect people and the environment, and allow productive forest management - it's just the tools that have changed."

Learn more about FERNS. Watch upcoming ODF publications, your forestry association communications, and www.oregon.gov/ODF.

Governor's Executive Order: Focus on Forest Products

Gov. John Kitzhaber on Monday issued an executive order designed to promote Oregon's wood products and sustainable forest management. Kitzhaber announced the order while speaking at the Oregon Forest Industries Council's annual meeting Monday.

"Oregon is a leader in products that come from sustainably managed forests," Kitzhaber said in a prepared statement. "Increasing the market for these products helps conserve forests and strengthen surrounding communities, while supporting our broader work to manage forest lands for long-term economic and environmental health."

The order asks state agencies to play a role in developing and promoting innovative uses of Oregon wood and asks the Oregon Department of Forestry to develop a way to rate wood products on their sustainability credentials.

Kitzhaber also announced his plan to convene a group of county, industry and environmental leaders to come up with a plan to help improve the financial stability of counties affected by the end of federal timber payments. He's also asking the group come up with a plan that addresses forest management in those counties that will be presented to the U.S. Congress.

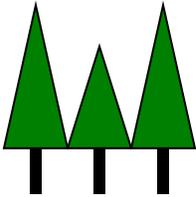
Specifically, the executive order asks:

- The Oregon Department of Administrative Services to identify at least two construction projects to feature a heavy use of Oregon wood to highlight the non-residential uses of wood in construction.
- The Oregon Department of Forestry to work with other organizations to check out green building certification systems to make sure they adequately reflect the social, environmental and other benefits of Oregon wood.
- The Oregon Department of Administrative Services to investigate the increased use of Oregon wood in the renovation of state government buildings.
- The Oregon Business Development Department to work with other organizations to find ways to accelerate the commercialization of new wood products.
- The Oregon Business Development Department to work with other agencies and come up with a plan to present to the 2013 Oregon Legislature to increase the market for Oregon wood products.

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English holly, like many other Christmas traditions, came to us with European settlers from Britain and continental Europe, where much colder winter weather and other conditions keep its growth in check. Grown commercially and by gardeners for its glossy dark green leaves and startling red berries, holly may be emblematic of the season, but it threatens to crowd out native plants and doesn't provide very good food or shelter for the native wildlife that unwittingly aid its distribution.

Keep an eye out here for holly: A small shrub that may grow into a tall, thick trunked tree with glossy dark green leaves that have sharp spines and small white flowers that produce bright red fruits found in upland forests and the edges of wetland areas.

Thanks to **Jen Nelson, Tualatin SWCD**, for this information. Go to <http://www.swcd.net/invasive-noxious-weeds/mistletoe-and-holly/> for more information.

Helpful Links:

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- www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
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