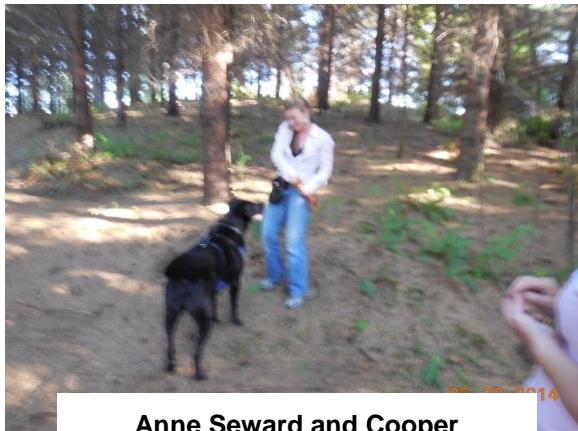


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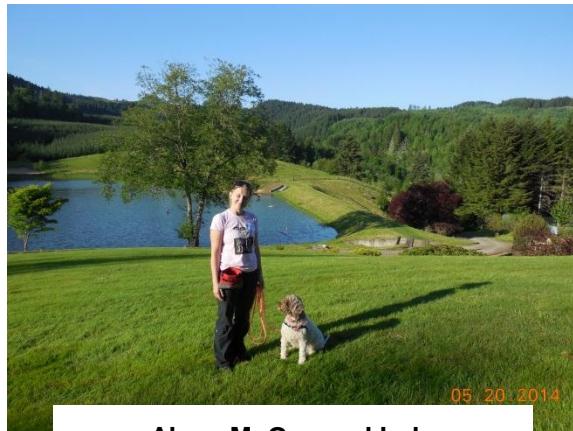
Washington County Small Woodlands Association

June, 2014

Annual May Potluck Celebrated Good Food, Friendship and Truffle Dogs



Anne Seward and Cooper



Alana McGee and Lolo

Thanks to the warm hospitality of Steven and Karen Graham, a beautiful evening and the camaraderie and delicious food offerings of WCSWA members, a crowd of about 50 people enjoyed themselves and learned about Oregon truffles and the importance and skill of trained truffle dogs. Read the article about truffles and dogs on page 8.

Tree Farmer of the Year Tour and Picnic – July 12

Chuck and Judy Price were named Washington County Tree Farmers of the Year for 2013 at our annual banquet last November. It is now time to celebrate their “Third Generation Tree Farm” in person with a tour and picnic on their 91 acre tree farm near Gaston. They have planned an exhibition of two firewood processors, two portable sawmills, the artistry of some local woodworkers, and a antique 1-cylinder engine collection. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch and a tour of the property. Chuck promises to share a wide range of experiences, both the good and also the “learning experiences” he has garnered during the 51 years he has owned the tree farm. Directions to Chuck and Judy’s place near Gaston are on page 7.

Please RSVP by July 8th to 503-880-5142.

Chuck and Judy Price – 40530 SW Withycombe Rd., Gaston, OR

- 10:00am** Watch firewood processor and lumber mill demonstrations; visit with local woodworkers and view the antique 1-cylinder engine collection.
- 12:00noon** Lunch of BBQ chicken and pork with salads and sides by a chef who participates nationally in BBQ competitions.
- 1:00pm** Tour of property including recent clearcut, pneumatic pruning shears and automatic firewood processor demos. Golf carts will transport those who are walking impaired.

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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)

Wanted: WCSWA NEEDS YOU! To join the Native Tree and Plant Sale Planning Committee, call Karen Graham at 503-647-0310 or kgraham@duckswild.com. The Program Committee is also in need of a new member. Call John or Cathy Dummer at 503-970-8789.

For Sale: Native plants from WCSWA plant sale - 1 gal mock orange, vine maple, western spirea, sequoia, white oak, pacific yew are \$4 each or 3 for \$10. 5 gal vine maple and white oak are \$6 each. 5+ gal larch and Rocky Mtn maple are \$15. Contact Karen Graham at 503-647-0310, or kgraham@duckswild.com.

Event Calendar

June 26-28th	See OSWA.org	Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville	OSWA Annual Meeting & OTFS Tree Farmer of Year Tour
July 12th	10:00am to 2:00pm	Chuck Price Tree Farm - Gaston	Annual Tree Farm of the Year Picnic and Tour - see story page one. Directions on page 7
August		No event scheduled	August is traditionally our "month-off"
September 20	10:00am to 12:00 noon	Lewis River Reforestation – Woodland, Washington	Tour of the facility that grows WCSWA seedlings showing where and how they are grown. Picnic area available after – bring lunch if you wish.
September 25-26	TBA	Port Blakely Mollala Tree Farm	Pacific Logging Congress – Clackamas Co. Volunteers needed. Contact Julie Woodward, Woodward@ofri.org or 503-807-1614

The Woodland Beat

There are a couple of things the Board of Directors has been working on, and we want to take this opportunity to share with you a little about them. First off we are concluding an effort to update the by-laws of our organization. This might seem like a mundane task that doesn't make much difference, but it has been a great way to think about what makes our organization unique and why we choose to spend our time helping to run it and where we want to be heading in the future. In this column several months back we shared the mission statement, goals and objectives of the organization. We've included those in the by-laws so it should be easier for newcomers or anyone to easily tell what our values are, if they'd like to be part of our organization and perhaps most importantly how they can get involved or more involved in what we're doing.

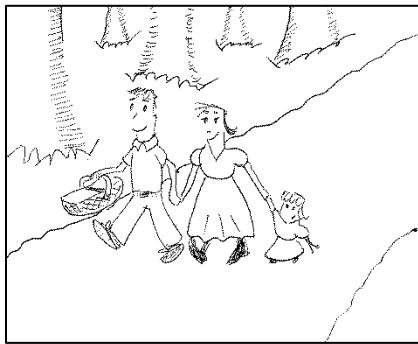
In the coming months we'll distribute the by-laws via e-mail and also make copies available at monthly meetings. To adopt the updated by-laws we'll need to have a vote as required by the by-laws themselves. The plan is to have that vote at the annual meeting in November. So stay tuned – you will be hearing more about this, and as you review the changes, do think about how you could become more involved or how we as an organization could do a better job of serving you and all of us. We are in this together.

Another item that the Board of Directors has been working on is a welcome brochure for prospective members, new members or existing members that would like to learn more about what we do. The idea being that we need something that we can provide to our neighbors or new property owners that describes the benefits of membership in our organization, provides contact information if they've got any questions and encourages participation and volunteering for helping run our organization. Thanks to all the board members for their efforts on these two items, especially to Deb, Doug and Sam who helped drive them to the finish line and Ardis for her final review.

The Washington County Small Woodlands Annual Potluck on May 20th was a great event with interesting presentation and demonstration from the Truffle Dog Company, great food and drink to share and of course great conversation. Special thanks to Stephen and Karen Graham for generously hosting this event at their place near North Plains, a fantastic setting for the event!

Until next time – Happy Small Woodlanding! *John and Cathy Dummer*

The Adventures of Duggy Fir by Thomas Perkins



Families love to picnic, camp, hike, fish, hunt, and just spend time outside in the Oregon Forest. The air is fresh and trees, like our Duggy, always keep them company. Sometimes campfires are part of what people do when they are enjoying the outdoors.



"Be very careful near campfires;" Harry Hemlock advised Duggy, "we trees can burn down if we catch fire. Humans can help us out by keeping their fires contained and putting them out when no longer needed."



"And," Harry continued, "Humans should never leave a fire unattended." Duggy and the other trees agreed. "It's a good thing to know about fires, isn't it?" "Yes!" replied Harry the Hemlock. "It is."

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Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

Walking along our trails this month, I fall in love all over again with the delicate spring green of the new growth on our Douglas-firs. I put this feeling into words ten years ago, and would like to share it again with you.

SPRING GREEN

By Bonnie Shumaker

Our forest glows in springtime glory
These trees young enough for me to touch the tops
I've watched them from their first plant
When peering through sticks and mud must prove that they were true
Now at six they'll outgrow me and still so young
Human impatience urges the landscape fill faster
But trees know best and take their time

Late winter's longer days and hinted warmth
Awakened roots to tickle worms and all beneath
Unseen by me, but almost felt and heard
Such stirrings traveled trunk to loosen shielding scales
Of buds that swell and burst with pale luxuriant green
Lambs-ear soft beneath my touch
Delicate yet sure of strength to come

Side branches tip first with this spring green
As leaders amass strength for stretching to the sky
Soon all are turning sunshine into solid
As leaders strike forth toward their upward goal
Measurably growing each springtime day
'Til the whole forest beckons the eye and humors the heart
With a crazy, comical, floppy show

Summer will bring uprightness and return to sensible green
As seriousness returns to the forest
A growth year well done
And I'll await next year's return of lilting spring
To swell my heart and make me sing
That only God can make a tree
And I'm to share the miracle

Scholarships Awarded

This year WCSWA modified its scholarship program. It is now managed by the Oregon State University Forest Legacy Scholarship Fund. WCSWA sends in the money raised at the annual Native Plant and Tree Sale with instructions to OSU to award scholarships to students enrolled in the School of Forestry. Preference is to be given to Washington County students.

The College of Forestry offers seven undergraduate degree programs:

- Forestry (with management and operations options)
- Forest engineering
- Forest engineering/Civil Engineering
- Recreation Resource Management
- Renewable Materials
- Natural Resources
- Tourism and Outdoor Leadership.

Of all the eligible scholarship applicants, none was from Washington County, so OSU looked for students from small woodland families. Two scholarships of \$1,500 each were awarded. The recipients are:

Sara Jensen: Sara is a Tourism and Outdoor Leadership student on OSU's Cascades Campus in Bend. Her primary interests are in adventure tourism issues around the globe. Her family owns a small woodland in Michigan, her home state.

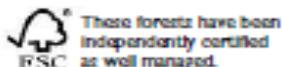
Isaac Soper: Isaac is a Natural Resources major on OSU's Corvallis Campus. His primary interests are in using natural environments to meet the various demands of human communities, including its use for rehabilitation through recreation therapy. His family owns a small woodland in Oregon.

Sara and Isaac have been invited to the TFOY picnic. We hope to meet them then.



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Wood Buildings Could Change Skyline

Nathan Truitt, American Forest Foundation, April, 2014

This February, *Popular Science* published a story with the headline, "The World's Most Advanced Building Material is Wood – And It's Going to Remake the Skyline." The article talks about what you, as a woodland owner, probably already know:

- Building with wood helps **keep forests as forests** by providing healthy wood markets.
- Wood is more sustainable than other building materials because **it's a renewable resource**.
- **New developments in wood products** like Cross Laminated Timber allow us to build taller buildings.
- Chicago recently published a feasibility study for a **42-floor wooden tower**.

Unfortunately, the *Popular Science* article also talks about how timber has been a "tough sell." Too many policy makers, engineers and architects are stuck in the 20th century, believing that wood has structural weaknesses and is prone to fire. (*Editors note: "The Oregonian" reported that a recent fire in a wooden high-rise under construction in Portland caused the requirement of a security guard during the construction phase*).

The American Forest Foundation has spent the past year working with decision makers to highlight the economic, social, and environmental benefits of wood. Last fall we convinced the General Services Administration and the Department of Defense – two of the nation's largest builders – to change their policies to encourage building with wood. And just this month, we partnered with US Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to promote green building to other federal agencies at a White House Symposium.



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Truffles

Often called diamonds of the culinary world, truffles are edible fungi that grow underground, and are considered to be a delicacy because of their intense and unique characteristics and aromas.

Truffles are often shaved on top of food prior to serving. Current price for Oregon Truffles is \$10-\$30/oz.

What is a truffle? Truffles are the fruiting bodies of underground mushrooms. The actual fungus from which the truffles grow are formed by underground mycelium in a symbiotic relationship with a host plant. The plant provides sugars to the fungus through photosynthesis, and the fungus provides the plant with minerals, water, and other nutrients from the soil it cannot get by itself.

Why do truffles smell? Unlike mushrooms above ground, truffles rely entirely on animals to eat them as a means of spore dispersal. As truffles mature they develop odors and send off gasses and pheromones that signal to surrounding wildlife that there is something tasty hidden underground.

Where do Oregon native truffles grow? Native truffles are most likely to be found beneath Douglas-fir or Frazier fir trees (15-25 years old) with little ground cover such as an overgrown Christmas tree plantation or pasture conversion.

How do you harvest truffles? As truffles are usually found underground, you have to have a way to gather them! Traditionally in Europe truffles were harvested by female pigs because the volatile compounds ripe truffles release are similar to pheromones emitted from a male pig. These days dogs are used because while they have to be trained, they do not eat the truffles as readily and are easier to manage. Sadly, in the United States, truffles are also harvested using rakes which can be detrimental to the environment and the domestic truffle economy since it is hard to tell when a truffle is ripe using this method.

Truffle care guide: Truffles must be stored separately in closed plastic containers in the refrigerator. Line the inside of the container with paper towels and replace daily. Eat in a few days.

Alana McGee, our speaker at the potluck, is the co-founder of Truffle Dog Co. and is one of the driving forces behind the emergence of using dogs to harvest and locate truffles in the Pacific Northwest as well as helping to establish the culinary marketplace. Much more information including dog training classes can be found at www.truffledogcompany.com



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Smokey Bear turns 70 this summer and is returning to work to educate people about wildfires. Typically, 9 out of 10 forest fires are caused by humans. Handlers of the iconic animal have decided he needed a younger and fresher look. They want him to fit in with the millennial generation of teenagers and young adults. Smokey Bear now has a Facebook page as well as Instagram and Twitter accounts.

Oregon wildflower app for smartphones

From Amy Grotta's Tree Topics, April, 2014

The Oregon Wildflowers app helps the user to identify and learn about nearly 1,000 wildflower species found in our state. There are two main ways to use the app. If you think you know the plant's common name, you can find it in an alphabetical listing and then view photos and a description. Or, to identify an unknown plant, you can narrow it down by choosing the geographic region, habitat type, flower color, leaf traits, and other characteristics to arrive at a few options.

The Oregon Wildflower app is a product of the Oregon Flora Project, which in turn is housed in OSU's Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. The app is available at Amazon, Apple and Google app stores for \$7.99 and is compatible with all Android devices, Kindle Fire, iPhones and iPads. A portion of the proceeds from the app's \$7.99 purchase price goes to support the Oregon Flora Project.



A fish story Oregon can be proud of

Over four decades, Oregon has used science, laws and volunteerism to continually improve the ways it protects water quality and fish habitat in private forestlands.

Spread the knowledge using the Oregon Forest Resources Institute's newest public education project: "The Oregon Way."

- A 16-page publication, featuring an introduction by Governor John Kitzhaber
- An eight-minute video, with scientist George Ice and others



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What is the Role of an OSU Extension Forester? *By Amy Grotta*

The Extension Forester for Washington County is Amy Grotta. WCSWA recently asked Amy to submit an article to the Forest Forum explaining her role in keeping our forests thriving.

OSU Extension's mission is to convey research-based knowledge in a way that is useful for people to improve their lives, homes and communities. Eleven OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Agents each serve a different geographic area. We also work closely with Extension Specialists who are experts in particular subjects like forest health or forest policy.

So what do we actually do? A couple examples: We conduct educational programs to improve woodland owners' skills in managing forests productively and in accordance with their ownership goals. We disseminate information through newsletters, printed publications, websites, videos, and other formats. We provide one-on-one assistance to individuals who contact us. We spend a lot of time forming relationships with community members, landowners, forest products manufacturers, conservation interests, scientists, and government agencies to identify local needs and address them collaboratively.

People often ask if an Extension Agent can come out and look at their trees. Because of the demands on our time, this is often not possible unless there is a specific concern. Fortunately, we work with a network of Master Woodland Managers that are skilled and willing to consult with other landowners on a volunteer basis. They are often the first point of contact for people who are new to forestry.

Here are a few things that we don't do: We do not enforce the Forest Practices Act or other regulations and do not report any violations we might see to the authorities. We do not provide direct services that are traditionally provided by the private sector to individuals. And, we do not endorse products or practices that are not backed up by research.

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Madrone leaf blight

from "Guide to Common Tree Diseases in the Puget Sound Area", Washington State University
Editor's note: The Madrone Trees on our tree farm look pretty grim this year. This explains it.

Many foliar diseases of plants are caused by ascomycete fungi. These fungi produce small pinhead-like fruiting bodies on dead host material. They sporulate under warm, wet conditions and foliar diseases are usually worst after spring rains. Spores build up in large quantities and cause secondary infections, sometimes causing defoliation of the host tree. Usually foliar diseases are not fatal but can weaken the tree if the infection is severe.

Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) is a broadleaf evergreen tree and retains its foliage for about 1.25 years. The blight affects the current year's foliage, which is shed at the end of summer. New foliage in the spring, is usually asymptomatic but can become infected in a severe outbreak. Dead leaves remain attached to the tree until the new foliage is expanded.

Symptoms of blight on Pacific madrone appear after periods of cold weather in winter or early spring. Leaf symptoms include spots that coalesce and form blotches, usually in areas where water collects including the tips and edges. Foliar blight on madrone usually affects the lower parts of the crown and is most common on trees growing in a shaded, humid environment.

What to do about it? Although many madrone trees with blight look like they are dead or near death, foliage diseases such as leaf blight, leaf spot, or anthracnose are generally considered a cosmetic or aesthetic problem that rarely requires chemical control. Spraying large madrone trees is not only impractical but also often unnecessary, since many healthy leaves remain on the tree when the new foliage emerges in the spring. Management of foliar diseases generally includes pruning infected twigs and cultural practices that improve tree vigor and prevent stress. Raking and removing leaves in the autumn helps control some leaf spot diseases but has minimal effect on anthracnose and blight, since the fungus is present in the twigs. It's important to remember that trees are resilient and while the madrones may appear to be dead from leaf blight, they will recover when the new foliage comes out. For more information, visit the WSU madrone website - <http://www.puyallup.wsu.edu/ppo/madrone/>

New Building "Raised" at Rediscovery Forest in Oregon Garden

Timm Collins, Silverton Appeal Tribune May 21, 2014



With all the community spirit of an old-fashioned barn-raising, a new outdoor facility took a step toward completion at the Oregon Garden Rediscovery Forest on, May 20. Oregon Forest Resources Institute and the Strategic Economic Development Corporation's Construction Alliance raised the roof of its new Discovery Pavilion at the Oregon Garden Rediscovery Forest. Members of SEDCOR's Construction Alliance worked with students from Silverton and Stayton high schools to start building a new 1,300-square-foot, covered but open-air pavilion. The structure is on schedule to be finished by the end of October and will improve educational access to the Rediscovery Forest,

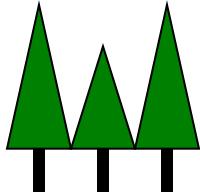
especially in the rainy months.

For SEDCOR, the project underscores one of its key cluster industries: forestry and value-added wood products. "This collaboration between our Construction Alliance and OFRI is about creating awareness within the next generation of workers that there is a wide array of good, sustainable jobs in both the construction and the forest and wood products sectors," says Chad Freeman, SEDCOR president.

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'The Oregon Way' explains Oregon's unique efforts to protect fish habitat

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute's newest special report, "The Oregon Way: Forests and Fish – Protecting Aquatic Habitat in Oregon's Forests," offers an introduction to the state's unique approach to protecting fish habitat in forest streams. "Private forest management is facing environmental litigation, potential regulatory changes and a public that continues to be skeptical about modern forest practices," Paul Barnum, OFRI's Executive Director says. "With this special report, we've produced a highly readable introduction to this complex topic."

Silent Auction Items Needed OSWA relies on the silent auction event at the annual meeting for support for several important activities, including the legislative program. Ilene Waldorf, coordinator of the event, has put out a call for items to be donated for the auction.

Contact Ilene Waldorf at (503) 829-3181 or iwal@molalla.net if you have something to donate.

Helpful Links:

- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> to read Amy Grotta's "Tree Topics" blog
- www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
- www.OregonForests.org (OFRI) for publications. New one is "The Oregon Way"
- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>