

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

October, 2014

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## **How Do Seedlings Grow?**



**Bruce Summers showing our seedling block in nursery bed**

At the September 20<sup>th</sup> WCSWA field tour, a group of 24 met with Bruce Summers, Manager of Lewis River Reforestation (LRR) four miles east of Woodland, WA. to learn firsthand how seedlings are grown. LRR has been growing seedlings for WCSWA on contract since the inception of WCSWA's seedling sale in 2001. Including this year's orders, WCSWA has sold over 900,000 seedlings to its members.

Lewis River Reforestation, Inc. is a bare-root nursery along the North Fork of the Lewis River. The site consists of sandy loam soils with deep river sand beneath which provides excellent drainage, thereby promoting superb root and caliper growth. It is too well drained for farming, but works

great for seedlings. Irrigation using a 1200 gal/min pump from the Lewis River gives the seedlings just the amount of moisture they need when they need it. The land consists of 52 acres, 42 of which are in trees. 4 ½ million trees are sold each year, 90% of which are Douglas-fir grown on contract. Western red cedar and hemlock are also grown. One pound of Douglas-fir seed produces approximately 25,000 seeds; a pound of WRC produces 325,000 – 375,000 seeds! WCSWA purchases 2 pounds of Douglas-fir seed annually and makes WRC available through LRR stock.

**See "Seedlings", page 6**

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## **"Treeman" Speaker at October 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

### **North Plains Fire Station, 7:00p.m.**

At the WCSWA meeting on Tuesday, October 28, we will welcome Steve Bowers who will speak about harvest equipment. The presentation will cover both new and established methods of harvesting, where the methods may be appropriate, what equipment is used, and how much you might expect things to cost. If you're about to harvest, have never harvested, or plan to harvest someday, this is the presentation for you!

Steve Bowers is a forester for the OSU Extension Service, serving Douglas County. Better known as "Treeman" in the OSWA Northwest Woodlands publication, he frequently provides practical advice to small woodland owners.

Please join us for what is sure to be an entertaining and educational opportunity!

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## Event Calendar

<b>October 28</b>	<b>7:00p.m.</b>	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Timber Harvest Equipment</b> – Steve Bowers, speaker. Harvest Equipment, North Plains Fire Station
<b>Thursdays, Beginning October 30</b>	<b>6:00-8:30p.m.</b>	<b>Yamhill Co. Public Works Auditorium, McMinnville</b>	<b>Mentored Management Planning Shortcourse:</b> See <a href="http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics">http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics</a> for more information.
<b>November 18</b>	<b>8:00-4:00</b>	<b>Linn County Fairgrounds - Albany</b>	<b>Wildlife in Managed Forests:</b> Songbirds and Early Seral Habitats
<b>November 22</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Meriwether Golf Club, Hillsboro</b>	<b>Annual Banquet:</b> TFOY award; Program: Sights and Scenes of Scandinavia
<b>November</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>World Forestry Center</b>	<b>Oregon Tree Farm Annual Luncheon and Meeting</b>
<b>December</b>		<b>No Meetings/Activities Scheduled</b>	

# The Woodland Beat

The list of things we can do with a computer from the comfort of our own home or from work is amazing. We can shop for new tools we might use in the forest and even have some of them delivered right to our doorstep. I don't remember the last time I actually walked into a bank because we can do our banking online along with clothes shopping and vacation research. We can also stream all kinds of entertainment, communicate using a seemingly endless list of options, write, draw, compose music, plan our financial future, etc. The list is practically endless and somewhat overwhelming.

Of course here is where we make the case for using technology as a tool to help manage your forest property. A few ideas specifically:

- As of October 1, Oregon Department of Forestry Notifications of Operation can be submitted on-line. While I have not personally had a chance to use the E-Notification system just yet, it seems likely that it will make the process less time-consuming and simpler. The last couple of years we've been hearing this was the wave of the future from our ODF District Forester Mike Cafferata. The future is, apparently, now. (See article on page 8 for more information).
- Our other suggestion is that you take a few minutes to look at our proposed bylaw revisions by visiting our website [wcswa.com](http://wcswa.com). We know this sounds less exciting than many other things you could do on the computer (except maybe balancing the checkbook) but I think you'll find them refreshing and maybe a little inspiring. The revised Objectives in Article 2 help to frame what our organization is all about. We'll be voting on the changes to the bylaws at the annual meeting, so now's your chance to look them over.

One thing we can't do from behind a computer is to experience nature. That will always be something apart from the digital world. And as much as we depend on computers for many things, they will never be fundamental to our existence like the experience of wind in the trees, a hot sultry summer day, or a good cleansing rain... or the feeling of utter physical exhaustion and mental refreshment after working all day in the woods.

Until next time – Happy Small Woodlanding!

*John and Cathy Dummer*

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## The Adventures of Duggy Fir

*by Thomas Perkins*



Oregon forests are usually green and have plenty of water. Trees help keep nearby streams cool with shade. Keeping the streams from getting too hot can help fish eat, lay eggs, and live better in the streams. The streams help trees, too. Water rushing past soil gives tree roots water to drink.

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# Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

I know I speak for many when I raise a shouted “Hallelujah” for the coming of rain. The first couple of weeks in September, Bob and I noticed how especially crunchy the fir needles on the forest paths were as we did our daily walks. It seemed that even a cross word might cause a spark and ignite the forest, so we walked softly and spoke softly, too.

Then, just as the Estacada fire seemed a bit too close to home, a fire started near Hagg Lake – yikes! We were on an email list from Mike Cafferata at ODF reporting on fire information in general and then explicitly on the Hagg lake fire. Mike credited the excellent fire crew, which had gained a lot of valuable experience in this fire-prone season, to



containing this fire so quickly. He stated that he understood 1600 gallons were delivered every 6 minutes from the “scooper plane” dipping from Hagg Lake. The change in

weather was well appreciated, too. These pictures are from ODF’s Facebook page.



A quote from Mike on fire preparedness after a forecast for dry lightning says volumes: “As my friends in Medford say, ‘Hope is not a strategy.’ I’m hoping for rain with the lightning, but we are as prepared as we can be however it comes.”

All of this makes one think, “How safe is my woodland?” I called Dallas Boge, a long-time volunteer fire fighter and recipient of a fire-safe grant a few years ago. His advice is to keep defensible space around your house. Keep flammables (such as firewood) away from your house. Plant less-flammable landscape plants (extension bulletin, PNW 590 at [firefree.org](http://firefree.org) lists hundreds). Don’t plant juniper – it’s very flammable. Also keep your lawn green. Trees and shrubs near your house should be kept trimmed and don’t allow limbs to hang over your roof. House materials, especially roofing, should be non-flammable. As far as your woodlands go, the most important places to keep thinned and brush controlled are those areas along roads where human caused fires are more likely to start.

Fire-wise grants and/or cost sharing for creating “defensible space” around your home or improving your woodlands for fire safety are sometimes available through ODF. For information regarding this cost sharing contact Nate Agalzoff, Forest Grove District Office, Oregon Department of Forestry, (503) 359-7439.

**Seedlings, continued from page 1**

So – how do seedlings grow? The seed for WCSWA’s seedlings comes from ODF’s Schroeder Seed Orchard in St. Paul, OR. LRR stratifies the seed by placing it in a plastic bag with water at 34 degrees for 48 hours. Then the seed is drained, kept wet for 45-60 days and dried. Stratification mimics the seed going through winter and is necessary for good germination. Soil plots are prepared by injecting a fumigant to eliminate pests and covering the soil with plastic for 14 days. The seed is then sown in late May to June after the yearly thunderstorms in this area have passed. The seeder is followed by a top-dresser that covers the seed with sand. There are 120 trees per bed foot (seven rows per foot). Around August 1<sup>st</sup>, another machine under-cuts each block of trees at 10 inches. This, plus moisture stress helps put the seedlings into dormancy. In December, the seedlings are dug, bagged and frozen at exactly 28 degrees until they are replanted from March - May at 27 trees per bed foot where they will remain until January - February of the next year when they are dug and bagged for sale. These seedlings are now 1-1 (one year in the nursery bed and one year in the seedling bed). The goal is for the seedling to have a 16-18 inch top. The roots are trimmed to 9 inches. Bagged trees can be stored for three months in a cooler. White spots on the roots are not mold, but are mycorrhiza which benefit the tree. Mold on the tree top is not good.



**Bob Shumaker holding vibrant WRC seedling**



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*Submitted by Anne and Richard Hanschu*

Come join fellow woodlanders as they journey through Sweden and Norway, the countries of the Midnight sun, Northern lights, forests, lakes, fjords, and snow-covered mountains. A virtual video, accompanied by Scandinavian music, and created by Swedish guide Jan, will lead you through the countryside. In late May, 47 hardy travelers left to spend a week each in Sweden and Norway. After a brief stop in Iceland to change planes, the group landed in Stockholm, an archipelago with 26,000 islands. Main objective of the tour was to visit forest lands and landowner cooperatives to see how Scandinavians manage their lands. Many other sights were seen, including castles, museums, farms, world's oldest corporation Stora Enso's copper mine, Stave churches, a 96% efficient biofuel cooperative, and some of the most spectacular scenery including roads with 11 switchbacks. Norway is known for their tunnels and the group passed through 51 of over 1000. Oystein, the Norwegian guide, stated Norway would be seen "from the inside and from the outside".

*An Invitation and Registration for the Annual Banquet is included in the Forest Forum*



From Mike Cafferata: October 1<sup>st</sup> ODF went live with E-Notification. Below is the news release. I know a number of you have been through the training that ODF has provided this summer. We will help everyone through this change as best we can...

### **Efficient Forestry – Notifications to be filed online starting Oct. 1**



Forestry professionals are not only logging, but will now log-in before doing forestry work. Starting Oct. 1, E-Notification will occur through the Forest activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System (FERNs), accessible through the Department's main web page at [www.oregon.gov/odf](http://www.oregon.gov/odf). A team developed the site using an agile approach, testing each piece while the developers created the next one.

**Efficiency:** E-Notification gives everyone in forestry flexibility and efficiency when submitting legally required Notifications of Operations. Starting Oct. 1, anyone filing a Notification for Operation and Permit to Operate Power Driven Machinery will be able to use the new online system. Landowners, the public, forest industry, and the Department developed e-Notification system goals to:

- increase efficiency,
- streamline communications, and
- simplify the process.

**21st Century Business:** Currently, landowners, timber owners, and operators file a paper notification. Department staff then manually enters the information into an electronic system. Finally, the notifier receives a printed copy by mail. With e-Notification, notifiers will submit notifications anywhere they have internet access and quickly receive an email with a copy of their completed notification.

#### Streamlined:

- E-Notification will reduce redundancy. Someone who files notifications annually can set up an account, and then will need to enter only the site-specific details for the next notification.
- Notifiers can copy older notifications electronically to update or add operation activities for the next year.
- Instead of checking boxes on a paper form for the township, range and section of the operation, notifiers can locate their property on a digital map and draw their unit boundary.
- Notifiers who have their own GIS systems will be able to import their technical files from their system into the E-Notification.

#### Who? Notifiers

Anyone who submits a Notification for Operation or Application Permit for Power Driven Machinery

#### What?

E-Notification – the notification system requires the same information but now it's exclusively online.

#### When?

October 1, 2014 all notifiers will use e-Notification to submit Notifications.

#### How?

On-line by accessing e-Notification on the ODF website ([www.oregon.gov/odf](http://www.oregon.gov/odf))

#### Where?

Anywhere you can access the internet.

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## Rieben Farm Makes Front Page News in Capital Press

Ernie Rieben is a WCSWA member and like many small woodland owners, has other things going on as well. The lead article in the Capital Press, Friday, September 12, 2014, highlighted his success. Ernie has given permission to share the news. Rieben Farm is an Oregon Century Farm near Banks, OR. The Riebens are Swiss immigrants who began farming in Washington County in 1889. The farm is 200 acres.

When Ernie and Linda were raising their family, there were six hog farms within two miles. They are the only one left. Their son Greg farms alongside his dad. A New Seasons meat buyer first approached them in 2000 looking for a local pork producer. "We hadn't heard of them," Greg Rieben says. "The urban-rural divide – they were catering to a market that is not us. My dad was very, very cautious."

The Riebens already had cut out antibiotics in feed and have a closed system where they raise and mix much of their own hog feed. New Seasons liked what they saw and offered a generous price. Tags in New Seasons' display cases identify the pork as coming from Rieben Farm. In Greg Rieben's words, "I've always wanted to farm.....we're certainly not getting rich at it, but it's really neat to work the same ground my great-grandfather worked."

## It's for the birds

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## Give your two cents to improve forest planning tools

*Louise Ruhr, Harvard Business School Association of Oregon*

Those of you who attended the 2014 OSWA Annual Meeting in Canyonville may have had the chance to learn about Forest Planner, the free online forest planning tool launched earlier this year by Ecotrust ([forestplanner.ecotrust.org](http://forestplanner.ecotrust.org)). Ecotrust, a nonprofit organization based in Portland, is working with a team of volunteer consultants from the Harvard Business School Association of Oregon (HBSAO) who are reaching out to family forest owners to identify the most important forest planning needs that new, technology-based tools like Forest Planner may be able to address. My colleagues on the HBSAO team and I are pleased to be taking part in this collaboration.

Our team has prepared a quick online survey that has about a dozen questions and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your responses will be confidential, and are especially important to help us steer the development of these new technologies towards the things that family forest owners really want and need. You can find the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D2S3J9J>, or feel free to contact me for more information at [louise@createaction.org](mailto:louise@createaction.org).

*Editor's note: I'm not a fan of many surveys, but Bob and I took this one and found it well done with room for comment. I suggest you give it a try.*

### **Awesome OSWA Products** Looking for some good gifts for Family and Friends?

Awesome OSWA products may be just the ticket! Caps, shirts, jackets, mugs, vests, briefcases, pins, and log scale ticket books are available – all embossed with the OSWA logo. For budgetary reasons, the inventory of OSWA Awesome Products is a little smaller than we would normally prefer. Ilene Waldorf is keeping the inventory tight. As always, all items are available and can be easily purchased, but if it is not currently in inventory, the delivery time may be a little longer than preferred, so order early if you are purchasing for Christmas or other events. OSWA Products make great presents for family members and others. Do not forget them as an option. We will rebuild our inventory prior to Tree School. To see what is available, go to [www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org), and look at the Products page.

## CALLING ALL WCSWA WOODCRAFTERS

Would you like to display your woodland-oriented crafts in a climate-controlled, free-of-charge venue to a very receptive group? The WCSWA Annual Meeting Decorations Committee is looking for woodcrafters willing to exhibit their handiwork as table decorations for the annual dinner to be held Saturday, November 22, at Meriwether Golf and Country Club. In case of overwhelming response, preference will be given to WCSWA/OSWA or OWC members.

If you would like to display your crafts in this way, please contact Ardis Schroeder, 503/628-2344, [theoneil@upwardaccess.com](mailto:theoneil@upwardaccess.com) by October 15 to reserve your table space.

## Who Created Duggy Fir?

The Adventures of Duggy Fir has appeared in the Washington County Small Woodlands Association's monthly newsletter *The Forest Forum* for over a year. We figured it would be a good time to introduce the author/artist behind Duggy. Thomas Perkins is a senior at Centralia (Washington) High School where he has been active in drama, football and also served as a delegate to Boy's State this past summer. When he isn't working on Duggy Fir he spends time on his grandparents' tree farm with his family near Newberg helping out with mowing and other small woodlanding activities. In his free time he enjoys drawing, weight lifting and also is active in his church youth group. His goal with Duggy Fir is to communicate the importance of forests and forest management in a manner that will engage readers of all ages. As for the future, Thomas doesn't have definite plans just yet for after high school. Perhaps a career in natural resources education would be appropriate. We appreciate the continuing contributions Thomas has made to the Forest Forum truly making it a unique publication to be enjoyed by our membership. Thomas is the nephew of John and Cathy Dummer.



## Logger's World and Log Trucker Magazine – under new management

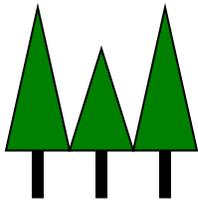
*By Bonnie Shumaker*

Bob and I have subscribed to "Logger's World and Log Trucker" magazine for many years. It was started by Finley Hays in 1964 and his "Riggin' Shack Classics" article still appears each month. The magazine was hit hard by the recession and was scheduled to fold this June. Kevin Core, Advertising Manager for 26 years, and his wife Nancy, have now purchased the magazine. He was a friend of Finley Hays, then hired by him and says "he couldn't stand by and watch Finley's life's work go down the drain." He has reduced business expenses and is now the single full-time employee with a couple of part-time writers. To subscribe or donate to help save this publication, go to the Logger's World website: [www.loggersworld.com](http://www.loggersworld.com), or write Loggers World LLC, PO Box 1631, Chehalis, WA 98532 or by email at [logworld@aol.com](mailto:logworld@aol.com).

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### **Potpourri**

***New Members:*** Welcome to Therese Froehlich of Hillsboro and Paul Witthoft of Banks. 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 2 of this newsletter.

***Mentored Management Planning Shortcourse:*** Thursday evenings starting October 30 at Yamhill Co. Public Works Auditorium, McMinnville. See Amy Grotta's "Tree Topics" blog under helpful links below for more information and why you might need this course.

***Best Laid Plans:*** The September issue of the Forest Forum included a member roster. There must have been a snafu in communication with the printer because the planned easy to remove insert didn't quite work out that way. If you want to print out your own roster, contact Tom Nygren at [tnygren@juno.com](mailto:tnygren@juno.com) or (503) 628-5472 and he will send you an electronic copy.

#### ***Helpful Links:***

- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> to read Amy Grotta's "Tree Topics" blog
- [www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com](http://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com) to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>
- [wcswa.com](http://wcswa.com) to view proposed revisions to by-laws