Twilight Walk in the Woods
Tami braz

Our first ever "Twilight Walk in the Woods" was a tremendous success! The event was organized through a partnership of Douglas Small Woodlands Association and OSU Extension Forestry. The evening was spent at Branch, the home of Evan and Lorreen Barnes.

Winding up La Vista Drive may make one wonder if they are halfway to heaven. Evan and Lorreen live on 80 acres of an old donation land claim. Dotted on the hillside were beautifully pruned, ancient fruit trees. Walnut trees abounded in the yard, a bountiful garden lay beyond, cattle were grazing in the field and timbered hillsides stood across the valley.

We began with self introductions. There were 28 attendees. The group was a rich mixture of OSWA members old and new, and OSU extension outreach of all ages. There were seasoned veteran tree farmers, newbies and everything between.

Evan gave us a talk about the property history, providing several maps over time, artifacts of iron, old bottles and a stone pestle from earlier inhabitants.

Tami Jo Braz spoke about the concept of "Twilight Walk in the Woods," a new partnership series for DSWA and OSU Extension. It uses evening walks as a place where landowners, old and new, can get to know each other. "We want to draw on the strengths of passionate people who own land. It’s an opportunity to pair experienced landowners and professionals in DSWA with the educational resources of OSU Extension for the benefit of all of us who want to be good stewards of our land. Together we can make a positive and powerful voice for small woodland and family forestland owners here in Douglas County.” She outlined upcoming events DSWA and OSU Extension have planned for 2017-2018, and raved about Alicia Jones. Alicia's positive energy, knowledge and enthusiasm have made her programs informative, fun and very successful. Alicia was unable to come due to a training she was attending. We really missed her!

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New Member Spotlight

Kim and Johanna McLaughlin

Kim and Johanna are life-long Oregonians who own two tree farms in the Tenmile area. Johanna is a Real Estate Broker at Harcourts Integrity Team Real Estate Services, LLC. They joined Douglas Small Woodlands in January, 2017.

David Jones and Careasia Parker

David and Careasia moved to Oregon from Park City, Utah in October of 2016. They own a 150 acre tree farm on Hogan Road in Oakland and joined Douglas Small Woodlands in the spring of 2017.

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Tree Farm Chores
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Plan Spring Vegetation Management
A key to seedling survival and growth in southern Oregon is controlling competing vegetation during the first few years. Herbsaceous competition (any type of grass, broadleaf weeds, etc.) should be controlled in early spring before active conifer growth and before weeds deplete soil moisture. Soil active herbicides such as Velpar, Oust or Atrazine are applied usually by air or ground in March. Glyphosate (Accord or Roundup) should be applied in mid-March to mid-April. As with planting, a licensed contractor (with a herbicide applicator’s license) should be used for ground applications.

Remember to fill out applications at the State Forestry office for both aerial and ground herbicide application at least 15 days before starting work. File your notification in January to avoid a time crunch.

Plant Your Seedlings
Plan to have your trees planted before the end of February. The sooner the better! Seedlings will start to grow new roots as soon as the soil temperature reaches about 50 degrees, so you want your seedlings in the ground and ready to go at the first hint of good weather. The more new roots the seedlings produce, the better chance they have of making it through a hot summer.

If you are hiring a contractor, be sure he is licensed by the state Bureau of Labor and Industries. Licensed contractors are required to carry liability insurance that protects a landowner in case a planter is injured on your property. A licensed contractor carries a photo ID card that you are encouraged to check. If you are planting your own trees, Douglas County has tree planting tools you may borrow. Contact Marty Amos for information: (503) 440-3412

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The 2017 legislative session included a number of bills that would have greatly inhibited or totally prohibited us from managing our forest lands. Due to a tremendous effort by our Executive Director, Lobbyist, OSWA Board and many active members, we were able to ward off several bills and help diminish the outcomes of others. More of these bills are to come. There are people out there who are serious about stopping forest management through unrealistic regulations, taking away our forestry tools and increasing taxation. Our investments and livelihoods for our timberlands are at stake. We can prevail, but to do so, we must work together. Again, our strengths are in our numbers and our determination. Your membership and investment in OSWA and your local chapter are critical and essential. Please consider an additional contribution of your choice through OSWA’s “Sharpening Our Edge” program. OSWA operates on an extremely tight budget to keep membership affordable to all. Any additional contribution is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

OSWA Dues

You should have received the invoice for your 2018 OSWA membership dues in the mail by now. All memberships are due and payable by January 31, 2018, but were mailed early for those who wish to deduct their dues from taxes as a 2017 business expense. The dues we pay to OSWA are nominal compared to the value we receive. When we join and participate in OSWA, we are making the following investments:

- Education of forestry practices for managing our tree farms through newsletters, tours, meetings and workshops
- Representation and protection of our values in Salem before the legislature, various boards, committees and agencies
- Our future ability to continue to practice forestry in Oregon
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Tree Farmer of the Year Tour
Roy Brogden, DSWA President

Forty-three tree farmers and guests had an informative tour of Joe and Shaw Henry’s tree farm on September 9th. Margaret Fabrizius from Northwest Farm Credit Services started us with coffee and donuts. Tami Braz had an excellent information table filled with Small Woodland and Douglas County OSU Extension Service materials.

Our first stop incorporated geology information presented by Michael Dewey, a Stewardship Forester from the Oregon Department of Forestry. Michael discussed the history, slide potential and necessary measures needed to protect Joe and Shawn’s house below if the stand were to be logged. Michael Dewey’s prescription was developed and logging was possible. The prescription cost them money, but they were able to remove old growth and start over with a new stand of timber. Hats off to all parties in reaching a workable solution. Three-hundred trees per acre have been planted and hardwood control implemented for the future Douglas-fir stand.

The second stop viewed an un-thinned stand adjacent to a mechanically thinned stand reduced to 150 trees per acre. Joe’s objective is a 50 year rotation. We had an excellent discussion about Douglas-fir management. Dan Newton provided information on growth, spacing, vigor and health of trees in the stand. He ended his informative discussion with a variable on when to harvest with the question, “How much do you need the money?”

We had an excellent lunch of fried chicken, potato and macaroni salads and chips. Tami and Barry Braz did the shopping for us. Tami’s information table was visited again and she even sold some Douglas Small Woodland Association signs. Thank you to Joe and Shawn for having us as guests on your tree farm. It was an excellent and informative tour.

Congratulations to Joe and Shawn - our 2017 Douglas County Tree Farmers of the Year! A well-deserved recognition indeed!
Log Market Report – Q4 2017

Gabe Crane

Southwest Oregon is experiencing historically high log prices as we move toward year end. Both lumber and plywood markets have cooled off from levels earlier in the year, however they continue to be relatively strong especially for this time period. Mill log inventories are generally low and overall log supply is not meeting consumption demands which continues to put tension on the already strained log supply chain.

Log prices continued to increase through the 3rd quarter and into the 4th quarter. Douglas-fir is currently in the $825-$900/MBF range depending on log quality. Demand for both smaller stud and dimension logs as well as larger veneer and cutting logs is high. Hemlock and white fir have followed a more moderate price trend increase and are in the $600-$650/MBF range depending on diameter, with smaller 6” to 15” scale end diameter logs bringing the most value. Incense cedar and western red cedar are in high demand with strong price support for both species.

The export log market out of Coos Bay remains very strong for white wood species while the domestic strength of Douglas-fir has been keeping the majority of those logs local. Pole quality logs remain in high demand with the most value on the longer lengths.

Conifer and hardwood chip prices are $28-$34/ton depending on location. Sellers should be able to find willing purchasers north, south and on the coast as pulp demand has increased greatly over the last 90 days.
**Neighbor to Neighbor- Why We Belong**  
*Tami Braz*

What would it be to like to live in Paradise? Bill and Joan Arsenault do not have to wonder; each morning when they wake up, they are there! Just like Eden, their paradise has been well loved and cared for. The property includes a beautifully restored farmhouse, fertile pastures and timbered hill sides.

Bill and Joan had previously visited friends in Elkton and liked the area. When Bill's company in L.A. relocated in 1971, he and Joan bought, sight-unseen, 360 acres on Paradise Creek west of Elkton. Their three children Janice, Paula and Hugh were 11, 13 and 15 years old. Bill worked as a systems and electrical engineer for Roseburg Forest Products and kept an apartment in Roseburg. They moved full-time to Paradise Creek Ranch in 1976.

In the early 1900's, most forestland had been cleared for pasture. Both hill and bottomland were said to be mostly bare. Douglas-fir and grand fir naturally reseeded themselves into a "dog hair" forest. Since then most all stands have been selectively harvested either commercially or pre-commercially for revenue and stand improvement. Bill and Joan annually grazed about 50 head of steers. They ceased their own cattle operations in 2006 and now lease the pastures.

Today there are 270 acres in forest and 55 acres in pasture. One-hundred acres have had a final harvest yielding 25-35 MBF per acre. Bill and Joan have a management plan completed by a professional consultant and are Tree Farm Certified. Their goal is "To promote sustainable forestry, recognizing and maximizing the land's potential to produce a revenue stream.” The Arsenault's use consulting forestry, contract loggers and crews for thinning and plantings to manage the land to pay for expenses of living in retirement. All design and implementation of the management plan must pass Joan's "View -shed" impact approval.

Paradise Creek Ranch has .8 miles of fish bearing streams. Bill and Joan have worked extensively since the 1990's on stream enhancement projects. Collaborating with BLM, ODFW, RFP and others, they have placed logs, boulders, root wads and weirs in stream. They have also fenced out cattle, removed blackberries, stabilized banks and completed riparian plantings.

Bill and Joan have planted deep roots in the Elkton community. Joan volunteers in the Elkton Community Education Center (ECEC) in the gift shop and garden. She is an avid botanist and artist too. Each December she helps with a community wreath-making event at ECEC. Paradise Creek Ranch hosts Americorps groups comprised of young people from all over the country, both urban and rural, that come to Elkton for ECEC projects. This gives the next generation an example of stewardship forestry and sustainable and renewable resources in Oregon.

Bill has been a driving force and voice for other family forestland owners. He was the

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past president for DSWA for over 20 years, and spent several years as the OSWA president. He served several long-term advisory committees for ODF and the Forest Practices Advisory Committee.

Bill could not emphasize enough the importance of belonging to DSWA. A large part of his life's work has been educating the next generation of forestland owners, not only personally with management and family succession plans, but also statewide as 25,000 move to Oregon each month, some becoming new woodland owners. Bill believes in what the industry is doing. He likes to stay involved and up to date in forestry, silviculture and the legislature. Bill said, "Special assessments and harvest taxes are vital to family forestland owners." Bill and Joan have made many friendships through DSWA and they help maintain those friendships and contacts at the annual meeting and tours.

All this and more led Bill and Joan's Paradise Creek Ranch to be chosen as the 2011 Douglas County Tree Farmers of the Year. They went on to the state level and were recognized as the 2012 Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year followed by receiving the prestigious recognition as the 2013 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year - National Western Regional Award. It took years of sweat, blood and a few tears to make such an accomplishment. Joan described it best as the "Grit" it takes to live and work on the ranch.

Bill and Joan have been married 67 years and dedicated to sustainable forestry for 45 years. Bill celebrated his 90th birthday this past summer. Working together, they are taking care of the land and the land is taking care of them. Joan said, "We are living a blessed life; we are going to take it and run."
OSU Extension Calendar of Events
Alicia Jones, OSU Extension

December 9, 2017: Women Owning Woodlands Network: Wreath Making Social. Held at the Riversdale Grange (4855 Garden Valley Road, Roseburg). 10am-1pm. Cost is $10. Come to this WOWnet hosted event to learn with your fellow female woodland owner how to harvest floral greens from your property, then make beautiful winter wreaths and swags! Head out to your woodland and collect some greenery, cones and berries to bring to the workshop (cedar and Douglas-fir work and smell great). Some greenery will also be available, but we ask that you please bring additional greenery (if possible) to ensure that there is enough for everyone. Optional: Bring any clippers, wire cutters, pliers, gloves or decorations you have and wish to use. Soup and hot drinks provided. Please RSVP to Tiffany by 12/4 by emailing her at: tiffany.fegel@oregonstate.edu

January 23-February 24, 2018: Introduction to Woodland Management. Held at the OSU Extension office (1134 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg). This course consists of 5 in-person classes with 1 field trip. This short course is ideal for anyone who is just starting out taking care of a woodland property. Classes are designed to provide woodland owners with a broad and thorough overview of many topics of importance when managing a woodland. Cost is $50/person or $75/couple. Registration is open now! Call (541) 672-4461, drop by the OSU Extension office in Roseburg, or visit http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/classes-events to register!

January 20, 2018: Rural Living Day. Held at Phoenix Charter School. 9am-4:30pm. Attend 3 sessions of your choice on a variety of topics relevant to landowners of all types and acreages. Topics include water, livestock, poultry, bees, weeds, forest health, food preservation, chainsaw operation, tractor safety, soils, fire, orchard/pruning and wells/septic. Registration required. Contact Sara for more information: Sara.runkel@oregonstate.edu (541) 672-4461

January 26, 2018: Oak Mistletoe: Friend or Foe? *New date* Meet at the OSU Extension office (1134 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg). Begin with a short indoor lecture, then head to the field to learn about the biology, management and history of oak mistletoe in Douglas County. Workshop taught by OSU Extension Forest Health Specialist Dave Shaw. Cost is $5/person. Registration is open now (deadline is 1/24/18)! Call (541) 672-4461, drop by the OSU Extension office in Roseburg or visit http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/classes-events to register!
February 7, 2018: **Douglas County Weed Day.** Held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg. 8am to 5pm (doors open at 7:30am). Program includes pest control and other weed-related info in the form of oral presentations and booths, weed identification/display, educational materials and more. Cost is $5 per person or bring in a weed specimen! Continuing education credits available. Questions? Contact Shelby: shelby.filley@oregonstate.edu (541)672-4461.

Questions about OSU Extension events and programs? Contact Alicia at : (541) 672-4461 alicia.jones@oregonstate.edu

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