Greetings OSWA members, families and friends! Summer 2013; May, June, July

Last quarter as I was writing the newsletter, the first paragraph said something about the nice weather we'd been having in February. Well, it has been nice weather ever since, it seems, and it is kind of spooky to see so much sun and so little rain. Summer newsletter it is, even at the beginning of May!

We have a new website at OSWA! Please take a look: www.oswa.org. We hope you like what you see. Our chapter has a simple page on the website, under: chapters and Marion-Polk; where you can find the last 2 years of newsletters (now 10) including this current one with the event schedule.

We have four events this quarter, all very interesting and important.

First, on June 1st, from 9am we will have a tour on one of the most important topics for family forest owners. THINNING! This tour/educational opportunity will visit 3 properties that have recently been thinned, by different operators with different equipments and different results. Led by Terry Lamers and Larry Blair, this tour will begin at a location central to the
various example sites. Meet by traveling south out of Dallas on 223 about 5 miles and turn left onto Ferns Corner Road (opposite Falls City Road) go east up the hill about 400 yards to a fresh rock road on the right, which is the property of our Secretary/Treasurer(s) Larry and Diana Blair. From there we will pack into a few vehicles to visit the different properties, all within just a few miles. If you have thinning operations on the horizon, attend this program!

********* BIG EVENT, Great Dinner, $5 *********

THE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 8TH, NOON till 2 At the Scottish Rite Temple,
4090 Commercial St. S.E. Salem The doors open at 11:30, so come to mingle with your friends and other chapter members! Free Literature to pick up and discuss.

We will have presentations on Legislative issues by OSWA ED Jim James and log markets and interest rates by Terry Lamers. We will present Tree Farmer of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. There will be our Treasurers report and discussion of projects. We will have a special tasting of Truffles in Brie! We will discuss the various tours we have taken this past year and where we will be going in the future. This is a volunteer-based Association and we welcome any new help on the directors board, even just the discussion. Bring your friends and neighbors. As in other years the dinner is just $5 at the door, as our chapter will pick up the rest.

Then July 14th at 9am, we will take a tour of Giustina Resources and learn about log scaling, grading and sorting at their Molalla location, which is a centrally based sort and haul yard where logs decide where they want to go! We will meet at the yard, which is near the Molalla Redi Mix plant just east of OR 213 on OR 211, coming into Molalla from the west. This tour will be led by our director John Hettwer, whose property we have toured and who led us to the beautiful waterfalls of the Abiqua!

Lastly, we have an opportunity to participate in a Ties to the Land program that you have heard about many times. It's time for your family to do this important training! Our friends at WOW (women Owning Woodlands) are sponsoring this 2 day seminar, which can change, the way you look at your property and your family. This is very important & you should do it

Saturday June 29, 2013, West Salem, Oregon
9am - 4pm
Women Owning Woodlands Network and Oregon State University sponsor:
"TIES TO THE LAND"
Keeping Family Forests and Farms in the Family

TIES TO THE LAND is a two-part, DVD-based interactive workshop exploring Succession Planning — providing effective tools families can use to decide the future of their land. Through presentations by two leading experts (Clint Bentz, CPA and Mark Green, Austin Family Business Program (http://www.markgreenphd.com/bio.html) and practical exercises, the workshop coaches families to develop communication skills they need to address the tough issues. HOPE IS NOT A PLAN.

You will:

See how you can maintain family ties to the land from generation to generation
Build awareness of the key challenges and tools to deal with them
Clarify your values and goals
Learn the steps to succession planning
Learn how to hold effective family meetings
Learn about legal and financial instruments that can support your plan
http://tiestotheLand.org/

Event held at Zena Springs Farms, LLC, W. Salem $35 per person / $ 10 per additional family member
Cost includes (1) Ties to the Land Workbook per family, Lunch, snacks, and all materials. (We will have a
presentation at a local family forest/farm)Spaces fill quickly. For more information and to register contact:
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