DSWA Tree Planting and Ground Applications of Herbicides Workshop

By Tami Jo Braz

For most of us, Jan. 27 was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet all three generations of the Newton family men: Mike, Dan and Joe. The Newtons have not only actually written the book(s) but lived out the books on family forestry in Oregon for over 50 years.

Mike Newton wrote forestry publications during his tenure as professor of forestry at Oregon State University and developed what is known as the "Waving Wand" method of ground application of herbicides by backpack for site prep, and post-planting vegetation control. Mike's son, Dan, is Timberlands Manager for Weyerhaeuser and grandson Joe is Lands Manager and Forester for Lone Rock Timber Company.

The Newton family has an amazing family forestry story of land restoration, regeneration, and utilization of Oregon's abundant natural resources. Over 50 years ago, when Dan was growing up, the Newton family purchased neglected, logged-over but high site-class ground in the coast range west of Philomath. As a family project, investment, and recreation, the Newtons systematically transplanted over 400,000 salvaged roadside ditch seedlings and covered the bare mountainsides, while cutting and treating the brush and thinning any existing trees to proper spacing.

Today, the highly productive land is producing an astonishing MBF per acre that will provide the family a sustainable harvest rotation for generations to come.

Our workshop began, as always, with fresh and strong coffee and delectable doughnuts, maple bars and scones provided by DSWA's friend and partner, Margret Fabrezius of Northwest Farm Credit Services.

Dan led off with a talk on seedling types, selection, sources, and care, weighing the characteristics and cost/benefit ratio of each. We all laughed when someone referred back to the roadbed foundlings and Mike said, “Say what you want, but it’s hard to beat free!” Dan smiled and added, “Yeah, the labor was free, too!”

Doug Schlatter, a DSWA board member and forestry contractor, provided explanations and demonstrations of proper tree planting techniques with both a planting shovel and hoe-dad. He purposely planted a J-root seedling and challenged Dan to find it. Dan gave us a demo of...

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New member spotlight

Welcome to:

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how to gently lift a tree to check roots and found it. Doug demonstrated and explained the importance of knowing how to plot a 1/100-acre radius in the field using a logger's tape and simple math to ensure proper stocking levels or trees per acre (TPA).

Joe presented information on the number of square feet per acre (15,560), an important number to know. With this number, you can convert label directions and application rates per acre into the actual amount applied on the ground.

He recommended calculating and calibrating with water on fixed plots first. Joe emphasized the importance of communication with neighboring property owners and notification of operations with the Department of Forestry.

Mike demonstrated his backpack waving wand method using a stream nozzle, large droplet size, and an arcing, windshield wiper motion while walking to cover an acre of bare ground in less than 10 minutes.

Doug finished with demonstrations of spot spraying around and over young seedlings as for post-planting vegetation management, giving young trees the best chance for a healthy, vigorous start.

The key takeaway was to use the right products at the correct application rate per acre, at the right time, using proper application techniques. This allows the landowner to use the lowest quantity of herbicides to get the job done for maximum seedling survival rates, tree, environmental, and pocketbook health.

Thank you, Gabe Crane and Doug Schlatter for site logistics, equipment, and all the details it takes for a fun and informative event! Thank you to those who attended! What makes an event successful is participation!

When neighbors and friends get together peer-to-peer with experts on the ground to look at common situations and solutions in forestry, networking happens, bonds are formed, friendships grow, and so do trees.
Tree Farm Chores

Check your seedlings:
Walk through newly planted seedlings to look for problems. At this time of year, seedlings should not show any signs of stress. Buds should be swollen or newly broken with lush, bright green foliage emerging.

Check the effectiveness of your weed control measures: Nearly every vegetation management scenario has more than one option. Spring and early summer is the time to evaluate the effectiveness of this year's project and think about improvements that you may want to make.

Begin harvest operations: Don't plan to do all your harvest in mid or late summer. Fire season can wreak havoc with dry season logging! Submit your notification of operations early.

Spray poison oak: If no trees are present, use a 5% solution of Accord (Roundup) in late May-June while leaves are full and green. If tree seedlings are present, wait until their new buds have hardened, usually in late July or early August. Treat poison oak before leaves turn red using Accord Concentrate.

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**DSWA Fire Workshop May 24**

Please join us for a DSWA Fire Workshop with Kyle Reed from DFPA.

**When:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.  
**Where:** DFPA Conference Room, 1758 NE Airport Rd., Roseburg, OR

**Topics Include:**
- Industrial Fire Precaution (IFPL) and Rule Changes
- What landowners should expect from their loggers/contractors regarding fire equipment
- Landowner liability should a fire start on their property

Enjoy pizza and root beer floats for $5 per person!!!

**RSVP:** Audrey Barnes @ 541-673-1208  
If no answer, please leave your name and number attending.

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**Douglas County School Forestry Tour**

May 16-18, 2018, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Glide Educational Forest

For more information or to volunteer, contact Alicia Christiansen (Jones) at (541) 672-4461 or alicia.christiansen@oregonstate.edu

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Saturday, June 2, 2018, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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**Registration fees:** $60/person before May 4 & $80/person from May 5-May 18

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Wreath-making workshop starts new holiday tradition

By Tami Jo Braz

The holidays seem a distant memory but what remains are recollections of the excellent time we had in December, when more than 25 women gathered at the Riversdale Grange in Roseburg for the first of what we hope becomes an annual tradition of wreath making using forest products, sponsored by WOWnet (Women Owning Woodlands Network.) The class was led by Joan Arsenault, a DSWA member for more than 40 years. She has been teaching an annual wreath making class in Elkton for about 10 years. Joan was assisted by 14-year DSWA member Tami Jo Braz.

WOWnet’s OSU coordinator, Tiffany Hopkins from Corvallis, and Douglas County OSU Extension forester Alicia Christiansen facilitated the logistics and kept our energy high by providing hot drinks, soup, and other treats.

The attendees were of all ages and several friends and families came together. Most women brought greenery and other forest products, cones, mosses and lichens, and berries to share. Joan got us started with the wreath making, then Tami demonstrated bow making, swags, and embellishments. The highlight of the class was learning how to take your “Invasive species suppression tool” (aka loppers), to cut ponderosa pine cones crosswise to make beautiful flowers.

The lessons we learned in the wreath making project we can take to our forest and woodlands. We all shared ideas and inspiration with friends and neighbors. We took action. Each of us came to the project with a different vision, different tools, skill sets, and natural resources. What we came away with was a sense of unity in spirit, each unique outcome equally beautiful.
By Tami Jo Braz

Author’s note: This issue features Harlan and Lola Haines. Harlan and Lola still live on the Green Valley Road property in Oakland that Harlan was born on 88 years ago. My husband Barry and I have lived a couple miles down the road for 31 years. That makes Barry and I “the new kids on the block!” We have attended each other’s Tree Farmer of the Year tours in 2004 and 2005, and other events and tours over the years, becoming friends. This is truly neighbor to neighbor.

Harlan was born in 1929 to Jennie and Homer Haines on a 540-acre parcel west of Oakland. The Haines family farmed, logged, and maintained a prune orchard. They maintained strong friendships with neighbors and held close ties throughout the Oakland community. “Mom Haines could bake up an apple pie in the old wood cookstove and did so regularly,” Harlan said. “She canned the venison and pork sausage patties harvested from the ranch and was always ready to ask someone to dinner.” Harlan smiled and said he was raised on “two deer for every pig.”

Harlan and Lola met at Sunday School and were married at the Oakland Church of Christ in 1948. They moved into a two-room cabin that Harlan and his dad built on the ranch. Children Sandra, Paul, and Kevin were born in 1950, 1953, and 1956. During this time, Harlan worked for Martin Brothers Box and Roseburg Lumber, as well as cared for the stock, the prune harvest, timber oversight and farming chores. Over the years the Haines ranch became Harlan and Lola’s property.

In the summer of 1952, the day after Labor Day, a fire started on Hwy 138W near Gallagher Canyon. Harlan said, “In those days, a fire truck was a guy in his pickup with a 55-gallon drum of water and gunnysacks, putting out spot fires.” The tragedy turned into an opportunity for Harlan to purchase 360 acres that needed rehabilitation, adjacent to the Haines ranch, from a company that decided to sell rather than salvage. Harlan and a neighbor salvage-logged about 100 acres in the next year and a half, enough to pay for the property.

They also harvested knotty logs for in-stream restoration projects and developed a helicopter pond for future fire protection, as the acquired land had an excellent spring. Today the Haines ranch totals 935 acres.

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In the meantime, the Haines raised sheep and cattle for 30 years to bring in a yearly paycheck, as forestry returns can take 30-70 years. Lola worked at the VA Hospital from 1965-1991. The health insurance benefits were important and allowed Harlan to work independently starting in the 1970s excavating, logging, and moving mobile homes.

From 1980 through 1987, Harlan completed a series of harvests, re-plantings, and vegetation management projects along with development of a management plan with the new OSU Extension forestry agent, Mike Clousey. Harlan and Lola were honored with their first Douglas County Tree Farmer of the Year award in 1987. The tradition and continuation of sustainable forestry and land stewardship earned Harlan and Lola a second award in 2005. In 2017, they received recognition for 30 years of certification with the American Tree Farm System.

Harlan and Lola believe strongly in giving back. For years they have provided firewood to families in need for heat. The Grove Christian Camp recognized Harlan with a lifetime volunteer award. Harlan has always been there to help a neighbor, even helping to rescue a horse from a sinkhole with his tractor. Lola volunteers regularly with Sutherlin’s senior center, St. Vinnies, the Community Cancer Center, and the Oakland Church of Christ. “God has been good to us,” Lola said. “It’s our privilege and responsibility to share with our community. To whom much has been given, much is expected.”

Harlan and Lola have been strong supporters of the Douglas Small Woodlands

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Bill Marre has joined the team of brokers at NW Forest Properties. Bill has over 40 years of experience managing timberlands, from Northern California to Vancouver Island, B.C. Bill has experience and expertise in the full range of forestry operations, from reforestation to harvesting and log marketing. He has been extensively involved with performing valuations and due diligence for acquisitions and providing information for dispositions. He is a member of Society of American Foresters.
Association. Harlan served on the board as treasurer for 19 years. DSWA does much to help new and seasoned landowners learn how to manage their forestland to promote the utilization of renewable resources while protecting the environment. Lola said, “Logging gets a lot of bad press sometimes. Young people and those new to the area need to know logging has provided livelihoods, and a quality of life second to none here for many families such as great schools and good roads. Forestry families have concerns for the environment too, it’s where we live, it’s the air we breathe.”

Currently, the Haines Family Trust is completing the first rotation of harvesting trees planted in 1981-82 and some sections that survived the fire, along with replanting. At the time of this writing, the road has been rocked and repaired, logging trucks have taken the timber to local mills, the checks have been banked, and 8,800 Douglas fir have been planted. All of the contractors who have worked on the tree farm have professionally, competently, and honestly helped the Haines family complete a long-awaited harvest.

Harlan and Lola will be married 70 years in August and have been dedicated tree farmers all of those years. The secret to their success? Harlan said, “We ate a lot of venison and the Lord smiled on us. We have had a good life. We have never had a lot, but that’s been good too because it makes you appreciate so much more what you do have. We don’t consider ourselves rich, we consider ourselves richly blessed.”

It is the hope that the Haines’ property will continue in a family trust where the challenge of the forest, with good management, wildlife protection, and environmental consideration will provide personal and community enhancement for generations.

From Lola Haines: “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

– Micah 6:8
Committee for Family Forestlands: April 25 meeting report

By Evan Barnes

The Committee for Family Forestlands researches policies impacting family forestland viability, resource protection, and forestry benefits. Based on its findings, the committee recommends actions to the Oregon Board of Forestry and the State Forester.

The 13-member committee includes seven voting and six non-voting members. Voting members include four family forestland owners, one each from the Department of Forestry’s three administrative regions and one at-large. There is one representative from the environmental community, one forest industry representative and one citizen-at-large, this member preferably serves as the committee chair. The chair, Ed Weber, resigned due to family responsibilities and I was appointed to the chair position.

Non-voting ex-officio members may include representatives from ODF, Oregon State University, Oregon small forestland groups, forestry-related industry associations, and the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. Meetings are held at ODF headquarters in Salem from November to June. No meetings are held during fire season.

During the April meeting, the following topics were discussed: private forest update, legislative update, land use planning, agency strategic initiative, food plot rulemaking, incentives update, Good Neighbor Authority, marbled murrelet rule making and Siskiyou stream monitoring update.

There was also a healthy discussion on a possible change to the Forestland zoning regulations that would provide, under very specific guidelines, the placement of a “second” owner or family-occupied dwelling to provide continuity for succession from current family owners to heirs. The idea being that many issues and decisions need to be made as forestland owners reach retirement and are no longer able to perform all the work necessary to maintain their property. The hope is that if family members who are interested in continuing the ownership of Oregon tree farms their ability to do so and succeed would be greatly enhanced by living on and working on the property.
Benefits of DSWA – come join us!

By Audrey Barnes

There are a number of reasons for joining the Douglas Small Woodlands Association. DSWA is a county chapter of OSWA, the Oregon Small Woodlands Association.

One of the greatest benefits is the political voice given to woodland owners. OSWA has had a significant impact on both legislation and the administrative rule making process. OSWA has brought the family forest landowner’s perspective to bear on issues. OSWA has done a commendable job of accommodating the diverse perspective of Oregon’s woodland owners.

DSWA and OSWA newsletters keep members informed of the latest issues impacting family forestlands. They include articles about forest management, forest products marketing, and other resources to help you better manage your forestland. They also offer the perspectives of fellow woodland owners on current issues.

Chapter meetings, tours, workshops, and classes give DSWA members a chance to interact with like-minded people. They provide the opportunity to see forest management practices applied to situations that may be similar to yours, and may help avoid costly and long lasting errors. Chances are someone in the group has already gone through what you’re about to try.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of all is the opportunity to meet some of the friendliest folks in Oregon. Whether it is over dinner at the annual meeting or at a barbecue following a tour, our members enjoy socializing with others that share common interests.

For more information, call Tami Jo at 541-459-1402 or visit www.oswa.org.

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The DSWA Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Douglas Timber Operators office. Meetings are open to all members.

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