Greetings OSWA members, families and friends  Spring 2015

For those of you that have and use internet, please visit www.oswa.org and our Marion-Polk chapter page, where you will see our archived newsletters. This one will be at the top of the list and the last few years will be below it. Refer to past copies for log buyer lists, loggers and other valuable information. And, about the time you get this newsletter in the mail, the Oregon Forest Fair poster will be up on the front page of the state OSWA site! We, yes our chapter, is putting on this fabulous event on June 20th, at Chemeketa Community College. This is something we can all get involved in, as your directors have been, as well as a more direct Annual Meeting-Oregon Forest Fair committee! If you have a little volunteer bone that has been itching in your hip, or arm, please let us know and we can most likely use your help. Call any of the folks above, especially the bottom three, and we will be grateful.  

This is the Spring issue of our newsletter and boy, is it ever spring! The editor has been watching the seasons for many years, and this year is about 3 weeks earlier than any in memory. In fact, there has been very little winter at all, with less than one cord of firewood burned in a house exclusively heated with wood! Tonight we have the windows open to the chorus of Spring Peeper frogs down the valley, that is nearly drowning out the sound of the pouring rain. 

So, we are off to an early season for nearly everything and we ought to get going on some projects we normally leave for later. And, if you will suffer through a little editorial rambling here, I’d like to tell you what I took home from the Forest Taxation Symposium that was held just a week or two ago down at OSU. A handful of the people you see at the top of this page were there, and the classes or presentations were mostly good, but at the end of the day we were asked to gather at some smaller tables in groups for a facilitated discussion of what we learned. I was one of the facilitators that got to pose the questions which were sort of ‘what we learned and what we will do with that’. From what I heard though, our family structure is failing badly and without an exception, when the second parent dies; the plans go to hell. Whatever we set up legally as far as LLC’s or partnerships or whatever, go way of the trashcan and we start all over with sibling war. This is not good. Most fortunes are squandered, most properties broken up or slicked off to buy out one brother or sister and the resulting feelings are not warm and fuzzy. One attendee mentioned that their siblings fully believed they inherited money, rather than a partnership in a forest with their siblings. And that wanted it, now. My head ached as I listened to more than one story that were basically the same thing. If this means that we are in a successful economic model and that this is the best system in the world; stop this train, I want off.

So, regarding things that may need our attention earlier rather than later, it seems that the most important thing of all would be for each of our families to go through a “Ties To The Land” family training session. If not for any other point than to find out what every member of the family feels about the forest property that is (eventually) in the hands of the heirs. This is no small matter, this is HUGE. There you have it.
On another subject that might take some rambling, you may or may not realize that our chapter of OSWA, in a few short months, is putting on the most progressive, all-inclusive forestry event anywhere in our wonderful country. The Oregon Forest Fair is being held on June 20th, at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, in conjunction with the statewide annual meeting that is held on the 18th (day at the capital) and 19th (Butts Family Tree Farmer of the Year forest tour and annual meeting and awards banquet). This event will be showcasing all that is Oregon Forestry, forest management, Wood products, wood based business’ and everything in-between. We (your pres and other volunteers) have just finished some 1000 phone calls to interesting companies and individuals in NW Oregon for exhibitor interest, and are setting up **four fabulous panel presentation groups** to cover 4 big topics. The first **#1) Large Oregon Forest Landowner Policy and Projections**. The feds, state and industry talk about what they do and why. **#2) Education, of all kinds for all people**: K-12, adult and professional. **#3) Valuation of Forests and Forestland, in buying, selling and owning**. Which will be similar to the very successful event we held for just our chapter a year ago, and **#4) Forest Markets and products**, traditional and non-traditional. Each of the presentations will have at least 4 individuals, representing and presenting their different viewpoints on the overall topic, followed by facilitator questions and then questions and comments from the audience. Be There! The panel presentations will be held in the fantastic 430 seat auditorium, while the 75 or 80 exhibitors will be in the Auditorium building and the one next to it, linked by covered walkways on two floors, available food for an all day affair, as well as a parking lot for outdoor exhibits in addition to the indoor table spaces. If you or anyone you know would have interest in being an exhibitor, PLEASE give us a call and make sure you are on that list.

This will be a fantastic event, which is **free and open to the public**. We have been telling people and companies that if you have anything to show, tell or sell, this will be the show for you. This will be one great show of anything and everything forests, forestry, wood products and other related topics. Viva la Oregon Forests!

Meanwhile, now that the rambling is over and returning to this current quarter; our neighbor chapter to the north, Yamhill, is having the following events in these next three months. All OSWA members are welcome at all chapter meetings, if you know about them and are close enough or are willing to travel that distance.

**1) Wednesday, February 25, 2015** "Forest Planner" by David Diaz from Eco Trust.

**2) Wednesday, March 25, 2015** Oak Management by Kim Hudnall from NRCS and Sarah Deumling from Zena Forest.

**3) Wednesday April 22, 2015** Forestry in Chile by Dan Upton, consulting forester.

These meetings all begin at 7:00 pm with a social half hour starting at 6:30 pm. They are at the Yamhill Co. OSU Extension auditorium, 2050 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, OR 97128

Then, to the south of us in the Linn/Benton/Lane chapter, the following events are planned.

http://starkerlectures.forestry.oregonstate.edu/ (for those of you on the internet and looking for the great lecture series held in Corvallis), and other events remaining in the first quarter on the Bark calendar:

**4) Starker Lectures: “Every Reason to Hope”: David Douglas and Pacific Northwest Trees**, Jack Nisbet, author, **Thursday, February 12, 3 pm, 107 Richardson Hall, OSU.**

**5) Linn County Workshop – Forest Taxation. Wednesday, February 25, 7-8:30 pm, Lebanon Campus of LBCC.** See p. 11 for details.

**6) Lincoln County Annual Seedling Sale, Saturday, March 7, 10 am - noon, 4H-Harney Bldg., Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Newport.** See p. 7 for details.

**7) Starker Lectures: A Contemporary View of Douglas-fir Silviculture**, Chad Oliver, Thursday, March 12, 3:30 pm, 107 Richardson Hall, OSU.◆
For those of you that want to follow the Linn-Benton-Lane chapter events more closely, please go to the website below for more information. [http://www.oswa.org/blog/the-quarterly-bark-newsletter/](http://www.oswa.org/blog/the-quarterly-bark-newsletter/)

OH Yes! WE have a couple events planned in or near Marion-Polk counties too;

**#8) On Friday February 27th at 10 am,** all interested parties will meet at Palm Harbor Homes, manufactured home factory near I-5 just north of Albany. The address is 3737 Palm Harbor Drive, Albany 97321, but just bellow are written directions.

Palm Harbor Homes factory is just west of I-5, visible from the highway and between the Jefferson exit to the north (exit 238) and the strange little Millersburg exit to the south. Of course if you go further south you come to the regular Albany exits. Either way, get off the freeway and go a short distance to the west and get on the Old Salem Rd, NE. Take this in the direction of the factory (depending on which exit you used) and turn east then on Palm Harbor Drive, which is of course named after the huge factory that occupies it. See you all there!

**#9) Then, on March 3rd, at 6:30 in the evening,** at the ODF offices at 2600 State Street in Salem, we will have a presentation by Lena Tucker of ODF on how to navigate the e-notification system for the new online application for a cutting permit (notification). This meeting-presentation-training session will be held in the Tillamook room, Building C, Administration

Jim Reeb of OSU Extension reminds us;

Don’t Wait to Purchase Your Reforestation Seedlings!

According to the Forest Seedling Network, reforestation seedlings are again in short supply. There are several reasons, including good log markets, recent wildfires and last year’s freezes. Only a few seedlings are available in many zones, especially those in fire areas. Forest Landowners who plan to harvest in 2015 should order seedlings now. If you have your own seed, you may be able to have the seed contract grown for next season. For help in finding the right seedlings see the Forest Seedling Network; [http://www.forestseedlingnetwork.com](http://www.forestseedlingnetwork.com)


It is almost pole peeling season!