Linn County landowner Linda Butts selected as Oregon's 2014 State OTFOY

By Mike Barsotti

Linda Butts was selected Oregon’s Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year at the Oregon Tree Farm System’s (OTFS) 48th Annual Awards Luncheon November 24th at the World Forestry Center.

Linda and her late husband Lynn purchased 145 acres on McCully Mountain in north Linn County in 1974. While they had originally planned to raise cattle, they soon switched to tree farming. They planted 50 plus acres of pasture to trees and, through the hard work of pruning these young plantations, became the local experts. The Butts restored an oak woodland/savanna for its unique wildlife benefits and developed a road system for forest management and fire protection.

They have hosted countless educational tours to help others, showing other family forestland owners and foreign visitors the results of their efforts tree planting, pruning, and thinning.

Linda and her son Thom are Master Woodland Managers, donating time to help other landowners, and are regular volunteers at Clackamas County’s Tree School held each spring.

Forest tax symposium

By John Westall

A symposium designed for landowners, foresters, accountants and attorneys on Oregon’s family forest tax landscape will be held January 26, 2015, 8:30 am — 4:30 pm, at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center at OSU. The symposium originated as a project of the Committee for Family Forestlands, a standing committee of the Oregon Board of Forestry, which identified the need to improve the availability of information on taxation related to family forestland ownership.

The symposium will begin with a keynote address by Clint Bentz, “Risks and Rewards of Family Forestland Ownership,” followed by a selection of sessions that cover income taxes; estate, succession and business planning; property taxes, deferrals & harvest taxes; conservation easements and finding a professional; ways to be tax smart and forms of business.

Registration is required. Details are available through http://www.knowyourforest.org/ and clicking on “Events,” or phone OSWA at 503 588 1813.

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Linda Butts with Oregon State OTFOY award, son Gary Butts, daughter-in-law Renay Butts and grandson Keith Butts at Oregon Tree Farm System’s Awards Luncheon.
Please welcome a new class of Master Woodland Managers. The Class of 2014 has 17 members from communities in Benton, Lane, Linn as well as Polk & Marion Counties. They graduated in November, ready to put their forestland management expertise to work as volunteers in their communities along with the OSU Extension Service.

Master Woodland Managers (MWMs) are qualified local family woodland owners who receive specialized training from OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension to improve their abilities as land managers and as community leaders. The purpose of the MWM program is to provide a core of trained volunteers that help OSU Forestry and Natural Resources Extension serve local communities and be a resource to help inform other woodland owners.

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The 2014 MWMs are, Benton County: Marc Baldwin, Bruce Morris, Doug Newell, Sherri Newell, Janice Thompson, Elizabeth Mottner, Tyler Mottner, Roger Workman; Lane County: Wylda Cafferata; Linn County: William Bowling, Bonnie Marshall, Ed Merzenich, Jim Merzenich, Christy Tye, Timbre White; Polk County: Mary Chamness, Jennifer Weikel.

The Master Woodland Manager training is about 80 hours of classroom and field instruction spread over most of a year. A broad variety of topics are covered, including forest management planning, woodland ecology, resource inventory methods, thinning stands, road maintenance, insect and disease management, fire risk prevention, sustainable forestry practices and more. In return, the trainees agree to give the OSU Extension a similar amount of time in volunteer service in helping other small woodland owners.

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The theme of the 2015 Starker Lecture Series is “Douglas-fir: The legacy and future of the Pacific Northwest’s most iconic tree.” The series begins with a screening of “Finding David Douglas,” an internationally acclaimed documentary about the pioneering botanist’s compelling life of adventure and discovery. A related lecture will provide further insights about the man and his explorations in the Pacific Northwest. Another lecture in this quarter will shift to contemporary perspectives on the management of Douglas-fir forests. Times and locations of these events are in the “Upcoming Events” below. The Starker Lecture Series has been held at OSU since 1985. The series takes inspiration from the Starker Family’s history of leadership in supporting sound forestry and vibrant communities through scientifically grounded education and positive, sustained action. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lectures will also be available via streaming video. More information is at http://starkerlectures.forestry.oregonstate.edu.

The Quarterly Bark

2015 Starker Lecture Series at OSU

OSU Extension Online Calendars
For events in and around Benton, Linn and Polk Counties check http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events.

Also, you can sign up for the Compass and Needle mailing list to receive an e-mail notice when an event is scheduled: send a request to jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu or phone Jody at 541 766 6750.

For events in and around Lincoln County, see http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/forestry/news.

Upcoming events

Linn County Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 17, 5 pm, ZCBJ Hall, 38704 N Main St., Scio. See p. 11 for details.

Benton County Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 24, noon - 3 pm, Beazell Forest Education Center, Kings Valley. RSVP. See p. 8 for details.

Forest Tax Symposium, Monday, January 26, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, CH2M Alumni Center, OSU, Corvallis. Registration required. See p. 1 for more information.

Lane County Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 29, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, Eugene Elks, 2470 W 11th Ave., Eugene. RSVP. See p. 4 for details.


Linn County Annual Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods, Saturday, February 7, 8 am-noon, Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Albany. See p. 11 for details.

Lane County Annual Seedling Sale, Saturday, February 7, 8 am - until sold-out, Alton Baker Park, Eugene. See p. 4 for details.

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

Lincoln County Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 21, 9:30 am - 2 pm, Ollala Valley Café, 1022 Ollala Rd., Toledo. RSVP. See p. 6 for details.

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

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

Starker Lectures: A Contemporary View of Douglas-fir Silviculture, Chad Oliver, Thursday, March 12, 3:30 pm, 107 Richardson Hall, OSU.
Annual meeting. With 2015 off and running, LSWA will be holding its annual meeting on Thursday, January 29 at the Eugene Elks, 2470 W 11th Ave., Eugene. RSVP to Dick Beers by January 25: 541 687-1854 or rbeers2606@comcast.net. The event is scheduled for 5:30 – 8:30 pm and provides LSWA members an opportunity to come together for dinner and visit with friends and folks of similar interests. This year we will once again be updated by Jim James, OSWA Executive Director. Jim will provide information on OSWA policies and changes implemented over this past year. He will also update us on what to expect from the 2015 Oregon State Legislature in regard to forest and water issues that may impact small woodland members.

Of special interest to OSWA are the upcoming changes to Oregon’s Forest Protection Rules governing riparian zones. Over the past year ODF has been reviewing the “RipStream” studies that have shown water temperatures in fish bearing streams have increased by around 0.7 °C after harvest activities within designated riparian zones. This increase violates the state standard of 0.3 °C increase to water temperatures, and ODF is wrestling with what, if anything, needs to be done to avoid the temperature increase. OSWA is following this issue and expects a decision in 2015.

Tom Burnham of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Robin Biesecker of ODF will make a presentation on programs available to agriculture and forest landowners from NRCS. These programs encourage landowners to implement management plans focused on conservation and protection of natural resources.

Seedling sale. With February comes LSWA’s annual seedling sale. This year the sale will once again be held at Alton Baker Park on Saturday morning February 7, starting at 8:00 am and continuing until all trees are sold. Mike and Connie Atkinson provided the lead with assistance from fellow LSWA members. Douglas-fir, grand fir, ponderosa pine, incense cedar, western redcedar, noble fir, redwood, and red alder seedlings will be available to the public. Due to the shortage of seedlings from nurseries we will have probably only around 3-4 thousand trees. So if you are interested, show up early. Prices will range from $1.00 to $2.00 per seedling.

Other events. After February’s seedling sale LSWA is planning a spring tree farm tour of Jim Christian’s tree farm west of Eugene. Jim was Lane County’s tree farmer of the year for 2014. Currently we are in the process of planning for a late May tour, and we will be updating you as we put the tour plans in place. Following the tree farm tour LSWA would like to hold a training session covering the engineering and construction of forest roads for your tree farm. The session is planned for an on-the-ground visit of working forest roads along with professional presentations covering the design and maintenance of such roads. Plans are in the works for an early summer presentation, and we shall be providing you the location, date and time as we finalize the session. Finally, we are working on a late summer in-the-forest training session covering forest pruning and thinning: benefits versus costs.

Log markets. As forest landowners LSWA wants to make sure you are aware of the positive log markets we have experienced this past year, and the expectation for a continuation of current or even better log markets into 2015. With this positive trend you may be interested in harvesting some of your forest resources. If so, please make sure you are receiving sound market-value offers. Don’t hesitate to check
with fellow LSWA members and directors for opinions and any knowledge they might have about current markets and contractors. We recommend that you sign up for one of OSU Extension Forester Steve Bowers' courses on log markets and working with logging contractors. If it is within your means, it might even be beneficial to contact a consulting forester. The final decision is yours, but you should have the best information available on log markets and logging costs as you determine what may be the most appropriate decision for you and your forest lands. Also join us at the annual meeting. It’s a great time to get information from fellow OSWA members. Take care and we look forward to seeing you this year.

Songbirds in Early Seral Habitat
By Wylda Cafferata

On November 18, 2014, over 175 small woodland owners, forestry and wildlife professionals, and other members of Oregon’s natural resource community gathered in Albany for the OFRI-sponsored symposium, “Wildlife in Managed Forests: Early Seral Habitat, Songbirds and Managed Forests.”

The well-organized program began with the definition of early seral habitat: the community of vegetation present after disturbances such as clear-cut logging, intense fire, and landslides, large enough to support light-demanding species. Jerry Franklin of the University of Washington emphasized that: (i) the early seral stage is the pre-forest stage; (ii) the early seral stage is the most bio-diverse landscape stage; (iii) woody debris is an essential element on early seral landscapes; (iv) all landowners can contribute towards creating and maintaining early seral landscapes.

Participants in the symposium learned about the relationships among timber harvest, weed control, songbird abundance, insect damage to seedlings, moth and butterfly abundance, and deer, elk and other herbivores’ behavior. The symposium included presentation of data from The Forest Management Study, an intense study led by NCASI and OSU in conjunction with forest landowners. Now in its fifth year, the study examines various levels of weed control in young conifer plantations to establish how forested landscapes can be managed for both biodiversity and timber production. Throughout the day’s presentations a variety of speakers shared a wealth of information. Did you know there are over 500 species of moths in the Coast Range’s early seral habitat? that deer are known to eat the eggs of nesting birds? that the Rufous hummingbird population is declining at 3.9% a year? that herbicides can be applied selectively to target specific invasive species without effect on other plants? For much more information, check out copies of the presentations as well as abstracts and speakers’ bios at http://www.knowyourforest.org/events/conferences.

Many thanks to OFRI and its co-sponsors, NCASI and Partners for Forestry Education for this exciting and informative symposium. Further conversations on these topics will be held at the joint meeting of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Oregon Society of American Foresters to be held in Eugene on April 29-May 1. Small woodland owners are very welcome to attend this conference. Details are available on the OSAF and ORTWS website.
Your board and I hope that you all had a good holiday season and wish all of our members and friends a successful and productive 2015.

For Alice and me 2014 has been a busy and exciting year, starting off with our annual meeting in Eddyville, where we had a good time visiting with our members and hearing about topics such as water quality regulations, property taxation, the plans for a log export facility in Newport, and OSWA’s work with state government.

My wife, children and I were allowed to host the Howdy Neighbor event in June, with weather that was just great. About 80 attended, including Mo Bergman, who was the previous owner of the property. We had a great lunch, prepared and served by the young Bregman family members.

Then the Bregmans and the grandchildren went to the OSWA annual meeting, the second one for the grandchildren. I have not missed one since I became a member. It is our annual outing to learn and see all that we can do with the trees. I was reminded that trees grow and trees die; the key is to use whatever the forest produces — wood products, energy, habitat — intelligently and to advantage. And, if we do it right, the tree that was planted today to replace a harvested tree can be harvested itself in 50 years. Trees really are a renewable resource. Someday I hope that our Lincoln County chapter can host the annual meeting, but we need to have 3 to 4 times the membership to pull that off.

We were honored to be nominated as the Lincoln County Tree Farmer of the Year and to attend the Oregon Tree Farm System annual awards luncheon at the World Forestry Center in Portland in November. It was a great experience to be there and to realize the importance of the forest industry’s contribution to the Oregon economy — a contribution that is undervalued by too many who see trees only as part of a park, not as part of an industry that provides jobs and produces products renewably and sustainably.

Lincoln County 2015 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Lincoln County 2015 Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 21 at the Olalla Valley Café at 1022 Olalla Road, next to the Toledo Golf Course, from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm, with lunch provided by the chapter. Please RSVP by e-mailing jim.reeb@oregonstate.edu or calling the Lincoln County Extension office at 541-574-6534.

The program will include updates by Jim James, Executive Director of OSWA and Eric Olsen of Teevin Brothers on the Newport log export yard. Invited speakers will cover two main topics: “What is improved seed and how can small forestland owners acquire it?” by representatives from ODF, and “Grass Root...”
Lincoln County 2015 Seedling Sale

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By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension

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The Benton County Small Woodlands Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Beazell Forest Education Center in Kings Valley. Rick Fletcher will be our speaker and will talk about the recent woodland owner trip to Norway and Sweden. Also, as has been our practice for the past several years, one or two new members of the woodland community will be introduced and will have a chance to tell us about their new jobs and how they will be interacting with the small woodland community. The cost for lunch will be $15 per person. Lunch will begin at noon and the program will conclude at about 3:00 pm. Please RSVP to Jody Einerson, 541-766-6750 or jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu.

**Tour of the Vollmer tree farm**

Twenty nine hearty souls braved a cold drizzle on December 6 to visit Greg and Barbara Vollmer’s forest land near Alsea. The Vollmers had purchased the 20+ acre parcel in 1982, and over the years had done a small clear cut of large timber, afforestation of pastureland and basic road construction.

In 2014 Greg completed a well managed 5-acre clear-cut harvest and a thinning on the property. He provided a thoughtful description of all the things he had to consider along the way. Logger Ed Parker was on hand to describe the operations and to answer questions.

Roads had been graded and rocked and a 66” culvert installed in 2013 - 2014. The logging slash was piled and covered in June and burned in October. Seedlings at 435 per acre were ordered in July. Site-preparation herbicide was applied in September, and planting is scheduled for December or January. Additional vegetation control will be applied as needed.

Greg said he was very satisfied with the work of the contractors, but sometimes scheduling is a challenge for small jobs. Other points raised in the discussion were: who has ever thinned too early? who has ever planted too few trees per acre? It was also pointed out that demand for seedlings is currently very high, so if you are planning a harvest, order the seedlings well in advance. Thanks to Greg and Barbara for a very informative tour.

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A mid-November ice storm caused significant top breakage and tree damage to an area centered around Blodgett, with a southern limit near the Benton-Lane County line and the northern limit near Kings Valley. An aerial survey of roughly 250,000 acres in the area revealed roughly 6,600 acres of damage caused by ice: 1,460 acres with <10% of trees damaged, 3,000 acres with 11-30% of trees damaged, and 2,130 acres with >30% of trees damaged.

**Forest health concerns.** Anytime that there is a buildup of susceptible material in the forest there is the risk of increasing bark beetle populations to a level that puts pressure on standing, live trees. The Douglas-fir bark beetle will typically inhabit trees and downed wood greater than 12 inches in diameter but can be found in treetops down to about eight inches. In general, trees that are mature or over-mature are more susceptible than young, vigorously growing trees but more densely stocked stands or those that are also in root rot centers are more susceptible. Outbreaks can last from one to three years with downed material being colonized in early spring.

Bark beetles aren’t the only concern. Broken tops and branches often allow the entry of heart rots and wood decaying fungi. This can cause eventual merchantable volume loss where logs may be culled due to the amount of decay. Tops that regenerate following an initial damage or break are more susceptible to continued or future breakage. From an ecological standpoint, heart rots are an important part of the forest and provide habitat for cavity nesting birds and other species.

**Management options.** Salvage operations should be completed before the second spring following a damaging event to prevent beetle emergence. Management consideration in the long term may be changed based on the degree of damage. In some cases, it may be better to harvest an entire stand than accept the defects that occur when branches become leaders. Forest managers should make this decision in line with their management objectives.

For more details see [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/compass](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/compass). Watch OSU Extension for announcement of a tour on this subject later this winter.

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**Ice storm hits NW Benton County**

*Source: Oregon Department of Forestry*

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**Map showing center of ice damage:** white, <10% of trees damaged; stippled grey, 11-30% of trees damaged; black, >30% of trees damaged. Map prepared by John Westall with tree-damage data courtesy of Oregon Department of Forestry and base map © 2012 DeLorme (www.delorme.com) XMap®.

Mike Albrecht receives Benton County TFOY award from State Forester Doug Decker and USDA-FS PNW Regional Forester Jim Pena at OTFS awards luncheon in November.
**President’s Corner**

*By Mike Barsotti*

As I mentioned in an earlier issue, the topic of how best to manage early seral stage forests, i.e., a young forest, for wildlife as well as timber has captured my interest and has me a bit nervous. A one-day workshop, *Wildlife in Managed Forests: Songbirds*, held November 18, provided a lot of information on the importance of our young plantations to birds and other small creatures. You can view the workshop’s presentations by going to: http://knowyourforest.org and clicking on “Events.” The workshop didn’t have a cookbook of methods we can use to manage better for both timber and wildlife, but I came away with several ideas. More on that later.

This early seral stage of a forest, bare ground until crown closure, has always been a bit of a challenge for family forest landowners as well as for foresters. Even if we are not actively working to balance wildlife and timber, it’s just hard to keep the grass and brush under control until the trees are established. It’s tough, especially at lower elevations where everything likes to grow. Invasives like scotch broom and Himalayan blackberry make it even harder. Besides keeping the vegetative competition under control, there is also animal-damage and tree-spacing issues to consider. The question ‘should I plant tight and precommercially thin, or plant at a wider spacing that makes my first thinning a money maker’ are continually debated with no consensus.

Herbicides are the most effective way to manage the vegetation, and they can help keep rodents under control. But now we learn how the vegetation that we have worked so hard to kill is needed by the songbirds and other wildlife. It’s got to make management a bit harder.

**Songbird populations are declining**, but they haven’t gotten much attention. All the focus on spotted owls and marbled murrelets and their need for old growth, i.e., late seral stage forests, has reduced harvests on federal and state forestland. As a result there is less harvesting and thus a reduction in the amount of early seral forests on these lands.

Our goals for managing our forestland are many: everything from just timber production to no harvest at all and everything in between. For those with income as their primary goal, a concern for declining populations of songbirds may seem of little interest. But one of the workshop speakers discussed how many insects small birds eat per acre in a season. The numbers were mind blowing for me; he estimated that songbirds eat between 2 and 39 million insects per acre per year. So it seems that whatever your forestland goals are, you want birds in your young plantation to keep insects for damaging your trees.

At the workshop we heard that there are a number of research plots in the Coast Range gathering all kinds of data. We heard that songbirds need our native shrubs as well as conifers and hardwood trees in this early seral stage for food and cover. As I mentioned earlier, what we didn’t hear was how best to blend the wildlife needs while establishing a forest. I’m sure we will learn about this at some future workshop as the workshop’s sponsors and speakers made it clear that they were not looking to landowners to choose one over the other.

Some strategies that come to mind include spot spraying all or part of a unit to leave some grass and shrubs between the seedlings. Leaving hazel, vine maple, and ocean spray for a year or two and then knocking them back with herbicides gets the seedlings free-to-grow. Most often spraying shrubs doesn’t completely kill them, but does give the trees the opportunity to get above them. I used to feel bad not getting a complete kill; but now I can feel good about it. The songbirds will benefit from having these shrubs recover in the understory. Wider spacings on steep ground where early thinnings are more expensive can be a way of keeping shrubs in the plantation a few years longer without giving up income. Crown closure eliminates the shrubs layer.

To sum up my rambling, many of us want to leave our forests better than we found them. The more we learn what this means, the more complex, and the more interesting forest management becomes.◆
Come join your fellow Linn County Tree Farmers for our annual meeting on Saturday, January 17th at a new location in Scio. We have moved a block north and across the street (west) to the ZCBJ Hall, 38704 Main Street. Thomas Creek is the north boundary of the ZCBJ Hall property, so parking is on the south side of the building. The closest Scio comes to a traffic signal is one flashing yellow light, which is a great landmark for the ZCBJ Hall. Twenty feet north of this light is the driveway into the parking lot.

The doors open at 5 pm with our potluck dinner starting at 5:30 pm. Please bring a main dish and either a dessert or salad to share. Our potluck dinner gets rave reviews from all our guests. Keep up the good work. The chapter will provide cups, napkins, coffee, tea and punch. Please bring your own plates and flatware. We need volunteers to arrive at 5 pm sharp to help with the setup of tables and chairs.

The business meeting will include a review and vote on new chapter by-laws and the election of new directors to our Board of Directors.

We will be drawing for door prizes during the breaks. If you have items you would like to provide as prizes please bring them. This is an opportunity to re-gift something not useful to you, but that would be useful to someone else.

The meeting entertainment will include: 4-H Awards—a few words from each recipient, possibly their first opportunity to speak in front of a group; Scholarship Program—a few words from our recipients; Linda Butts and Family, Linn County’s Tree Farmer of the Year and the State of Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year; Jim James, Executive Director of OSWA; and highlights of the Oregon Woodland Cooperative’s tour to Norway and Sweden, June 2014.

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**Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods**

By Sherm Sallee

The Linn County Chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association is sponsoring a Seedling Sale on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Many of the seedlings are Oregon natives. The sale location is the Santiam Building at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center at 3700 Knox Butte Road in Albany, near I-5 Exit 234. The time is from 8:00 am to noon or while supplies last.

As in past years, you may pre-order your seedlings. Fill out the order form above or posted at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events and mail it with your check to the address on the form. The pre-order deadline is January 31. Your seedlings will be packaged and ready for you to pick up the morning of the seedling sale. You will avoid the lines and be more likely to receive the seedlings you want.

We have ordered a good variety of seedlings from the nurseries. Some of the trees and shrubs are excellent for smaller places around a home, flower in the spring and/or have nice fall colored leaves. Most seedlings will be two-year old bare root or plugs, directly from the nursery.

An information table will be available with samples, pictures and information about the seedlings. An OSU Extension trained Master Woodland Manager will be there to answer questions and provide information on which trees are best suited for a particular planting site.

For the fifth year, there will be a display and sale of local wood products. While the list of participants has not been completed, we hope to have vendors with native woods and wood products available for viewing and sale.

Portions of the money earned will be used to help fund the Linn County Chapter’s educational programs for youth in Linn County. These include 4-H and college scholarships.

If you have any questions please contact: Fay or Sherm Sallee, (541) 451-5322 or sksallee@yahoo.com.

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**Workshop on forest taxation**

By Mary Brendle

Forest taxation will be the topic of a Linn County Small Woodlands Association workshop at the Lebanon campus of Linn-Benton Community College. Both property tax and income tax issues for forest landowners will be discussed. The free workshop will be February 25, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.
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Got wood?
By Mary Brendle

If you are a local woodland owner, craftsman or business producing materials or products from local woodlands and forests we invite you to exhibit and sell your goods, Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 8 am to noon at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany. For more details and registration information see the flier at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events or contact Jody Einerson at OSU Extension at 541-766-6311 or Mary Brendle at 541-367-2845. Register as an exhibitor by January 27.

Don’t wait to purchase your reforestation seedlings!
By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension

According to the Forest Seedling Network, reforestation seedlings are again in short supply. There are several reasons, including good log markets, recent wild fires and last year’s freezes. Only a few seedlings are available for 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 might 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/or Oregon Department of Forestry: http://www.oregon.gov/odf/privateforests/pages/seedlings.aspx