Book review
American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation
by Eric Rutkow

by Wylde Cafferata

Some books we read present us with entirely new information. Others shed new light on information we already know. American Canopy is one of those. Eric Rutkow covers American history from the European colonists to the 21st Century, insisting, “that much of American history has been defined by trees.” His chapters include accounts of pre-revolutionary land use; early science and tree use by 18th and 19th century Americans; influences of Henry David Thoreau and other early philosophers; westward expansion; J. Sterling Morton and Midwestern forestry; development of city parks; Gifford Pinchot and the establishment of National Forests; California oranges; impact of the Chestnut blight and Dutch elm disease; the use of trees during WW I and II; the role of trees in post-war prosperity; and the environmental movement. While the book makes insightful connections among all these topics, ultimately it is disappointing. Among all the forest accounts the author gives, he fails to tell the story of modern sustainable forest management in any comprehensible depth.

Rutkow does a masterful job of describing the late 19th century split between John Muir and his preservationist views and Gifford Pinchot’s conservation-minded forestry. But from that description he goes on to write of how valuable American wood was to the war efforts and post-war building, and then jumps to the widespread American perception that forests, here and world-

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However, the book is worth reading. It provides a wealth of detail about American forestry—who knew that Henry Ford’s road trips to national forests brought recreation into prominence in forest policy? More importantly, by so clearly describing how we got to the split between those of us who want to manage our forests and those who seem to think that management is unnecessary and undesirable, Erik Rutkow shows us a way towards closing that gap. Small woodland owners are active managers who care about their environment. On an insistent and regular basis, we need to make this point and tell this story to everyone who will listen. The American Canopy can help us do this. It is a worthwhile read.

Ken Nygren of White Oak Natural Resource Service led the tour. Ken is a Certified Forester who, along with his forestry consulting business, also works with Bell Pole yard in Lebanon. He was joined by his assistant Maggie Kreder and by Frank Gribble, a pole buyer from Bell.

The poles were being selectively removed from a seventy-year old Douglas-fir stand. A final harvest of this stand is expected to occur within the next ten years. By removing the poles years ahead of the final harvest the loss due to breakage can be reduced and the landowners can generate immediate income.

In a mature stand suitable poles tend to occur in clumps, so the pole thinning operation resulted in several small openings within the stand. The pole thinning operation was essentially complete at the time of the tour and there was no apparent

Pole harvest tour

by Jim Merzenich

The Linn and Benton County chapters of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association sponsored a tour of an active pole harvest site at the Schmidt Family Forest – Hoskins tree farm in the Kings Valley area. The first heavy rains of the fall occurred during this tour limiting the number of tree farmers in attendance.

Ken Nygren describes the operation.
damage to the residual stand as a result of the harvest. We discussed the pros and cons of removing the poles ahead of the final harvest and concluded that it often makes good economic sense to have a pre-harvest of poles. The characteristics needed to make a pole and the road and site conditions required to harvest and successfully remove the poles were also discussed.

We plan to have another pole harvest tour in the summer of 2017 when the weather conditions are better and more people can attend. I would like to thank Dave Schmidt and Roger Workman for hosting this tour. If you are interested in managing your timber for poles or need more information you can contact Ken Nygren at 971-241-0268 or woodsmantwo@gmail.com.

Forest Protective Associations

by Sherm Sallee

The South Cascade District of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) contains two units, Linn and East Lane. Each unit has a forest protective association (FPA) that is managed by landowners, both industrial and non-industrial. These associations have been in operation for over 100 years, helping ODF protect valuable timberland from fire. The forest protective associations participate in the budgeting process for firefighting resources such as vehicles, equipment and personnel. During fire season the association members participate by patrolling their lands, keeping their logging operations fire safe and providing personnel and equipment to aid ODF in their fire suppression mission.

On December 7, 2016 a joint fall board meeting for Linn and East Lane FPAs was held in Marcola. Landowners, ODF and associate members from the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management discussed the past fire season and discussed lessons learned. Also in attendance were representatives from Oregon Forest Industries Council and Keep Oregon Green. The really good news from this review was that, for the second year in a row, the number of fires and acres burned in the district were significantly below the 10-year average. While some of this is a fortunate low number of lightning events, it also demonstrates that landowners, equipment operators and fire prevention personnel are having a positive impact on fire safety.

Forest protective associations are located in all areas of the state. They provide a valuable way for all forestland owners to participate in the business of protecting our timberland holdings. I recommend you look into becoming an active participant in your local association. Contact your local ODF office for further information on how to contact a member of your local FPA.

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 Lane County, see http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/upcoming-classes-events or contact Lauren Grand, 541-579-2150 or lauren.grand@oregonstate.edu.

Upcoming events

Lane County Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 5:30-8:30 pm. Details p. 4. RSVP.

Linn County Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 21, 4:30 pm. Details p. 10.

Trees and Taxes: Understanding Forestry Related Taxes. Tuesday, January 24, 6:30-8:30, Lane County Extension Office, 996 Jefferson St, Eugene. $15 per couple (same household or partner ownership.) Pre-registration required.*

Benton County Ownership Transition class, Thursday, January 26, 6 pm. Details p. 8. RSVP.

Benton County Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 28, 11:30 am. Details p. 8. RSVP.

Linn County Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods Fair, Saturday, February 4, 8 am-noon or until sold out. Details p. 11.

Lane County Seedling Sale. Saturday, February 4, 7:30 am until sold out. Details p. 8.

Introduction to Forest Soils and Using the Web Soil Survey, Wednesday, February 8, 6:30-8:30, Lane County Extension Office, 996 Jefferson St, Eugene. $15 per couple (same household or partner ownership.) Pre-registration required.*

Lincoln County Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 11, 8:45 am-early pm. More information p. 7.

The Ins and Outs of Special Forest Products. Saturday, February 18, 9:30 –11:30 am, Oregon Herb and Craft LLC, Creswell, OR. $5 / person. Pre-registration required.*


Woodland Management: A Basic Forestry Short Course. Tuesdays, March 7– April 4, 6:30 – 9 pm, Mapleton Grange. $50 per person and $60 per couple. (same household or partner ownership.) Pre-registration required.*

Clackamas Tree School, Saturday, March 25, all day. Clackamas Community College. Save the date.

Tree School Umpqua, Friday, March 31, 9 am – 5 pm, Roseburg. Save the date.

*Pre-register at the Lane County web site or phone given above.
LCSWA and our region’s forests, fortunately, have had a calm year with no major weather issues or fires. In November Dave and Dianne Rankin, the 2016 Lane County Tree Farmers of the year, were selected as Oregon’s Tree Farmers of the Year and will represent the state at the national level.

In 1973 the Rankins purchased their tree farm with a vision for its future. They recognized the property as a jewel, an heirloom gem that they wished to keep in the family for generations to come. They have put in place a plan to preserve and manage these former industrial forest lands. Over the years they have managed the lands to enhance the forest, protect the watershed and generate income. Both Dianne and Dave have strong ties to the community and a deep commitment to sustainably managing and living on their lands. They are a classic example of small woodland owners who have made the commitment to live on the land, maintain and preserve its environmental structure for the benefit of all. Their hearts are in their forest and their feet in the mud. They are Oregon tree farmers. This June 2017, OSWA will be sponsoring a tour of the Rankin’s tree farm while holding its annual meeting in Florence. More information will be forthcoming regarding this event and I hope to see you in Florence this summer.

**Upcoming events**

**LCSWA Annual Meeting.** Thursday, January 19, 5:30 – 8:30, Eugene Elks Club, 2470 W 11th, Eugene. Dinner $15 per person. **RSVP by January 16** to Dick Beers, rbeers2606@comcast.net or 541-687-1854.


**LCSWA Quarterly Board Meeting.** Tuesday, January 31, West Lane ODF, Veneta - 4:00-6:00 pm.

**OSU Extension-Lane County** is sponsoring several classes of interest to forest landowners this quarter. See calendar and web site on p.3.

**Lane County Information.** With 2016 being a presidential election year, many issues and diverse topics were debated in the public forum including concerns involving forest landowners. Within Oregon we have seen issues that were intended to change forest harvest methods by restricting clear cuts and eliminating the use of aerial application of herbicides. These subjects were proposed as ballot measures but did not receive the number of signatures required to make the fall ballot. However, they will continue to be topics of concern for many in our community, and they can impact farm and forest landowners of all sizes.

Currently OSWA is following the Oregon Department of Forestry as it is going through a process to implement new riparian regulations within northwestern Oregon. Forest landowners in Lane County may be impacted by these regulations. The final stage of review will be completed this winter and the regulations will be implemented some time during summer 2017. Should you have a small or medium size stream with salmon, steelhead or bull trout you may need to check with your local ODF office. They have maps showing streams that fall under the new regulations. The new rules increase buffer widths and tree retention requirements within defined riparian zones. Should you intend a harvest operation within a regulated stream’s buffer zone, you will be required to comply with the new rules sometime after this summer.

Take care, enjoy your forest and we look forward to seeing you at LCSWA’s upcoming events.

Gary Jensen, LCSWA Chair ◆
From November 1st through 5th, over 1700 foresters from all parts of the USA and beyond gathered in Madison, Wisconsin for intense days immersed in the theme: Our Transcontinental Land Ethic: Exploring the Differences that Unite Us. This exploration consisted of 15 strands of concurrent presentations, ranging from forest policy to carbon to urban forestry. An entire strand centered on private forests/family forest ownerships. An undercurrent running through all the presentations was the urgent need to bring the forestry story to the general public in ways that they could understand and accept.

Joshua VanBrakle, author of Backyard Woodlands and active in landowner outreach, gave a presentation titled, "Tell Me a Story-What Forestry Can Learn from Journalism." He began by saying that foresters are urged to bring the message of active management to the general public but rarely told how to do so. He proceeded to give seven tips for clear communication.

Simplify: Josh reminded foresters that only half of all Americans can read above the 8th grade level. (Author Ernest Hemmingway wrote at the 4th grade level.) Reading level is based on word length and sentence length. Josh recommended getting our ideas down on paper, and then revising. Use shorter words. Use shorter sentences. Say use, not utilize.

Show-Don’t Tell: Use photos whenever possible.

Share Stories-Not Reports: As I sat taking notes in Madison, I heard countless statistics on many aspects of forest management, but what sticks in my mind is the parade of foresters from all over the country-southern accents, Boston accents, western accents-all eager to reach out to small woodland owners if only they knew how.

Know your Audience and Write for Them: Target outreach efforts for specific groups and use appropriate text and photos for them.

Listen: Communication is a two-way street. Don’t listen with a pencil in your hand. Look people in the eye and let them know you are interested in their concerns and opinions. Write down your notes later.

Learning Is a Mile Wide and an Inch Deep: Remember when you reach out to landowners, even when targeting audiences, that they have diverse interests. That is the mile-wide part. However, they often lack the background to understand the complexity of forest management issues. That is the inch-deep part. Acknowledge their interests and provide background. Then provide context by showing how what you are explaining specifically connects with other areas of interest.

Be a Translator: Take complex issues and make them meaningful to individual land owners by using the above tips. Josh advised us to look at our rough drafts with eagle eyes, and listen to them with attentive ears to accomplish this goal.

We need to be more effective in both written and oral communication. Only when we become better at telling the forestry story will the public recognize the value of the work we do and help promote it. ◆
Happy New Year to all of you from the Bregman Family.

The 2016 election year was the most confusing that I can remember since my arrival in this country in 1962. In many cases these controversial and ugly debates, with more individuals involved, did not focus on the reality of the problems or the solutions for them.

I do not believe that there were more than 25% of the people who fully believed that they were voting for the right candidate to become president, at least I was not one of them. In fact, as I was going to be out of the country, I felt that I had a good excuse not to vote at all – but that would be a cop out, and I felt that I had to make a choice. Two days before our departure for our cruise, we did go to the county to find out how we could vote. We received our ballots via e-mail and sent them from the ship by mail. It was complicated, but we had plenty of time on board to do that, and we felt good to have made that decision.

And of course, people from every country represented on the ship were interested in the outcome of the election, and they had their opinions as to who they felt should become the leader of the USA. In conversation with a lot of them they pointed out that they could not understand how the USA, with a population of about 350 million people, was not able to come up with more qualified candidates. Interesting was the number of people on board from Australia. In Australia voting is mandated, and not voting carries a fine of about $100 -- and yes, of course, there was a debate about the pros and cons of that issue, too.

Well at the time of my writing Mr. Trump has won the election. He will take the lead in governing our country, reversing some of the executive orders that Obama put in place. Also I believe that there will be some reversal in the power of the federal agencies that was gained during the Obama period. I trust that there will be a different emphasis in the management of natural resources, as a balance is sought among sometimes competing goals; for example, should resource land be taken out of production for conservation goals? if so, who should bear the cost?

With all that said I would like to share a bit of our travel this year. We have been privileged to be able to travel not only in the US but also in many other countries as well. As some of you may know, both my wife Alice and I have medical issues, and we have a bucket list of places we want to visit and revisit. This year we sailed along the west side of the Americas from the far north -- Seward, Alaska -- to the far south, visiting many of the ports along the way. In Valparaiso, Chili we met Andy Kittel's son Micah, who studies oceanography in that historical city. Then we moved on to the most southern city in the world, Ushuaia, Argentina, to Cape Horn to the Falkland Islands ending up in Buenos Aires, where we began our long way home to Lodi.

After 6 weeks of travel, back in Lodi on election night, listening at about midnight to the acceptance speech of the president elect, I realized that we are a divided people, and somehow we need to gather our thoughts and work it out together. I realized that we are one of the most freedom loving nations in the world, with the greatest diversity of people. As long as we keep our minds clear, we will continue to be the place where everyone wants to come, especially when one sees the diversity of poverty and wealth in the countries we visited.

So my plea to you this year, as woodland owners and as neighbors, is to work together to preserve our...
place in society as stewards of natural resource lands. Allow me to ask you to support our state and national Tree Farm organizations and the Lincoln County OSWA, whose members are actively working for you. Particularly with the initiative in Lincoln County that would ban aerial spraying, it is vitally important that we stand together as one group with the state OSWA, the Farm Bureau, and Oregonians for Food & Shelter.

So I am asking you to join us on Saturday, February 11, 2017 and be part of our annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Express at South Beach in Newport. The meeting starts at 8:45 am with coffee and donuts. Bring a neighbor! Our main speaker will be Dr. Mike Newton, who will address issues related to the "no-spray" initiative.

2016 Lincoln County TFOY
by Joe Steenkolk

The Oregon Tree Farm System hosted the "Tree Farmer of the Year" awards banquet on Monday, November 21, at the Oregon World Forestry Center in Portland. The Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Program is a national effort sponsored by the American Forest Foundation's American Tree Farm system to honor family forest landowners who are doing an exceptional job in managing their forests. Lincoln County is very proud of our nomination, Nic and Megan Dahl of Toledo. Their family was in attendance with other OSWA and Tree Farm members from Lincoln County showing their support.

Nic is a recent member of OSWA. Over the last several years he has bought 800 acres of underproductive forest land and is in the process of converting it to productive ground. He explained the many problems he has had in converting the land such as cost of site prep, animal damage, road development, and stream regulations to get his parcels in a healthy stand that is free to grow. Nic's ambitious goal is to establish the first generation of a multi-generational forest operation.

There were six finalists this year vying for the Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year award, and all had stories to tell in a short video that was shown to the audience. The winner was from Lane County, Dave and Dianne Rankin, who will represent Oregon for the Western Region.

Seedling sale
by Judy Pelletier

Save the date! The Lincoln County chapter will hold its annual seedling sale on Saturday, February 25 at the 4-H Building at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. An assortment of native seedlings will be offered.
Upcoming events
by Roger Workman

BCSWA Annual Meeting. The Benton County Small Woodlands Association will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, January 28 at the Beazell Memorial Forest facility, north of Wren on Hwy 223.

Doors open at 11:30 am and a catered lunch begins at noon. Cost is still $15 per person at the door. Door prizes will be provided by area suppliers. Please thank them for their generosity when you have the opportunity.

Our main speaker this year will be Sara Robinson from OSU. She will speak about her research on spalting wood, woodworking projects and woodturning. We will also have a short presentation by Francisca Belart, the new Extension timber harvesting specialist. Please plan on joining us for a fun and informative event. RSVP to Jody.Einerson@oregonstate.edu or call 541-766-6311.

Class on generational ownership transition. Due to a winter storm, the class on planning for a successful generational transition of timber property ownership, which was originally scheduled in December, has been moved to Thursday, January 26, 6-7:30 pm, at the Benton County Extension office, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis. The class will be led by Tamara Cushing of OSU. The class is free, but space is limited: RSVP with name and phone number to 541-766-6311 or Jody.Einerson@oregonstate.edu if you plan to attend.

In late October we offered a class presented by Dr. Tamara Cushing of OSU on forest tax issues. She covered a wide variety of basic tax topics that included calculating basis, capital vs. ordinary income, and reforestation incentives.

The class was very well attended and very interactive. I believe everyone gained a lot from the discussion. I know I came away from the class with a better understanding of basis and what to expense or capitalize.

One of the most valuable messages was to find a tax professional that knows the special tax codes associated with forest activities. Don't automatically expect your corner tax preparer to know about these provisions.

I highly recommend that you watch for future tax classes offered by Dr. Cushing. She is clearly an authority on this subject, and the information gained could save you a considerable amount of money.
Before European settlement frequent fires burned across the Willamette Valley and surrounding foothills. These fires maintained open stands of oak, ponderosa pine, and Douglas-fir as well as seasonally wet and dry prairies. After a wind, ice storm or other disturbance event, fire cleared out the debris and undergrowth and provided a seed bed that enabled conifers to regenerate and thrive.

Areas that have been logged and not properly reforested, or areas of untended farmland now suffer a different fate. Following a disturbance, non-native grasses quickly invade the site. These grasses utilize available soil moisture in our dry summers and prevent conifer tree seedlings from becoming established. Exotic invaders such as English hawthorn, Himalayan blackberries, and Scotch broom then move in making these sites unproductive both to society and to wildlife for decades. The problem is exacerbated by those who live in the country without understanding that the beautiful blooms of the hawthorn and broom are not natural. Our valley ecosystem is clearly out of sync and is no longer capable of restoring itself. It is the responsibility of us as tree farmers to restore our land and show our neighbors that rehabilitation of even the smallest acreages is significant.

Despite forest protection laws many areas cleared in the 1960s or earlier remain brushed over and unproductive; parcels are still logged with no plans for management; and farmland parcels are still being abandoned. To the rescue comes the tree farmer. We typically buy land that has just been logged or has a history of abuse because we cannot afford to buy well-managed land with merchantable saw-timber. First the area must be cleared of brush in a process called site-preparation. While doing this we leave significant snags, downed logs, and riparian corridors for wildlife. After planting the appropriate tree species we control grasses and weeds around each seedling until the trees are “free to grow,” hopefully within five years. Even with our best efforts we are not always successful, but we try to learn from our mistakes. With deer browsing the leaders and meadow voles girdling the stems, we are often happy to meet the “free to grow” requirement in ten years. Then the drought hits and it’s time to thin. Whether our primary interest is timber production or wildlife, our rehabilitated timber stands become our pride and our legacy.

The Holmbers, our 2016 Tree Farmers of the Year, exemplify the determination and spirit of tree farmers. Joe and Shirley could easily have spent their retirement years living on a beach. They chose, instead, to buy fifty acres of hard-scrabble brush and hayfields, along with an uninhabitable century-old house. Their managed stands of ponderosa pine and Oregon ash and their restored home are now a jewel in the local landscape and serve as an inspiration to others.

On November 21 my wife and I attended the Oregon Tree Farm System’s annual awards banquet. This event is held each year at the World Forestry Center in Portland. The Holmbers and tree farmers from five other counties were honored for the care they have taken in managing their forests. Although Joe and Shirley were not selected as the statewide tree farmers of the year, we were honored to have them represent Linn County.

One disturbing trend is the low number of counties now selecting a county winner. Twenty years ago there were 15 to 20 tree farmers honored each year. In 2015 we had 5 counties participate and only 6 participated in 2016. In the 25 years since I have been tree farming, Linn County has always selected a county winner and has bucked this trend. This has been largely due to the efforts of Joe Holmberg, this year’s winner.

The primary purpose of the tree farm competition is to promote responsible forest management across the breadth of this nation. To achieve this goal we must honor tree farmers for sound forest management in every possible county so they can then serve as models for others. Large or small, new to tree farming or not, we have stories to tell and successes and mistakes to relate to others. Please consider being recognized as a future county outstanding tree farmer of the year.
Despite wearing a tee shirt with the word "stress" emblazoned across the front, Joe Holmberg looked relaxed on a summery late September Saturday. Holmberg and his wife Shirley are the Linn County Tree Farmers of the Year. Joe was leading about 25 members of the Linn County chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) on the couple's 50-acre tree farm.

"They have been very active in our chapter and tree farms for many, many years," said Jim Merzenich, president of the Linn County chapter.

The Holmbergs purchased their Mt. Hope Road farm in 2000. At the time the land had 27 acres in hay production and a scattering of Douglas-firs. "I was allergic to hay. It made me sweat," quipped Joe Holmberg, a professional forester by trade. Another honor raked in by Holmberg this year was the 2016 National Farmer of the Year. Joe was lead-

tors, currently the board treasurer. She is also a Master Woodland Manager and manages textile sales for OSWA statewide.

The property included a 1900 salt-box style house that Shirley Holmberg described as "not livable." Among treasures uncovered in the restoration of the home was an 1880s leather-bound Bible and lots of corn cobs that had been starched behind 1 by 12 rough sawed planks.

On the farm tour Holmberg talked freely about successes and challenges. His property has seven soil types and varying water table levels that can lead to difficult growing conditions. He has kept fastidious records involving planting, thinning and growth rates of his trees.

Included among the farm are stands of Willamette Valley ponderosa pines, fir, 2,600 ash trees surrounded by 4,500 feet of deer fencing, noble firs as well as oak woodlands. Dry and hot weather in the past couple years has killed about half of his noble firs, which were planted as Christmas trees. Douglas fir also has suffered with the drought, he explained. The property included an avocado-shaped pond developed in the 1950s. With some help from the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) the pond was improved with a rock wall. Visitors to the pond, he said, include Canadian geese, buffo head and mallard ducks, kingfishers and great blue herons. ODF helicopters can also drop in for firefighting water, part of the agreement to deepen the pond.

Valley ponderosa pine, first planted in 2002, has been hand-pruned with branches chipped to avoid insect attacks. "My goal with pruning is I want to have clear wood. I can't compete with a Weyerhaeuser in quantity but I can with quality," Holmberg told the tour group.

Following the tour, OSWA members enjoyed a chicken dinner with potluck side dishes. There are currently about 115 members in the Linn County small woodland chapter.

**Annual Meeting**

The Linn County Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, January 21 at ZCBJ Hall, 38704 N. Main, Scio. It will be a potluck: bring main dish and either a salad or a dessert, and your own place setting; the chapter will provide beverages. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 5:30. Hope to see you there!

**Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods**

by Bonnie Marshall

The Linn County chapter's annual seedling sale will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 8 am until noon (or while supplies last), at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Santiam Building, 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany, just east of I-5 at exit 234.

Portions of the proceeds will be used to fund the chapter's youth educational programs in Linn County. These programs include 4-H forestry activities and college scholarships for students seeking a degree related to forestry or natural resources.

For the best selection, we encourage you to use the form on p. 11 to pre-order and pay for your seedlings. The order form and additional information is also available on the OSU Extension website, [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events). Pre-ordered seed-
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Linn County Small Woodlands Association - 2017 Seedling Sale - Order Form
Saturday, February 4, 2017  8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (unless sold out earlier)
Linn County Fairgrounds, Santiam Building, 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany, OR

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**GRAND TOTAL** $  

*Oregon native deciduous seedlings

There will also be a limited number of potted plants available on a first come, first served basis. Payment for same-day purchases may be made with either cash or check. More details are available through the OSU Extension web site. An information sheet posted there provides more specific information about the plants available: if they are a native species, how tall they grow, if they prefer sun or shade, dry or moist soil conditions, if they attract birds, what color their flowers are, and other highlights about the plant. An information table will be set up at the sale where you can view plant samples, see pictures and read additional information about the seedlings. A Master Woodland Manager will be at the sale to answer questions and identify which trees may be best suited for a particular location.

Concurrent with the seedling sale will be a ‘Goods from the Woods’ exhibit and sale, featuring crafts and products from local woodlands. For more information on this event or registration as an exhibitor, see http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events or contact Mary at brendle@wildblue.net or 541-367-2845.

For questions regarding the 2017 Seedling Sale, please contact Bonnie Marshall at 503-769-6510 or bonniem@wvi.com. ✦
**Wet prairie restoration tour**  
*by Jim Merzenich*

A twilight tour was held at the farm of Lee Peterman and Shirley Joliff on October 19. Their entire 80-acre property was harvested and replanted to conifers about 15 years ago by a previous owner. On a significant portion of this property the conifers died soon after planting due presumably to seasonally wet conditions on heavy clay soils with poor drainage. The Douglas-fir trees that ring much of this wet area are now dying or in poor health due to saturated winter soil conditions coupled with the drought of the past few years. When Lee and Shirley contacted Dan Olson of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) concerning oak restoration on this property Dan indicated that the restoration of this area into a wet prairie would be more appropriate.

Despite the wet weather, the turnout for the tour was actually good with 15 names on the sign-in sheet.

**NRCS resource conservationist Dan Olson assisted Lee on the tour and both Brad Withrow-Robinson of OSU Extension and Eric Andersen of the South Santiam Watershed Council attended and provided input.**

Most of the work completed so far involves cutting of English hawthorn and other invasive shrubs and treating of the cut stumps. Small ditches, apparently constructed to better drain the area, are also being blocked to help restore natural conditions. Future work will include removal of the conifers (mostly Douglas-fir) in the adjoining area that was historically wet prairie and encouraging and reintroducing more native forbs and grasses.

The relentless rain of the preceding week held off for most of the tour, but it was indeed a wet prairie tour. Lee and Shirley now look forward to having another tour on a warm spring or summer evening when more restoration work has been accomplished.◆

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**Bark editor to step down**

After having completed four years as editor of *The Quarterly Bark*, John Westall has announced that he will step down following publication of the April, 2017 issue. A new editor is sought to start with the July, 2017 issue, allowing six months for transition. Putting out the quarterly newsletter requires approximately 20 hours for each issue. Tasks include: alerting chapter members from the four counties when articles are due, writing an occasional article, maintaining the advertisers’ status, and finally formatting the newsletter for publication. The newsletter is then printed and mailed in cooperation with OSU Extension. The editor obtains the printing and mailing costs from the Extension office and allocates the cost by county. Extension bills and collects from the county chapters. Anyone interested in further details about becoming editor can contact John at 503-838-1436 or westallj@att.net.◆