Greetings OSWA members, families and friends!  Fall 2013; August, Sept, Oct

Most folks wouldn’t associate August with Fall, but since we have a quarterly newsletter and for me it seems that February is the beginning of (some sort of) Spring, then this summer-like weather happens to ‘fall’ into our Fall newsletter. With growth in our garden plants and our forests, we look forward to the harvest, whenever that may be.

The ‘forestry sector’ seems to have sprung a leak – of forestry websites! Just in the last few months, we have heard of several new ones and some improvements on existing ones, and websites have so much room for information! Unlike our little one page newsletter. For instance; www.knowyourforest.org, which is created and funded by OFRI, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

We also have a new website at OSWA! Please take a look: www.oswa.org. We hope you like what you see. Our chapter has a simple page on the website, under: chapters and Marion-Polk; where you can find the last 2 years of newsletters (now 11) including this current one with the event schedule.

We might call this the website issue!

While we are at it and speaking of websites, one thing that crosses our minds frequently is FIRE
And not so frequently, how to prepare or even know where one stands on the issue of **FIRE.** Well, here are some websites, of all sorts of things we need to know about fire, fire protection, fire liability, fire suppression costs and so on. Please check out these websites to get the basics of, literally, where you stand on fire in you neighborhood: http://www.oregon.gov/odf/pages/fire/guide.aspx , http://www.oregon.gov/odf/pages/fire/precautionlevel.aspx, http://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/closures/maps/rguse.pdf, and http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars.

Another great place to read about fire is in the April 2013 issue of the Sawmill mag (www.sawmillmag.com), where Scottie Barnes, an Oregon writer gives a great overview of the basics, titled Living with Fire.

For those not too far from Sheridan or McMinnville, the Yamhill Co Chapter has a few events that might be of interest this quarter; **The first event** and a great way to meet the Yamhill chapter presidential family of Hal, Elin and Sam Hagglund ---- is ---- **Planting Prep** - Changes we've done over time and why. Both reforestation and pasture conversion. At Hal, Elin, & Sam Hagglund's property:
19030 SW Canyon Rd., Sheridan, OR 97378, **Saturday, August 24, 2013, 3:00pm.**

Future Meetings below, held at Yamhill Co. Extension auditorium, 2050 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, OR 97128 A social half hour begins at 6:30 pm., meetings begin at 7:00pm.

**Wed. Sept 25, 2013 Speaker:** Sam Hagglund on his experiences as a Peace Corps extension agent

********** in Zambia, Africa *****

**Wed. Oct. 23, 2013 Speaker:** someone from Weyerhauser on their latest seedlings

**Wed. Nov. 20, 2013 Speaker:** Clint Bentz, CPA,CMA. A Timber Tax Overview

**One of our partner associations, the WOW network, or Women Owning Woodlands.**
Primarily women of course, but open to the public, are planning on two events.

On **August 17th** there is an **all-day silviculture field day**, at McDonald Forest, near Lewisburg, between Corvallis and Monmouth **“Silviculture the art and science of manipulating forest vegetation to meet an owner’s objectives”**. Instructors: OSU Forestry and Natural Resource Extension agents Steve Fitzgerald (Central Oregon) with Brad Withrow-Robinson (Benton, Linn & Polk) and Anne Walton, Education Program Assistant. Call or email Anne for directions or with questions. 503-589-1412 anne_zenafarms@yahoo.com

**Small Scale Thinning and Management For the Woodland Owner**

**Saturday, September 14, 2013, 9:00 a.m.** - 2:00 p.m. Location: Mark Havel's forestlands, Willamina.
As part of the management of our forests, woodland owners enjoy hands on pruning, thinning, and firewood activities. Bring your chainsaw (and chaps, helmet...) along to learn/practice the art of selection, falling, pruning and cleanup of small-scale woodland projects. This class will teach you how to organize, execute, and manage a small scale thinning project. Effective tools and techniques can make the job easy, fun, and safe. Again, call or email Anne for details 503-589-1412 anne_zenafarms@yahoo.com

**On Sept 10th, at 6:30pm** in the evening, at the Salem OSU extension office meeting rooms at 3180 Center St, we will have a presentation by the Polk Co **SWCD** on **noxious weeds and their control. Bring samples of your weeds!** This presentation will not only cover the weeds that bug us, but how to get rid of them! What tools or herbicides to use, when to apply, what not to breathe. Etc.

There’s a huge amount to participate in this quarter. **Get it all on your calendar.**