OSWA Annual Meeting
Great Success

By Mike Barsotti
OSWA President

Benton County Small Woodlands Association Chapter hosted the Oregon Small Woodlands Association’s Annual Meeting June 20 - 21 in conjunction with the Oregon Tree Farm System’s annual tour of the Carr-Oakes family tree farm on June 22. The first day of the event consisted of OTFS and OSWA Board meetings and tours of: Hull Oakes Lumber Company, Thompson log yard and chipping operation, Georgia Pacific sawmill, OSU College of Forestry’s new research facility, and Peavy Hall with their use of cross-laminate timbers and mass laminated panels.

The second day was held at the Benton County Fair Grounds with presentations addressing the theme “Research, Policies and Practices for Family Forestland Management”. Fire was the focus of the first session. Jane Kertis, a USDA Forest Service ecologist, provided information on the history of wildfires in Oregon and peoples’ involvement in suppressing fires. Dan Leavell, an OSU Extension Agent in Klamath and Lake Counties, discussed the activities and accomplishments of three projects that were very successful in reducing the risk of wildfires through partnerships. Doug Grafe, Oregon Department of Forestry’s Fire Protection Chief, provided information on the 2019 fire season emphasizing the importance of Leavell’s projects, mitigating the risk of wildfires. He concluded with the thought that mitigation can be a key in having a societal discussion on active management of our forests.

A second session dealt with forest carbon. It included Peter Daugherty, Oregon State Forester, Glenn Christensen, a USDA-FS forest inventory analyst with the Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, and Andrew Yost, an ODF ecologist. The group discussed forest carbon policy and how the data has and will be collected over time to provide a clearer picture on the role forests play in sequestering CO2.

The third session, made up of Ann Mikkelsen (Oregon Natural Resource Education Program Coordinator), Anna Yarbrough (a consulting forester), and Connie Best (CEO of The Pacific Forest Trust), focused on forestry education. Mikkelsen shared information of the Environmental Literacy Program. Yarbrough discussed how best to tell the family forest landowner story. Best provided background information on The Pacific Forest Trust and a role for conservation easements.

The day’s final session included an update of OSU’s research on the Marbled Murrelet by Lindsay Lindsay Adrean, lead faculty research assistant, and a legislative update (continued p. 5)
important it was to build a sense of individual ownership by allowing each family member to participate in their own way, whether making signs, encouraging wildlife, marking, thinning or logging.

A walk along “Kayla’s Trail” led us to a small pond where Kayla has worked to enhance the population of red-legged frogs and has introduced Oregon chub with the help of Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Kayla shared her enthusiasm for this small native minnow that was listed as endangered in Oregon in 1993, and then, in 2015, became the first fish to be successfully delisted.

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We visited a Douglas-fir stand with Mike Cloughesy from Oregon Forest Resources Institute (the sponsor of the tour). Mike led an informative discussion of how to assess the condition of the stand and its need for thinning. He showed us how to use the stand density table developed by OSU Extension (EM9206 June 2018) to determine the level of crowding and competition in a stand of trees and determine when to thin the stand. Marsha Carr, one of the six children of Don and Donna Oakes, was active in the Benton County Chapter prior to her passing in September 2018. Marsha developed their forest management plan and endeavored to bring all four generations of her family together around management of their forest land. It was clear to me that Marsha’s legacy lives on in the Carr-Oakes Family and their forest.◆
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Upcoming Events

Linn County TFOY tour, Tim & Kathy Otis tree farm, **Saturday, July 6**, 3 pm, Waterloo, see p. 8.

Lane County board meeting, **Thursday, July 25**, 4-6 pm, ODF, Veneta.

Benton County annual picnic, Sarah & Dave Ehlers' J2E Tree Farm, **Saturday, July 27**, Hoskins, 11 am - 4 pm, RSVP, see p. 12.

Gordon and Gail Culbertson's tree farm tour, **Saturday, August 17**. See p. 4.

Woodland Discussion Group Twilight Tour, **Friday, August 23**, 6 pm, near Adair Village, see p. 12.

Linn County potluck picnic, **Saturday, September 14**, 11 am to 2 pm, Sunnyside Park, Sweet Home, see p. 8.

Lincoln Chapter annual tour, Don Kessi tree farm, **Saturday, September 21**, 9:30 am, Blodgett, RSVP, see p. 11.

Benton County TFOY tour, Diana & Bill Blakneys' Shiver River LLC Tree Farm, **Saturday, September 21**, Philomath, see p. 12.
Summer is upon us, and hopefully weather treats us fairly. Unfortunately, log markets are not treating us as well as last summer. Currently, log prices for Douglas-fir range from $500/mbf and $600/mbf, while at this time last summer it was $900/mbf to $1000/mbf. What a difference a year can make! The reasoning is probably that we are not seeing a strong housing market. Additionally, interest rates have slightly increased and demand for lumber has not been as strong. All of this challenges us when it comes to making decisions on harvesting our forests. Should you be looking into harvest activity, I encourage you to be cautious and judge your needs based against future opportunity. We only get a once in a lifetime chance when it comes to harvesting our forests. Log markets will change. I personally believe we will see a substantial increase in the need for wood products as a result of the national catastrophic weather events and fires we are experiencing.

Summer will bring an end to the legislative session; fortunately most of the bills proposed that would have affected us have been stopped. We should all give a special thanks to Jim James and Roger Beyer for the work they have done. Thank you, Jim and Roger! Also, I thank the OSWA members who communicated with their legislator and showed up in Salem to be heard. Their efforts and time were recognized by our legislators.

LCSWA is in the process of planning a tree farm tour of Gordon and Gail Culbertson’s tree farm off Penn Road. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, August 17. A flyer on the tour will be coming out in early August. Put it on your schedule and plan on joining us for a pleasant day in the woods. Lunch will be served.

I would also like to give a special thanks to Lauren Grand for her work in putting together the Weyerhaeuser Tops tour and the log buyer’s forum held this spring. Both were well-attended and provided chapter members a great opportunity to receive an update on what log buyers are looking for in marketable timber. Congratulations to Lauren who has been recognized as LCSWA’s Volunteer of the Year for 2018. Lauren is the OSU Extension Forester for Lane County. She moved to Eugene in 2016 when hired to the position of extension forester. Since that time she has worked very closely with the Lane County Small Woodlands Association in providing tours and educational opportunities for Lane County forest land owners. She has been that shining star in the sky, providing forest land owners a new venue for forestry education and field experiences. She brought back the Master Woodland Training Session, as well as Tree School for forest land owners in our area. Regularly attending LCSWA board meetings, she has interfaced with board members as well as Lane County forest land owners, inquiring as to what they would like in education and field experiences. This has resulted in a growing number of presentations and field tours, such as reforestation on your tree farm, timber taxes, a local log buyer’s forum, silvicultural treatments for your forest, and more. Lauren’s presence in Lane County has brought back learning opportunities that had been missing for many years. Always with a smile, she provides committed service to Lane County woodland owners. LCSWA and OSWA are very appreciative for what she has accomplished, and look forward to our continued association with Lauren.

I would like to welcome to the chapter all new LCSWA members who have recently joined OSWA. We encourage you to join us at upcoming events.
and if you would like to interface with the chapter’s board, please join us at the next quarterly meeting in Springfield.

Lauren Grand .....
LCSWA’s Volunteer of the Year

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Next quarterly Board Meeting:
Thursday July 25, 2019, 4-6 pm,
ODF Veneta

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

Gary Jensen, LCSWA Chair◆

Annual Meeting
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provided by Roger Beyer, OSWA’s lobbyist. The murrelet research, in its third year of a 10-year study, has uncovered additional information on the bird’s movement, nesting, and predation. Beyer reported that OSWA’s HB 2469, which allows for a second dwelling for family assistance in managing the tree farm, passed and was signed by the Governor.

There were many bills that would be harmful to forestland management. They have been defeated or remain in committees.

The annual meeting ended with an awards banquet. Those honored included:

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Linn County Chapter News

Ash Threat part of bigger quandary

Lee Peterman, Linn County Chapter President

You know you're a tree farmer when you hear people at the next table discussing the "Beatles Invasion", and your thoughts turn not to Liverpool's "Fab Four", but to the five-spined ips (beetle) and the resultant damage to your ponderosa pine stands.

There has been a mass of new data that has been changing my outlook regarding my formerly tightly-held ideas regarding our property, Bogwood, and how I've been managing it. Way, way back, in 2013, I used to think that if a shrub or tree was green and growing, well, leave it alone. Mother Nature was tending my land, and who was I to influence her?

Then I learned, the hard way, what English hawthorn and Scotch broom were and soon realized, that while these were green and growing, I had to fight them to promote the native species which were being shaded or choked out.

A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. In the hands of an inexperienced land owner, mistakes can be made through ignorance. With guidance from fellow OSWA members and various state and federal agencies, I learned what to favor and what to cull.

Lifting, or pruning, the conifers, helps to promote a fine looking stand of trees, increasing visibility in the understory as it removes the fuel-ladder. It has been drilled into me that land managers shouldn't trim or fell ponderosa pine in the summer! Otherwise, a 'beetles invasion' (again, not the Fab-Four) could be brought forth. Such wisdom has been hard-gained by others and I can appreciate that advice and follow it.

Recently, a notice and invitation to attend a mini-symposium titled: 'Emerald Ash Borer in our natural areas: Preparing for the functional extinction of Fraxinus latifolia: Science, options and actions', on the imminent arrival of the dreaded Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was accepted. It was a sobering eye-opener. Note the term 'functional extinction'. Only 98 percent of the news was bad. The rest was hopeful.

The think-tank symposium was a follow-up to one held last year in Portland. Of the six guest speakers this time, three noted that our Oregon ash was the most susceptible of all North American species at a nearly 96 percent mortality rate in test stands. Watershed councils and foresters should not continue planting thousands of Fraxinus latifolia, as those stands will become both a source of food as well as a highway for the infestation to travel even more quickly. The clear and oft-repeated theme from nearly all speakers was: greater diversity in riparian areas and forested land — mono-cultures like ash forests and even-aged Douglas-fir plantations could be doomed either through infestation or the warming climate.

... the imminent arrival of the dreaded Emerald Ash Borer ...

Trees such as native black cottonwood (Populus trichocarpa), willows (Salix), and red alder (Alnus rubra), as well as Oregon white oak (Quercus garryana) and ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa) can fill in the gaps, but not wholly replace the ash in boggy or riparian areas when the borer arrives.

Another theme expressed by all speakers was that there is unambiguous evidence that climate change is causing both plant and animal species to relocate northerly. Species of trees from northern California and southern Oregon are poised to fill niches soon to be vacated by Willamette Valley natives as they die-off here.

A tree that has adapted to habitat similar to the Oregon Ash is already well known in the Medford area. It is the Hinds (or Northern California) Walnut (Juglans Hindsii). In essence, urban foresters, watershed council project managers as well as private landowners should seek such adapted and adaptable species for future reforestation areas.
This leads us to today’s Word of the Moment:

Adaptability  a·dapt·a·bil·i·ty
the quality of being able to adjust to new conditions

Now, more than ever, we, as small-woodlands owners and managers, need to be adaptable to the speed with which new data and the evidence of obvious observable climatic changes are coming at us. Diversity of species is to be sought out and embraced, species which are both adapted to and are unperturbed by those climatic changes. The take-away I got from the Emerald Ash Borer symposium and hope to leave you with is that some change is inevitable; the Emerald Ash Borer is on its way, and nothing short of running out of ash trees, literally, will stop it. The climate is changing, the empirical evidence is overwhelming. The challenge we face collectively is how we as private landowners and managers can be adaptable to these threats and make the necessary changes for us, our land, and those who follow. Perhaps we can learn from the Willamette Valley ponderosa pine: it can live in foothills and the valley floor. It can withstand droughty periods as well as having its roots underwater. I think this tree can teach us a bit about adaptability.

(For additional information on the Willamette Valley sub-species of ponderosa pine and the Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Conservation Association, see: https://westernforestry.org/wvppca/).

“I am most proud that our board has decided to begin to fulfill Bob Mealey’s vision”
--Bill Bowling

Bill and Debbie Bowling, Waterloo area couple, have been named as Volunteers of the Year for the Linn County Small Woodlands Association by Lee Peterman, chapter president, on June 10.

The couple were recognized at the Oregon Small Woodlands Association annual meeting June 20-22 in Corvallis, said OSWA Executive Director Jim James.

Bill Bowling has just completed two terms as the group’s president. During his terms, he was also chair of the Robert Mealey Endowment committee. The chapter also started its own website, linncountyswa.org during his leadership.

The couple live near Berlin Road on their tree farm and operate a hand-crafted wooden gifts business--Artisan Light Works--from the farm.

The Bowlings were lauded by Peterman for “outstanding achievement” in the past year, as the local chapter has taken over the statewide OSWA merchandise and products sales. Their effort is generating funds for chapter activities and providing opportunities for volunteers, Peterman said.

“Without their efforts, there would literally be no coherent stock control or efficient sales practices,” said Peterman. “They removed the chaos.”

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Historic Linn tree farm tour
July 6

By Larry Mauter

Two days following the Fourth’s fireworks, Linn County’s Tree Farmers of the Year are holding an open house. The public is invited Saturday July 6 at 3 pm to tour a small woodlands property managed by the same family for more than 150 years.

The 80-acres of forest are located near Waterloo, 1.2 miles up Ingram Road from Highway 20. Tree tour signs will guide visitors.

Tim and Kathy Otis are Linn County’s 2019 tree farmers of the year. Together, with much help from family, they manage more than 370 acres of forest land in the Middle Ridge area between Brownsville and Lebanon. Their family holdings include 135 acres of farmland and 25 acres of restored riparian woodlands along the Calapooia River east of Brownsville.

The Linn County chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) co-hosts the annual event. Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish and service. Drinks will be supplied. Among the day’s activities will be talks on the family history. Tree-related activities will include discussion of a recent blackberry control project and thinning in an older tree stand.

The majority of the property is owned in a limited liability corporation — Farm and Four-est LLC — by Kathy and her three sisters, Jill Hauptman, Jan Sheets and Deanna Russell. It was formed in November of 2014. Some properties are owned with cousins, which adds to management complexity.

Tim, who currently works at Summit Ace Hardware in Lebanon, supplies elbow grease and technical support for the holdings. He holds a master’s degree in forest engineering from Oregon State University and is a Master Woodland Manager. The tree farm property has been in family ownership for more than 150 years. The historical importance of the property will be emphasized on the tour.

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Why wildfires have gotten worse and what we can do about it

A TED-Talk Youtube video worth watching

By Wylda Cafferata

Paul Hessburg is a US Forest Service Research Landscape Ecologist. His areas of research are the landscape and disturbance ecology of western forests, climate change effects on forests, wildfire resilience mechanisms, and the ecology and sociology of landscape restoration.

Paul is a big-picture guy, but his topics impact all forest owners, including small woodland owners. He recently addressed the Oregon Society of American Foresters, where he asserted that his 425 landscape studies show him, not a story of gloom and doom, but clearly a call to action. He stressed the need for landscape-level planning since ownership patterns disrupt ecological boundaries. Time is short, he warned, so we all need to tip the balance to better management. Paul’s TED Talk (continued p. 11)
Wildfires
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on the same subject is available on
YouTube. It includes aerial
landscape photography that contrasts
current forest conditions with that of
the 1930s. The talk has been
translated into thirteen languages.
The easiest way to find it is simply by
Googling “Paul Hessburg.” A link to
the TED Talk comes right up.

If you have ever wondered what the
“TED” in TED Talk stands for, it is
“Technology, Entertainment, Design.”
Paul is a soft-spoken, unassuming
forester with a passion for the
profession. He is saddened that old
stories still run the world, so that the
general public does not know how
forestry has changed over the past
fifty years. It is a job for all woodland
managers, he insists quietly, to
replace the old narrative with the
story of sustainable management.

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Chapter Volunteers of the Year:
Greg Peterson and Mike Newton
(Benton), Andria Craven
(Clackamas), Ray Biggs, Lynn Baker,
and Bill Hansen (Columbia),
Margaret Fabrezius and Tami Braz
(Douglas), Maxine Cass (Jackson/
Josephine), Lauren Grand (Lane),
Jan Steenkolk (Lincoln), Bill Bowling
(Linn), Terry Lamers (Marion/Polk),
Susan Schmidlin (Washington), and
Bill Spurling (Yamhill). The Riggin’
Slinger award went to Mike Newton
and Greg Peterson. Dave Schmidt
and Don Carr received a Tree Farm
25-year membership and Mike
Newton and Rita Adams received a
Tree Farm 50-year Membership.

Bill Bowling
Linn Chapter
Volunteer of the Year
with OSWA President Mike Barsotti
photo credit Steve Cafferata

Greg Peterson
Riggin' Slinger Award
l to r) Jim James, Greg Peterson and Mike
Barsotti
The Lincoln County Chapter hosted their annual meeting at Peter & Alice Bregman's Eagle Roost Tree Farm on March 30. This event was an opportunity for a pleasant time for a social visit with an update on current events in the timber industry. Without a doubt, it was a chance to experience the benefits of becoming an LCOSWA member.

The program was organized by Joe Steere. Oversight and BBQ was handled by Peter Bregman and Tim Bernot, while Jan Steenkolk managed food preparation and finances. Judy Pelletier handled the till for the raffle, along with the Steenkolk granddaughters.

After Joe Steere congratulated Tim Miller as LCSWA **2018 Volunteer of the Year**, he introduced Pamela Monnette, our new OSU Extension MG/AG/Forestry Program Coordinator, and Leo Williamson, our new ODF Forester. OSWA Executive Director Jim James spoke about several house bills relevant to forestry and about this year's OSWA Annual Meeting in Corvallis.

A quick review of the current Board of Forestry was followed by an update on the Port of Newport International Terminal by Rex Capri, representing LCSWA together with Walter Chuck, Port of Newport Port Commissioner. They gave a brief history of the *International Terminal*, proposed in 2007 and completed in 2013. Originally, the contract to manage the terminal was negotiated with Teevin Bros. and Sylvan Forest Products, but the contracts were dropped following the collapse of a major business deal and the loss of a $2 million federal grant.

An estimated $300-$400 trucking costs per trip could be saved by shipping cargo and logs out of Newport compared to shipping out of Columbia River or Coos Bay. However, currently, the Mid-water Trawlers occupy the terminal area and are unwilling to share with the log ships. Lincoln County would benefit from use of the Port of Newport *International Terminal*, as would contiguous counties.

Renaming the Port of Newport as *Oregon International Port of Newport*, House Bill 2284 describes the State's intention to take control of the Terminal and provides that Port Commissioners be appointed by the Governor, but that current commissioners can complete their terms. *Lincoln County and the Port of Newport have resolved to oppose HB 2284.* Port Commissioner Walter Chuck said that Paula Miranda of Port Angeles has been appointed the new Port Manager. Warning that dredging will stop if there is no shipping, Walter Chuck urged everyone to express their concerns to their county commissioners. Legislators Roblan, Merkley, Serra, Kimberlin, and Wyden want the port to make money; however, they need to hear from people who will benefit from the port remaining under local control, as well as the benefits from the terminal functioning as an international terminal.

Our keynote speaker was State Senator (5th district) Arnie Roblan, millworker and gillnetter from Port

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Angeles who moved to Coos Bay 35 years ago. In fact, he is the only Democrat serving with rural roots. Having served as a math teacher and principal, he is an advocate of vocational programs. He serves on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. He summarized his opinions on issues facing us: climate change, herbicide/pesticide contamination problems, local control of Port of Newport, forest management and Cap & Trade proposals.

Our meeting closed with the traditional raffle of donated items. All said and done, it was a great and informative meeting!

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North Coast Extension Forester Hired

By Pami Monette, Extension Agent

Daniel Stark will begin his new position in mid-July. I would like you to join me in welcoming him to the Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program as our newest FNR Agent. Dan comes to us from the University of California Extension Service, where he has served for the past six years as the California Oak Mortality Task Force North Coast Outreach Coordinator, based in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Dan’s new position will be FNR Extension Agent and Assistant Professor of Practice, stationed in Astoria, with service to Clatsop, Tillamook, and Lincoln Counties. Dan holds a B.S. in Conservation and Resource Studies with an emphasis in Forest Conservation, and an M.S. in Environmental Science, Policy and Management, with an emphasis on Fire Science and Forest Health. Both degrees are from the University of California – Berkeley. Daniel will be reaching out to local OSWA chapters and other forest management partners when he gets settled into his position.

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Lincoln Chapter to tour Kessi Tree Farm

By Judy Pelletier

This year on Saturday, September 21, starting at 9:30 am, the Lincoln Chapter plans to conduct its annual tour to the Don Kessi Tree Farm, located in Blodgett, Oregon. This organization operates in two sectors, those of tree farming in Timber Conservation and grass seed farming in Agricultural Production/Crops sectors. The farm has been operating for approximately 41 years. Joe Steere and Joe Steenkolk will be in charge of organizing the tour. Some transportation and sack lunches will be provided. The meeting place is yet to be determined, and more details will be emailed closer to the date of the tour. Please RSVP with number & names going to the following:
Judy Pelletier judyp2530@gmail.com
or Jan Steenkolk jan.steenkolk@gmail.com.

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President’s Update

By Karen Fleck Harding

The Benton County Chapter has revived our popular “discussion group tours” or “twilight tours” where we visit each other's properties and discuss forest management ideas. It’s an opportunity to see what/how others are doing things, show off our accomplishments, make suggestions, ask questions, discuss issues and problems, and just have a general learning experience. No formal agenda, just sort of an in-the-woods discussion session.

On the morning of March 30, the discussion group visited my place. We have about 285 acres on the Marys River in Wren, where we have lived for about 35 years. Our land is a mixture of conifer forest, oak woodland and prairie. We have planted thousands of western red cedar and Douglas-fir over the years that now need some serious thinning. We took a look at a few of these stands and discussed whether it was time to thin the 20-30 year old western red cedar stands, why some of our Douglas-firs are dying, whether to thin an older stand of grand fir, and how to approach thinning our mixed hardwood/fir stands. We came away from the discussion with some great input and ideas.

Our western red cedars display a fair bit of variability in diameter within the stand that was planted on a 10-12’ spacing, but with a number of older fir and oak trees scattered throughout, retained from a harvest about 50 years ago. We cored a couple of the trees to get a sense of whether some had slowed in their growth, but found that the annual growth was relatively consistent and did not show any recent slow-down. We discussed how cedar, with its greater shade tolerance, was able to sustain growth without thinning for longer than fir. However, it was suggested that the rate of growth

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might increase if we thinned. It was also suggested to do a test area and see if we observe any increase in growth rate.

We looked at an area where 40-50 year-old Douglas-firs are dying, particularly along the outer edges of stands. It was theorized that because the soils are relatively wet and of higher clay content, the firs don’t extend their roots very deeply. When there is even a short droughty period, the trees are more likely to experience stress.

As we were walking through the forest, one of the participants with a forest pathology background noticed a needle fungus on our Douglas-firs. He identified the fungus as Rhizoctonia butinii, and the disease as web blight. The hyphal threads grow from needle to needle, on the outside of the needles, webbing them together. It is apparently native to our area, widespread but not really common. Some years it is more visible than others, but even in a bad year it doesn’t do much beyond a little growth loss. Sometimes it ruins the appearance of Christmas trees. We were happy to hear that it wasn’t a serious issue to be concerned about.

We rounded out the tour with a visit to an older established stand dominated by grand fir, located on a bench high above the Marys River. We discussed thinning strategies. Evidently, grand fir have notably thin bark and that retained trees are easily damaged during a thinning operation. It was suggested that it might be best just to leave this stand alone.

Our next “twilight tour” will be hosted by Sarah and Ken Edwardsson in the evening on Friday, August 23 (see Schedule of Upcoming Events). Sarah & Ken have been actively logging to improve their oak woodlands, so it should be another interesting event. Bring your own drinks and snacks, if you wish, and dress for the weather.

Announcements of the “twilight tours” are sent to BCSWA members via email and are posted on our Chapter page of the OSWA.org website. If you know of other landowners, family members or anyone else who would be interested, or would benefit from this event, by all means, invite them along. ◆
**Mike Newton honored with Lifetime Appreciation Award**

(1 to r) Karen Fleck Harding, Mike Newton and Mike Barsotti

Mike was recognized for all his work on ODF’s revision of the Forest Practices Act stream rule development.

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**Woods Words**

*Pie in the sky*—From an old time labor song; means something good, an easy logging show, for example.

*Piece system*—Bushel work, that which is paid for by the piece, rather than by the hour or day.

*Pinched*—Stuck in a bad situation, like a saw pinched in a cut.

*Tail over the dashboard*—A logger on his way to town for the week end.


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(l to r) Jeremy Felty, Kristyn Roland (granddaughter), and Dave Schmidt

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Don Carr family 25 year Tree Farm Sign
(l to r) Jeremy Felty, Don Carr, Alison Carr (daughter), Emma Leininger (granddaughter), Maureen Carr (wife), Brian Leininger (son-in-law) and Andrew Leininger (grandson)

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