

Oregon Small Woodlands Association – Yamhill Chapter

May 2020

Hello!

How is everyone doing? I hope you are all well sheltering at home. Elin and I are fortunate like many of you, - that we live on our forested property. It's easy to keep socially distant while working on our place! There is always something to do.

We hope many of you have access to a computer and have/will sign up for one or more of the free "Tree School" webinars on Tuesdays. Our son, Sam helped us get on Zoom so Elin & I were able to watch the first two webinars which were excellent. They are now viewable on You-tube.

Also, check our chapter's blog: www.oswa.org/blog/yamhill/ for updates. Many thanks to Bill Spurling for keeping the site up to date and to Susan Watkins and Nicole Wood for putting this newsletter together!

Specific forestry questions? Presently we have no Yamhill Co. Ext. forester. Try contacting neighboring extension foresters Brad Withrow-Robinson at (ph. 541-713-5016) or email at brad.w-r@oregonstate.edu or Glenn Ahrens, (ph. 503-655-8631) or glenn.ahrens@oregonstate.edu.

The sun is shining now so I have got to get back outside. We'll get together when we can!

Hal Hagglund, Yamhill Chapter Small Woodlands President.

Wise Old Sayings

“A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.” -Franklin D. Roosevelt

COVID-19

Our meetings have been cancelled or postponed until further notice to help limit COVID-19 spread. For updates, check our chapter's blog:

www.oswa.org/blog/yamhill/

We're fortunate to be able to enjoy working in our woods. We invite you to send photos with captions or a short story of projects you are working on at home so we can send out to our members or post on Yamhill's OSWA website. These will help us stay connected despite cancelled meetings, etc.

Please send photos and stories to Susan Watkins at maczenith@onlinemac.com. Susan will work with Leonard Rydell to circulate matters of interest to members with email addresses, and with Bill Spurling to post on the website.

Stories and pictures will be found under the heading "***In Covid-19 times***".

Stay safe out there!



Gardening tip from our friend, Mark Havel

Keep the beer and away with the poisons!

So, what to do before we can get going again? Gardening! And it is slug season.

Here is a tip to help you get your limit.

Forget the beer and poisons, which both depend on the slugs coming to it and you know how fast they can move! Instead take the battle to them. Arm yourself with a headlamp, a forked weed poker and go out after dark and get your limit!

This year I started my slug harvest just about a week ago and in our good-sized garden I limited out the first night with about 80. A couple nights later I could only find about 25 and the third time out it was only 6. Now it is just once a week or so and there are very few. This is the most effective method to keep their numbers very low. All you do is cut them in half and walk on. Actually, don't forget the beer and poisons. *Keep the beer and keep away from the poisons!*

Lost in the woods and forgot to pay your dues?

We Will Miss You!

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-Education -Socialization

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Wild Turkey Amusement

(From OSWA website blog)

We have been enjoying the wild turkeys in our yard. They are such hilarious creatures. Visiting this season are two gobblers and three hens. They circle our house all day long. The gobblers peck at our glass doors. So funny. (Well, not so funny when they eat one of the plants!)



When we're outside working or mowing in the yard, they don't seem to mind, they are relaxed and enjoy our yard as much as we enjoy them. We hope they bring their poults! That would be a treat!

All that said, our goal is not to turkey watch all season, but to improve fire prevention on our acreage.

- Stan and Nicole Wood



Tree School 2020
Online
April 21, 2020 - July 28, 2020

Though OSU Extension was not able to hold their 2020 Clackamas County Tree School in March, you will still be able to enjoy the classes you were looking forward to taking.

OSU Extension Forestry and Natural Resources is working with the Partnership for Forestry Education to bring you this 15-week webinar series. You can participate in many of the classes that were set for Tree School Clackamas, along with some new classes developed exclusively for Tree School Online.

THESE WEBINARS ARE FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

<https://knowyourforest.org/TreeSchoolOnline>

Soon, these webinars will be available on Youtube.

For questions about the series, please contact:

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Sad news-A long-time member has passed.

Harold Payne passed on April 18, 2020 with his daughter by his side.

(Not related to COVID)

Harold's obituary is on the Macy and Son website: www.macyandson.com and in the News Register.

Due to COVID, his celebration of life will be postponed until a later date.

Oregon Forest Resources Institute

Every two years, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute compiles the latest data on Oregon's forests into a detailed reference guide called Oregon Forest Facts. It contains a series of charts, graphs and maps that tell the story of the state's forests and forest-based economy.

Oregon Forest Facts includes information and statistics on forestland ownership, timber harvest, forest-based employment and wood products production. Other topics include water quality in Oregon's forests, investments in protecting watershed and salmon habitat, and acres of Oregon forestland certified by third-party sustainability programs.

The pocket-size booklet is available for digital download or to order online.

The latest data from Oregon Forest Facts can also be accessed at:

www.OregonForestFacts.org

The mobile-friendly website includes the option to easily share - via email or social media - charts and graphs with information about Oregon's forests.

WILDFIRE PROTECTION -May is Wildfire Awareness Month

Due Diligence- Review or write your plan!



• Wildfire Preparedness Checklist:

- ✓ Know your contacts!
- ✓ Defendable space around home and other structures.
- ✓ Access roads not encroached with hazardous fuels. Allows both ingress and egress.
- ✓ Roads suitable for firefighting mapped. Signed. Map available for firefighters.
- ✓ Lakes, ponds, and pump chances mapped. Map available for firefighters.
- ✓ Aerial hazard (power lines, cell towers) mapped. Map available for firefighters.

• CONTACTS: Know who to call in a wildfire emergency.

- -Structural fire protection agency and contact number.
- -Forestland fire protection agency and contact number.

• PLAN: Develop (and practice) an evacuation plan to be used in the case of a wildfire.

- ❖ -List of names and contacts for family, neighbors and/or friends that need to be phoned.
- ❖ -Plan for as many evacuation routes as available depending on the location and direction of the fire. If possible, all routes should allow for ingress and egress at the same time; otherwise, know which ones do not.
- ❖ -Evacuation planning should be done even if you do not live on the property.
- ❖ -Know the limitations to your evacuation routes and take steps to address these.
- ❖ **-The evacuation plan and maps should be readily accessible and kept separate from your forest management plan.**

• MAP/S: Provide an overview of which roads and water sources (including access to them) can be used for fighting wildfire.

- Tip: Whomever is responsible for providing wildfire protection can come out and assess your property with respect to the desired infrastructure for fighting wildfire on your property.

• **HAZARDOUS FUEL:** Describe where hazardous fuel conditions occur on your property and on neighboring properties.

****Note again that the evacuation plan and maps should be readily accessible and kept separate from your forest management plan.**



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Tree Farmer of the Year 2020 - Yamhill Chapter

LeLand Payne

LeLand was born and raised on Kutch (Green) Mountain, West of Yamhill. Being the sixth of eight children; he held household responsibilities at a young age. He had felled his first tree at the age of 6 years. His younger sister, Joan, and he would be responsible for bringing in the winter wood to heat the home. By age 12 years, he had summer employment clear-cut felling property for a local logging outfit. Motivated by his love of the land, he learned through trial and error how to tend farm fields and manage forest.

Having lived and been around on the property for 83 years, the land has become part of him, and he has become part of the land. Even his name means, “of the land.” LeLand is a man of few words, however, his efforts, actions, and beliefs demonstrate his unique pride in ownership and love for his 110 acres of forested land. He has practiced timber management for commercial value. He’s experienced the changing landscape as young, naturally seeded conifers have grown into mature forests and new plantings take the place of harvested timber. Salvage of down and dead timber provides a winter supply of firewood. His routine trips to the woods create a mood for relaxation, recreation, and a spiritual closeness. And it’s a great time for monitoring changes in the forest condition, i.e., dead and dying timber, road maintenance issues, or planning for future activity.

From State President Jim James

On May 5th, the OSWA Board had a conference call and discussed, among other things, the outlook for OSWA activities and events planned for 2020, in light of the Coronavirus. Here is the summary:

OSWA Annual Membership Meeting: The planned OSWA Annual Meeting on July 23, 24, and 25 and the backup dates of August 20, 21, and 22 have now been cancelled. OSWA has reserved a spot at the Oregon Garden in Silverton on Friday November 13th, the day before the OTFS planned Annual Meeting if a face to face event could be done safely.

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Woods Tours: There will be no face to face N2N woods tours in 2020.

Chapter events: Chapters have cancelled or delayed their face to face events.

For full news and event update go to www.oswa.org . There will be some resources mentioned also.

Family Decisions

-By Michael Payne

The family forest stretching skyward,
Green foliage aching for light,
A lifelong growth spurt, silent, unheard.
Trees crowded; boles stacked tight.

The old farmer swelled with pride
As he watched their forest grow.
But his experience never lied,
Its growth had begun slow.

He couldn't wait to share this news
When his children would return.
They'd put in the work – paid their dues,
Thinning trees – their new concern.

Oh sure, he could do it himself as such,
But that would be a miscarriage.
He and his wife had done so much,
Tending this farm together since marriage.

Year after year his kids have waited,
They should have a say as well.
This forest was family-created,
It should be a joint decision to sell.

Planting their own roots and affections,
Was his goal for this timber stand,
To strengthen his children's connections,
To their home, their farm, their land.

From Book: If Trees Could Talk



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