



*An Association of Small  
Woodland Owners Dedicated to  
the Protection, Management,  
Use, and Enhancement of  
Oregon's Forest Resources  
...and having a good time doing it*

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**Greetings OSWA members, families and friends; Summer-Fall 2021, Aug., Sept., Oct.**

In the Garden all seems pretty good, even after the oven-like early summer, but there are many reports of scorched trees all around our region. <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics/2021/07/15/report-foilage-scorch-to-help-study-of-2021-heat-wave/>

Maybe 'in the Garden' should be our theme for the quarter as we had our first in-person directors meeting in the Dallas City Park and our annual meeting will be in the Bush Park in Salem. One of the additional events, a tour of sorts, will be of the Arboretum in the Dallas City Park.

Your directors in the letterhead above are up for election and you are our constituents! **Please come to our Outdoor In-Person Annual Meeting on Saturday August 14, 11:00 am** in the south-west corner of Bush Park, just off of High Street with parking along Leffelle Street. Bring your own chair and beverage and our chapter will provide boxed lunches from the famous Chez' Subway. And please bring your family and neighbors or friends that may be interested in our forest landowner's group. We will happily get lunch for all at no cost to you, but we have to have an **RSVP by August 10** to know how many friends we will be! Please contact OSU Benton County Extension office 541-713-5000 or [Jody.Einerson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Jody.Einerson@oregonstate.edu) to let her and us know how many to expect. Thank you, Jody for doing this for us.

**At the annual meeting** we will have **Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension Forester, Clackamas, Marion and Hood River Counties** as our primary speaker, who's topic will be on "Helping Forest Owners Recover from Fire and Ice". Not to mention heat waves, but that will probably be added to the mix in the discussion. Glenn has years of experience and these will be his observations about the damage, the challenges, and the options for dealing with them. Couldn't be more timely!

**Business** at the annual meeting will involve a **vote to ratify amendments to our bylaws**. As a separate insert to this newsletter please read through the **explanation of our bylaw changes and the new version of our bylaws**. We will happily also send you the out-dated version if you would like (call Mark or Pat in the letterhead above). The directors felt it was time for an update and now have provided what we feel is a clean set of new bylaws that actually describe how our chapter operates. We would really like to see our whole group out in the park for this meeting, with a nice big vote count so we all know what we stand for. **We will vote for the directors too**, and we invite you to become one of them. Our current officers and directors will each introduce themselves to the group so you can see who is responsible for our decisions.

If we could have lots of folks come to the meeting, perhaps we could also get some good input from all of us on what sorts of things we would like to see our chapter address, or cover, or build an event around. Getting things to run smoothly is still a challenge, as we have tried to get some tours together this quarter, but find the mills still reluctant to have a bunch of us come and tour. The mill tours have been very informative in the past and we really look forward to having such events again in the future, just not yet. We tried two mills for this quarter; the fabulous Hampton Lumber Mill in Willamina (largest producing lumber mill in the US) and the Columbia Vista Mill in Camas WA, which produces export lumber from high value logs from us. Of course, their reluctance is due to the Covid pandemic, with cases rising again and so many of us still not vaccinated. Those that are V'd can sort of rest easy, but just sort of, as this affects all of us and our whole nation/planet. We will have our annual meeting outside, with a handwash station and caution in place.

Speaking of suggestions, we value yours! Every once in a while, we get a call or an email with something we should take a look at doing and we do. For instance, a call came in last quarter when the newsletter went out, that we should change the letterhead for better ID of the officers. We looked it over and left things alone, though we took the suggestion seriously. So please, let us know and get involved, as this is OUR group, all of us, you that are reading as much as those that are writing. What we want to do and see is up to us all.

We will have **a tour of the Dallas City Park Arboretum**, led by our director Ed Miller who as many of you know rides his bicycle all over and has zipped through this park noticing how cool the Arboretum is. The tour is set for **10:00 am Saturday September 25**. Please find yourself and parking at the west side of the park, with the aptly-named Park Street and Westwood Drive being the closest street intersection. [www.google.com/maps/place/Delbert+Hunter+Arboretum+and+Botanical+Garden](http://www.google.com/maps/place/Delbert+Hunter+Arboretum+and+Botanical+Garden) shows the whole park and the various entrances. Ed is busy studying the amazing variety of plants and trees, all native I believe, but wait to get the real word on September 25!

We wanted to get a tour set up for the **2020 fire affected areas of Marion County** and some of you have gotten a call asking if we could have a tour of your properties. **Jerry and Karen Lackner of Lyons** were so kind as to agree and we will have a tour of their place on **Saturday, October 9 at 9:30 am**.

Please meet at the Lackner property, **23047 Wagner Lane, Lyons, OR 97358**. There will be coffee and something to munch from our chapter and we will hear the huge experience and story from Jerry and Karen. In talking to Jerry on the phone I didn't know how to react when listening to the extent of the burn and the Lackner's efforts to salvage and clean up. A huge event and an even bigger task of continuing management.

Coming up the Santiam Highway, take the next left after passing the Gingerbread house onto Wagner Rd. and go about 1/2 mile and take a right on Wagner Lane. The Lackner property is at the end of Wagner Lane, about another 3/4 mile.

Some of you may have seen the advertisement for vaccinations, with the young man firefighter saying how he got the vaccine, and as soon as he did he felt hopeful. That is sort of the feeling I have as I finish up this newsletter. I look forward to seeing all of you that can make it to our annual meeting in a couple of weeks and then for the Arboretum tour and the tour of the Lackner fire site. I too am hopeful.