OSWA Annual Meeting, a Smashing Success
By Jim James

A huge thank you to all who made OSWA’s 2013 Annual Meeting a huge success. There are many who deserve the credit, it was a great team effort. The Douglas County Small Woodlands Association played a big role in organizing the events and supplying many volunteers. OSWA had a record number of Sponsors (see page 5) and a great group of exhibitors. The eleven speakers and the moderators kept the participants entertained with issues of interest to all family forest owners. Thank you to Ilene Waldorf for coordinating another successful Silent Auction and sale of OSWA Awesome Products. The Douglas County Fairgrounds bent over backwards to see that OSWA’s events would be flawless. But it would have not been a success if the over 180 individuals had not signed up to travel to Roseburg and participate in Thursday’s tours, Friday’s annual meeting program and awards banquet, and Saturday’s joint Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year and Howdy Neighbor tour. If you missed the events, the location and dates for the 2014 Annual Meeting will be determined after the November 25th OTFS Annual Meeting when the 2013 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year are recognized. The chapter nominating the 2013 OTFOY will be given the opportunity to host the 2014 OSWA Annual Meeting.
Our Douglas County chapter hosted a fantastic annual meeting last month. Over 180 members and guests were treated to great speakers, enjoyed each others’ company, and ended the event with a fabulous tour of Bill and Joan Arsenault’s award-winning tree farm west of Elkton. You’ll read more about the meeting later. Of course special thanks go to the Annual Meeting Committee planning team: Douglas County Small Woodlands Association members Rick and Audrey Barnes, Bill and Joan Arsenault, Greg and Keene Fox, Bill and Margorie Ocumpaugh, Dale Cuyler, Brenda Woodard, Nancy Benzel, Colene Friedman, Evan Barnes, Jann Nicholls, and OSWA staff Jen Rains and Jim James, along with many other volunteers who made the meeting and tour possible.

This is the second successful annual meeting where we partnered with the Oregon Tree Farm System to tour their annual recognition for Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. Someone new to OSWA asked me what the biggest difference was between the two organizations and why they should be members of both. To me, OSWA focuses on education and represents owners in our Legislature. The American Tree Farm System focuses on good forest management planning and represents owners in Congress. Together, they represent forest owners at the state and national level. A few of the articles in this newsletter describe policy and public opinion successes of both OSWA and ATFS.

In this newsletter you will find a ballot for you to vote for Executive Committee members. Dave Schmidt, Bill Potterf and Donna Heffernan have dedicated their time to making OSWA successful and have agreed to stand for re-election to the Executive Committee. Please register your vote in support of their efforts.

You can add two very important items to your ballot envelope: a Membership Survey and our 2013 Annual Fund Drive. The survey asks you to list the membership benefits that keep you in OSWA. The results will help us market OSWA to new members and make sure OSWA is meeting OSWA member needs. A flyer that describes the fund drive is included in this newsletter.

Enjoy this issue and we look forward to your continued involvement in and support of OSWA.
Touring Tree Farms

Tis the Season – for Tree Farm tours. I think the season might have kicked off with the June tour of Bill and Joan Arsenault’s Paradise Creek Ranch in Douglas County and ample opportunity remains for you to partake in other tours. It is common for OSWA Chapters to showcase their nominee for Oregon’ Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year with a tour. OFRI also is sponsoring several “Howdy Neighbor” tours around the State. Touring tree farms is a good way to gather with fellow family forestland owners, kick the dirt and observe and discuss management opportunities and decisions. Oftentimes the tour might inspire a modification of management of your woodland. Your local OSWA Chapter is good at alerting to nearby tours and tours are often listed on the OFRI website knowyourforest.org. At a recent tour of my Linn County Tree Farm, a couple from Washington County attended. When I inquired as to how they learned of the tour, the reply was “on the web”. A focus of my tour was management of Oregon ash and that was their interest.

Back to Bill and Joan Arsenault – they and their Tree Farm have been selected as Western Regional Tree Farmers for 2013. They are in the final four and will be recognized at the Tree Farm National Convention in Minneapolis the end of July. Congratulations Bill and Joan.

Finally, another plug for the American Forest Foundation's website mylandplan.org. The site has just marked its one year anniversary and the Oregon Tree Farm System, OFRI and ODF are working with AFF to enhance the website for Oregon specific information that forestland owners can use in the Woodland Discovery phase of their management planning. Check it out! It is a really cool tool. Also check out the management planning template and guidelines on the knowyourforest.com site.
Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for, organize, sponsor, and participate in OSWA’s 2013 Annual Meeting. The Douglas County Small Woodlands Association did an outstanding job and partnering with the Oregon Tree Farm System for the Saturday Howdy Neighbor Woods Tour was once again a great success. Following the selection of the 2013 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year on November 25th, the chapter whose nominee was recognized will be given the option to host OSWA’s 2014 Annual Meeting.

At this time, OSWA has two additional Howdy Neighbor Woods Tours scheduled.

On Saturday, August 10th we will tour Cilde Grover’s Elk Creek Ranch in Curry County, just outside Brookings. The tour will include discussions about Old Growth Redwoods, Sudden Oak Death in Curry County, Stream Restoration, Dealing with T&E species, and Thinning, both commercial and pre-commercial. The tour will begin at 10:00 am, include lunch, and conclude at 2:00 pm with a walk through a Redwood Forest. There are also plenty of tourist opportunities along the coast in West Curry County to enjoy during the visit.

On Saturday, September 14th we will tour Gary Springer’s forest property in Lincoln County near Harland. This property has been in the family for many many years and the tour will discuss a variety of forest ownership and management issues. It will begin at 9:00 am and conclude with lunch at 12:00 pm. More details will be available later, but mark your calendars for a great tour.

Registration is required for both tours. Contact Jen Rains by email jenerains@gmail.com or phone (541) 588-1813 to register and receive additional direction and details.

OSWA’s Board met June 14th in Roseburg.
Following is a summary of decisions made:

New Family Member Category
The Board authorized a new Family Member Category for children and grandchildren of members who do not live at the same address as a member. If a member wishes to have

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The rainfall in June was a nice reprieve from the unseasonably warm spring that hit Oregon in late April and May. But don’t be lulled into complacency just because a few puddles are scattered across the landscape. We all know that what lies beneath the surface, or hidden from view, can pose the biggest threat in weeks to come. After all, it won’t take long for fuels to dry out with an onslaught of hot weather.

For many, fire season got off to an early and active start whether it had been declared or not. On April 25th, a warming fire within a logging operation escaped and burned 25 acres of slash and felled and bucked timber near Alsea in the West Oregon District. Firefighters were amazed how quickly the fire spread and how it continued to burn actively under the forest canopy (uncharacteristic for April). Fire activity continued into mid-May with fires within operations burning 15, 60 and even 200 acres. Some of these were the result of escaped slash burns while others remain under investigation.

In all, the Oregon Department of Forestry and forest protective associations have already suppressed nearly 300 fires that have burned about 900 acres. To put things in perspective, on average, that’s roughly twice as many fires and three times the number of acres burned for this time of year. The message is clear. Desperate times call for desperate measures.

This may sound a bit over the top, but it is evident that we all need to collectively “turn on the switch” and spread the fire prevention message. Now is the time to make sure you’re ready if you have active operations in place or planned. Fire season requirements call for water supply, fire tools, fire extinguishers on equipment and for power saws, spark arresters and mufflers and a fire watch service. All flammable material should be removed from equipment and smoking is prohibited. On cable logging operations, clear a 10-foot circle of flammable debris around blocks and provide a five-gallon pump can filled with water and a shovel at each block. Avoid line-rub on rock or woody material where friction can result in a fire. Check with your local ODF or association office or log onto Oregon.gov/odf for a complete list of requirements.

First and foremost, having these precautions in place will improve your chances of preventing a fire or keeping fires small. It also comes down to suppression costs you may incur depending on your level of liability. Small fires that don’t require additional resources and all of the requirements were followed generally equate to no liability to the landowner/operator. Limited liability occurs when rules and requirements were met on fires that required extra fire suppression actions outside a protection district’s budget (air tankers, helicopters, contract crews, etc). In these cases the landowner/operator is on the hook for up to $300,000 of these extra suppression costs. Total liability occurs when the landowner/operator is either willful, malicious or negligent in the start or spread of the fire. Negligence occurs, for example, when fire prevention requirements are not adhered to.

Finally, keep up your vigilance by meeting and exceeding fire season requirements and prevention laws. Don’t be the one that says “I had no idea that things were that dry” as the fire runs through your plantation. Stay the course and have a safe summer.
As the session draws to a close I felt it was a good time to recap the session and update the members on the legislative priorities as set forth by the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and the board. The GAC identifies issues and prioritizes them, with board confirmation, in the fall of each year. As your lobbyist, I work under the direction of the Executive Director and use these ranked priorities to develop a plan to achieve the desired outcomes for the association. For this update, I went through the issues in ranked order and identified the OSWA members and industry partners who helped on the issue. I would like to thank all the members who participated in those 7:00 AM calls and who helped OSWA achieve many successes this legislative session.

1. WILD FIRE PROTECTION ACT
For the second year in a row, passage of the wild fire protection act was made OSWA’s number 1 priority. ODF introduced HB 2050 as the bill, and with the support of many we helped to move it forward. The bill was assigned to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee which held a public hearing on February 28. OSWA members Scott Hanson, John Breese and Lyle DeFrees came and gave testimony in favor of the bill. The committee passed the bill with unanimous support and it was assigned to the ways & Means Committee for funding, the same place OSWA’s similar bill died in 2012. Ways & Means assigned the bill to the natural resources sub-committee which held a hearing on May 6. Jim James and I testified in support and the committee passed the bill along with the department budget (SB 5521) and the harvest tax (HB 2051) on June 21. The House passed the bill 58-1on the 25th of June and the Senate 28-1 on the 29th. With the Governor’s signature secured, the bill passed without a dissenting vote and becomes effective on January 1, 2014.

2. LAND USE PARITY
Regulation parity between forest land owners and agricultural land owners has been an OSWA priority for many years. This year is no exception and two bills were introduced to that end.

Representative Mark Johnson along with 6 bi-partisan cosponsors introduced HB 2441, which authorizes agricultural building on forestland. The bill was referred to the House Land Use Committee which passed the bill on February 19th after hearing from OSWA member Gordon Culberson of Lane County in addition to Jim James and Roger Beyer. The bill passed the House on the last day of February and was sent to the Senate committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development. Committee Chairman Roblan, one of the bills co-sponsors, scheduled the bill for April 23 so that it would correspond with the OSWA day at the Capitol. Gilbert Shibley, from Clackamas County, joined Gordon and Jim with testimony and the committee passed the bill on to the full Senate who in turn passed the bill on the last day of April. With the Governor’s signature secured, the bill passed without a dissenting vote and becomes effective on January 1, 2014.

SB 349, the other parity bill, did not fare as well. Senators Fred Girod and Betsy Johnson were the chief sponsors of our bill to allow small woodland owners to get farm license plates for their vehicles. Frank Pender of Polk County and David Rankin of Lane County presented testimony to the Senate Business and Transportation Committee which passed the bill to the Finance and Revenue Committee. Here the bill met a familiar fate, a committee staff revenue report which suggests lost revenue to the state in excess of $2 million annually. With this large revenue impact, Senator Burdick, the committee chair, was not willing to move the bill on to the full Senate for consideration.

3. LOG BRAND PARITY
Columbia County Chapter brought to the attention of the GAC an issue with log branding. In Eastern Oregon, the practice is optional, while mandated by law in Western Oregon. The GAC decided to introduce a bill to allow for optional branding statewide. HB 2615 was introduced by Representative Clem at the request of OSWA. Once introduced, a number of industry partners expressed concerns or opposition to the bill. It was determined the industry would be better served by not asking for action on the bill at this time but instead engage our industry partners in a conversation about the issue during the interim to see if we can alleviate the concerns.

4. OREGON DEPARTMENT of FORESTRY FUNDING
OSWA members Scott Hayes, Mike Barnes and Mike Barsotti came to the Capitol on April 18th to provide testimony in support of the Department of Forestry budget. Passage of a budget for ODF which includes adequate

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funding for fire protection, implementation funds for the Wildfire Protection Act and maintains the private forest program was a high priority. SB 5521 included all those provisions and passed with strong bi-partisan support in both chambers.

5. OSU EXTENSION BUDGET
Oregon State University extension is one of the most important government entities to OSWA members, and OSWA president-elect Scott Hanson made the trip to Salem to offer our support. The committee meeting was packed with supporters and ran out of time prior to Scott testifying, so he submitted written testimony in support of fully funding OSU extension and forest research laboratory. The budget looks to be fully funded and OSU is looking at enhancing the program with a proposed increase from the forest harvest products tax.

6. OFIC BILLS
Supporting the agenda of our industry partners was made a priority by the GAC. OFIC and AOL in addition to ODF and OSU are important partners for OSWA and anytime we can help with their priorities it also help our members.

Clarifying the liability for forestland owners due to fires starting on their property was the first issue. A court case in California in which the US Forest Service successfully made a liability claim against a private landowner was the impetus for SB 709. The bill passed both legislative chambers unanimously and the Governor signed the bill, which took effect upon his signing. With this bill, landowners have certainty as to the elements which can be included in a lawsuit for fire liability.

Including wild truffles under the definition of special forest products was on the OFIC list prior to the start of session. As larger issues emerged, no bill was introduced so OSWA picked up the issue. HB 2615 was available so I drafted amendments to make wild truffles a special forest product. Jim and Betty Denison made two trips to the capitol from their Lincoln County tree farm to tell legislators in both the House and Senate committees their experience in unsuccessfully trying to have a truffle thief prosecuted under current law. HB 2615, which became law on June 4, now includes truffles under the definition of special forest products and allows the Board of Forestry to further define the list if new forest items become attractive to thieves.

OSWA members from Jackson and Josephine counties brought an issue to the GAC early in the session. Their concern with sky lanterns, exploding targets and tracer ammunition being used in forestland during fire season and causing fires became HB 3199, sponsored by Representatives McKeown and McLane. The bill passed with an effective date of January 1, 2014 but the Department of Forestry agreed to implement emergency rules this year to protect our forests form these potentially incendiary devices.

7. MONITOR WATER ISSUES AFFECTING OSWA MEMBERS
The GAC, in recognition of the importance of legislation dealing with water, put this action on the priority list. It proved to be a wise choice as many issues have been introduced and most would be detrimental if passed.

SB 401, a bill to add thousands of miles of rivers and streams to the state Scenic Waterway Act, tops that list. Introduced by Senator Bates, the bill passed the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee in mid-April on a 3-2 vote with Senators Olsen and Hansell opposed. Dozens of people joined me in testifying against the bill before it was sent to the Ways & Means Committee, where no action has been scheduled. OSWA members need to be prepared, as the Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting studies on adding rivers to the Scenic Waterways Act during the interim. They will form work groups in local areas and hold public hearings on any proposals prior to making recommendations to the 2015 legislature. This will be the best opportunity to influence the outcome of these proposals.

SB 217 would have implemented a new $100 annual fee on all water rights in the state. It was up for debate if this would have included domestic wells, but I was there to testify in opposition and put OSWA’s objections on the record in front of the Senate Committee. No vote was taken on the bill and I fully expect to see it surface again in a later session.

In our state, the private use of pesticides may only be regulated at the state level. HB 3171 would have changed that law and allowed any local government to regulate the use of pesticides to protect any threat or potential threat to domestic water supply. Representative Paul Holvey pro-
vided the only testimony in support of this bill, while I joined many of our natural resource partners in opposition. My testimony pointed out that the bill would allow the city of Wilsonville, which takes water from the Willamette River, to regulate the private use of pesticides in the entire Willamette valley, upstream from their point of intake. This would create a completely unmanageable situation for forest land owners who wish to use pesticides on their land. The bill was not brought to a vote by the committee.

8. MONITOR TAX ISSUES AFFECTING OSWA MEMBERS
As with every session, there were many bills dealing with taxation. Key to forestland owners are capital gains and severance tax. OSWA’s position is to support reductions in capital gains and oppose any severance tax. While the many capital gains bills this session received no action, HB 2555, the bill to create a severance tax did receive a public hearing. Jim James and I coordinated testimony with OFIC and AOL in opposition to the bill on March 27th. The committee took no action on the bill but the chief sponsor, Representative Holvey, is likely to bring it back again in a future session.

9. MONITOR LAND USE PARITY
OFIC requested HB 3125 so that forest land owners may divide and sell a parcel into less than 80 acres with a home. Many forestland owners do not wish to be landlords and this bill will help facilitate them and keep the majority of the parcel a working forest. The bill passed both chambers unanimously, was signed by the Governor and goes into effect next year.
OSWA News

New Volunteer Recognition Program

By Jim James

Everyone knows Oregon Small Woodland Association’s (OSWA) strength lies in its volunteers. Every year thousands of hours of volunteer time make OSWA a success at the chapter level, at the state level, with state agencies, and at the state legislature. Beginning in 2013, OSWA will ask each chapter president to identify an outstanding volunteer from their chapter to be recognized at OSWA’s annual meeting. The volunteers recognized on June 14th at OSWA’s annual meeting in Roseburg were:

Eileen Gyllenberg – Baker County

Eileen is a past president of the Baker Chapter of OSWA and president of the Blue Mountain Forest Products Cooperative. She cheerfully gives service to advance any task at hand for the private woodland owners of Northeastern Oregon such as volunteering her gifted talents of art to beautify banquet tables, making wood items for sale to raise funds, volunteering her property for tours, promoting the Blue Mountain Forest Products Cooperative, and providing homemade pastries during meetings. Lyle Defrees said “Eileen is always thinking of others and how she can serve them”.

Rita Krause Adams – Benton County

Rita was a teacher in Alaska and in retirement still has those great teacher skills that enable her to plan and organize a project, enthuse her students, and supervise to completion. Rita is really dedicated to the youth in our community and has been Benton County’s Education director for many years. She promotes family forestry at daVinci Days (a Corvallis celebration of innovation and invention), Kids’ Day for Conservation, Forest Expo at Benton County, Outdoor School and serves on the Benton County Extension Advisory Network committee. Rita is also a Master Woodland Manager volunteer. Mike Albrecht said “Rita keeps all these balls in the air with energy and good humor”.

Paul and Judy Nys – Columbia County

Paul and Judy have been and are the heart and hands of Columbia County Small Woodlands Association for many many years. Their work and attention to details make the Columbia County Chapter tick. Judy has been Treasurer for many years and Paul organizes the tree sales, keeps up correspondence, and prepares the chapter newsletter. Scott Russell said “Paul and Judy generally do whatever the rest of the chapter does not get done. I can’t say enough about how much they do for our chapter”.

Jim and Carole Schreiber – Clackamas County

Jim and Carole have actively supported many Clackamas County activities for many years. Carole has sewn several quilts and donated them for auction. Her quilts have raised a lot of revenue for the Clackamas college scholarship awards. Jim is active on the Clackamas County Board and serves on the OSWA’s Membership Committee. He also has been a consistent and prolific writer for CCFFA’s quarterly newsletter, The Forest-Tree. Frank Schenck said “Jim and Carole are often engaged in more than one Clackamas county event at a time and are consistent volunteers for Tree School”.

Bob Mahaffy – Coos/Curry Counties

Bob has been a long time active participant in the Coos/Curry Chapter’s activities. He is a past president of the Coos/Curry Chapter. Bob has been in the Oregon Tree Farm System for over 25 years and has hosted several tree farm tours including a visit to his tree farm last year. He is a leader in the Coos/Curry Chapter Scholarship Committee and regularly donates his time and money to make sure the Scholarship Program is a success. Jayson Wartnik said “Bob is a valuable member of the Coos/Curry chapter and plays a big role in the chapter’s success”.

Bill and Joan Arsenault – Douglas County

Bill and Joan have been active volunteers in the Douglas County chapter, at the state level, and in their local community. Bill served as the Douglas County president for more than a decade, just stepping down in early 2013. Together, Bill and Joan are well known for their volunteer work in Douglas County. Bill has volunteered countless hours on state issues important to family forest owners dealing with the Oregon Salmon Plan and the development of forest practice regulations that protect the environmental values in forest streams and landowner rights to manage their forested properties. Joan has been the hostess of many forest tours on their Paradise Creek Ranch. Gary Groth said “Bill and Joan have been instrumental in the success of the Douglas County Chapter”.

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2013 Membership Survey

What Do You See as the Greatest Values of Membership in the Oregon Small Woodlands Association?

(Please identify your top five (5) values by order of importance, number 1 being the most important)

_____ Neighbor to Neighbor Learning
_____ Comradeship
_____ Property Rights
_____ Professional Lobbyist to Represent Me in Oregon Legislature
_____ Tree Seedlings (where to buy; how to plant; why they die; ______________________)
_____ Learn Ways to Pass My Lands to my Children and Grandchildren
_____ Learn About Forest Management
_____ Learn About Forest Health
_____ Learn About Wildfire and Prevention
_____ Liability Insurance for Fire
_____ Insurance on my Timber
_____ Publications (rank by importance, number 1 being the most important)
   _____ Chapter Newsletter; _____ Oregon Family Forests News; _____ Northwest Woodlands
   _____ Compliments my Oregon Tree Farm System membership
_____ Other ________________________________________________________________
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Number of Acres I (we) own ________________

Counties where your land is located _________________________________________

Year you Joined OSWA ________________

Your Name(s) (optional) ____________________________________________________
Oregon Small Woodland Association (OSWA)
2013 Election Form

Election of Officers
Candidates nominated at OSWA Annual Membership meeting June 14, 2013.
Check the candidates name or provide a write-in candidate.

Second Vice President
Dave Schmidt _____
Write In ______________________________

Second Vice President
Donna Heffernan _____
Write In ______________________________

Second Vice President
Bill Potterf _____
Write In ______________________________

The Oregon Small Woodlands Association
2013 Annual Fund – “Sharpening Our Edge”
A fund drive to increase OSWA’s effectiveness.

The OSWA Annual Fund supports activities that sharpen our edge in the marketplace of public policy and public opinion. These include such things as increasing membership, improving communication tools, strengthening lobbying efforts, and continuing forest educational activities – to ensure that OSWA remains a strong advocate for family forestland owners. Contributions at or above $500 elevate members into the Patron Program.

Yes, I would like to pledge $__________. My name is ______________________________

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Bill and Mary Potterf – Jackson/Josephine Counties
Several years ago, when the Jackson/Josephine Counties chapter was in need of leadership, Bill stepped up to be president of the Jackson/Josephine Counties chapter. As a leader, Bill helped turn the chapter around to become more productive. Bill and Mary are always the first to raise their hands to volunteer and to do whatever needs to be done. Mary consistently does a fantastic job of providing table decorations for the chapter’s annual meeting. Both always bring a cheerful attitude to their involvement. Dennis Morgan said “Bill and Mary are a very positive force making Jackson/Josephine Small Woodlands Association work”.

Michael Atkinson – Lane County
Michael has been instrumental in sustaining Lane County chapter’s finances for many years, serving as Chapter Treasurer. He has also been an active member of the Lane County chapter board volunteering to help keep the chapter operating successfully. Michael and wife Connie are very active in the Oregon Tree Farm System for over 25 years. Michael has organized successful annual seeding sales for many years and continues to participate in chapter events. Gary Jensen said “Michael is a top quality volunteer and strong supporter of both OSWA and the American Tree Farm System”.

Dave Bateman – Linn County
Dave is a past president of the Linn County Chapter and has had a long involvement in the chapter. He currently co-chairs the chapter’s Program Committee and organized the Woodland Information Night for the Linn and Benton County Chapters, and Linn County’s May Twilight Tour. Dave edits “Down on the Tree Farm”, a regular column in Northwest Woodlands and is unofficially the chair of the Chapter’s Annual Meeting. Mike Barsotti said “When the current Chapter President has a question on what to do, Dave gets a call. Calling him the glue that keeps the Board effective best describes him”.

Joe and Jan Steenkolk – Lincoln County
Over the years, Joe and Jan have done much to keep the Lincoln County chapter going strong. They are always volunteering for whatever events Lincoln County is involved in such as woods tours, meetings, and training sessions. As Master Woodland Managers, they volunteer their time to assist family forest owners and were recognized by OSU Forestry Extension as Lincoln County Master Woodland Managers of the Year in 2011. Peter Bregman “Joe and Jan are the “go to” couple in the Lincoln County chapter when things need to get done”.

Gene and Lynnette Henshaw – Marion/Polk Counties
Gene and Lynnette are very helpful in all Marion/Polk County events. As members of the chapter board, they have actively participated in board discussions and have been involved in making board decisions. Both are very active in making chapter annual meetings a success. As members of the OSWA Membership Committee, they have made contributions to OSWA’s Membership Plan and spend countless volunteer time making chapter reminder phone calls. Mark Havel said “Gene and Lynnette volunteer their time to see that the Marion/Polk chapter remains effective in serving its chapter member needs”.

Elmer Parker – Yamhill County
Elmer was a member of the Yamhill County chapter when it was formed and has been volunteering for decades. He has been president of the chapter twice and served as chapter treasurer for close to a decade. Elmer is currently the Door Prize Chairman of the chapter annual meeting, a position he has served for the last thirteen years. He is also the past Yamhill County Tree Farmer of the Year. Norma Parker said “Elmer has forestry and its support in his blood. OSWA is an important organization to him and he volunteers regularly to support it”.

Hal Hagglund added “the Yamhill County Small Woodland Association board all agreed that Elmer greatly deserves this recognition”.

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Dave Schmidt Receives OSWA Riggin’ Slinger Award

By Jim James

Since 1982, OSWA selects a member who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership within the organization to receive the Riggin’ Slinger Award. The title “Riggin Slinger Award” is from the title of the individual who in a high lead logging operation is the person depended upon for quick thinking, leadership, and achievement. A riggin’ slinger works on the landing and coordinates all the activities of the entire crew. Without a committed and hardworking riggin’ slinger, things do not get done and the job and crew are put at risk.

The 2013 recipient is Dave Schmidt. Dave serves on OSWA’s Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and is also on the Board of Directors for Woodland Carbon. He represents family forest owners on the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) Board of Directors along with Anne Hanschu. He has also participated in Membership Committee meetings chaired by Nancy Hathaway and consistently offers leadership when addressing the rewards and challenges within OSWA. Dave received the award during the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet on June 14th.

Previous Riggin’ Slingers include:

1982 – Clyde Ramsey
1983 – George Schroeder
1984 – Barney Doneen
1985 – Bob Kintigh
1986 – Robert Mealey
1987 – Bert Udell
1988 – KC VanNatta
1989 – Lee Hunt
1990 – Philip J. Kuhl, Jr
1991 – William MacKenzie
1992 – Glen Johnson
1993 – Wendell Harman
1994 – Jim Denison
1995 – Gary Carlson
1996 – Sara Leiman
1997 – Ilene Waldorf
1998 – Gary Springer
1999 – Bill Arsenault
2000 – No award given
2001 – Marjorie Nichols
2002 – John Poppino
2003 – Paul Nys
2004 – John Foster
2005 – Clint Bentz
2006 – Roy Hendrick III
2007 – Lynn Nichols
2008 – Mike Barnes
2009 – Lyn Boniface
2010 – Ken Faulk
2011 – David Ford
2012 – Nancy Hathaway
2013 – Dave Schmidt
“Sharpening Our Edge” Fund Drive

By Scott Hayes

When preparing the 2012/2013 fiscal budget the OSWA Board of Directors included revenue from an annual fund drive. The 2013 fund drive was launched at our annual meeting in Roseburg.

In the past, many of our members have made contributions to help make us successful. This annual fund drive allows us to officially recognize our “OSWA Supporters”. By the end of the annual meeting members pledged over $2,100 to the Fund Drive!

The Board encourages you to make a donation to help us ‘sharpen our edge’, ensuring that OSWA remains a strong advocate for family forestland owners. You will find a promotional flyer on page 12 that can be returned with your donation.

Also, four members currently donate at a level that earns them the title of OSWA Patron. They are Lane County’s Sara Leiman of Coast Range Conifer, Lincoln County’s Dave Schmidt of the Schmidt Family Forest, Washington County’s Kent Grewe and Clackamas County’s Scott Hanson.

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By Jim James

all OSWA correspondence (newsletters and NW Woodland magazine) mailed to grown children or grandchildren they may sign them up as a Family Member at a rate of $30 per year. Such members will have all the rights of membership except the right to vote. This new membership category is available immediately and will become a normal option when members renew their annual membership for 2014. For those wishing to signing up family members for the remainder of 2013, the rate will be $10. Contact Jim James jimjamesoswa@yahoo.com to register a Family Member.

Membership

Through May, OSWA is falling short of its retention and recruitment goals. As of the end of May retention has been at 86% (goal 95%) and recruitment is at 93 new members (goal 250). At the request of the Membership Committee, the Board approved offering non-OSWA members who register and attend a Howdy Neighbor Tour in 2013 a free OSWA membership for the remainder of 2013. As a side note, five non-OSWA members participating in the tour on June 15th took advantage of this offer and joined OSWA. These members will be invoiced for membership with the membership renewals for 2014.

Budget

With five months left in OSWA’s fiscal budget for 2012/2013 it appears revenue from membership dues will be significantly lower than predicted in the budget. Some deficits will be offset by revenues from the Patron Program in excess of budget, but it appears OSWA may have a loss for fiscal 2012/2013. The Board voted not to reduce Executive Director’s time from four to three days per week as a safety precaution. The success of membership recruitment, the OSWA Fund Drive, and expanding the Patron Program will determine how close OSWA will come to budget projections. Chapter membership dues ($10 per member) will be paid out to chapters in July.

The next OSWA Board meeting is Friday, September 27th at the Salem office Board Room from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The budget and work plan for 2013/2014 will be approved during that board meeting.
Oregon Forest Resources Institute - NEWS RELEASE - June 17, 2013 - Contact: Dave Kvamme – 971-673-2948

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Forest Resources Institute has released a new special report and video, Powered by Oregon – a primer on the potential of woody biomass to increase Oregon’s energy independence, strengthen rural economies and improve forest health.

According to the report, restoring forest health represents the largest potential for new sources of biomass. The U.S. Forest Service projects that as many as 6.4 million bone-dry tons of small-diameter trees too small to saw into lumber could be available annually for the next 20 years.

“Moving from small-scale patchwork to landscape-level restoration in Oregon’s overstocked dry-side forests could produce a steady stream of biomass from very small trees and residuals,” said Paul Barnum, OFRI’s executive director. “Restoring east-side forest health and fire resiliency would represent a win for rural communities on a number of levels,” he added.

Already, nearly 6 million BDTs of biomass are available annually from mill residuals – chips, shavings and sawdust left over from wood and plywood manufacturing. That market is well-established and little is wasted. Another 500,000 BDTs come from logging slash recovered and used for energy production. About twice that much is left in the woods to be burned or to decay.

The report and companion video provide a high-level view of how biomass is being used today and how it could be used in the future. As a member of the state’s Biomass Working Group, OFRI teamed with State of Oregon departments of Forestry and Energy and the Oregon State University College of Forestry to develop the materials.

“You get the stories of real individuals and real businesses who are making this happen,” said Marcus Kauffman, Oregon Department of Forestry biomass resource specialist. “And you see how biomass relates to forest health and creates jobs. It’s an important story for Oregon.”

The 16-page report and nine-minute video are available free of charge at OregonForests.org.

You Taxed, Oh Forest Landowner??

By: Sara Leiman

Got some questions, stories or concerns about taxes that you, your family and your forest land must pay?? We want to hear about it!

Members of the Committee for Family Forest Lands (CFF) are landowners, members of the public, representatives of interest groups, and ex-officio advisors who take on topics that affect family forest landowners in Oregon. As an advisory committee to the Oregon Board of Forestry (BOF), CFF fact-finds, and make that information and any recommendations for action available to the Board of Forestry.

The topic of taxation on forested land in Oregon and on forest landowners of Oregon is broad, complicated and perhaps little understood by the taxpayers, the public and policy makers. So the CFF has begun investigating all aspects. This is ranging from state and federal income and estate taxes to harvest taxes to property taxes, and all others the CFF can uncover and illuminate.

If you have input into specific tax topics you would like to see or stories you might want to share in order to make improvements to tax situations or mechanisms, the CFF would like to hear about it. Please send comments to Jim James at jimjamesoswa@yahoo.com. Jim will forward these comments to the CFF for consideration in their review of how taxes impact family forest owners in Oregon.

Sara Leiman is a member of OSWA and was appointed to the CFF by the Board of Forestry to represent the interests of family forest owners. Other OSWA members on the CFF include Susan Watkins, Rick Barnes, and Roje Goottee. The Oregon Department of Forestry coordinates the CFF. Ex-officio members include Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), OSU Forestry Extension. Associated Oregon Loggers, (AOL), Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS), US Forest Service, and OSWA. CFF meets monthly and all meetings are open to the public.
Changes in ODF Requirements for Written Plans When Operating Near Riparian Areas

By Ashley Brooke Probst

On June 5th, the Board of Forestry adopted the proposed rule language to implement HB 2165; changes in requirements for statutory written plans. In the adopted packet was a variety of housekeeping changes including helpful definitions that have been added for clarity, along with revisions to outdated references. You can view the adopted rule language as it was proposed to the Board during their June 2013 meeting at http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/pages/board/index.aspx, Consent Agenda E. All of the changes will take effect on September 1, 2013.

The primary rule change regarding written plan requirements can be viewed in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 629-605-0170 (Written Plans). This change will allow a waiver of the statutory written plan to be applied to harvest, road construction or treatment of slash/site preparation operations. If operation activity will not directly affect the physical components of certain water resource’s riparian management areas, a waiver may be applied. The specifics of this rule are referenced in the Forest Practices Technical Note #10, which will be available shortly prior to the September 1st effective date.

It will be important for the landowner to fully understand the resources present on their land and be able to identify the proper riparian management area. Currently a website is being developed to communicate this specific information with landowners and educate them on waiver eligibility. Your local stewardship foresters and ODF office will also be able to assist in determining your eligibility. If you meet the requirements, the website will act as written notice of the written plan waiver. However, if your operation still requires a statutory written plan, the stewardship forester will continue to alert you in the same fashion they do today. As always, it’s best to communicate with ODF prior to commencing an operation. It’s also important to note, this waiver applies only to statutory written plans, and not the 15 day operational review waiting period that accompanies all notifications.

The result of this change will allow landowners to work on more of their property, with less administrative paperwork, and potentially begin operating sooner. If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact the Oregon Department of Forestry, Private Forests Division at 503-945-7207.

Discovery Pavilion at the Oregon Garden Set to Highlight Local Wood Products and Forests

By Julie Woodard

In partnership with the Oregon Garden Foundation (OGF) and Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), the 15-acre Rediscovery Forest provides an on-the-ground educational experience for students, educators, family forest landowners and the general public. Over the past 10 years, Rediscovery Forest Education Programs have told Oregon’s forestry story to more than 50,000 students and 15,000 adults. Demand for the programs has increased over time, and in response, OGF and OFRI have partnered to build the Discovery Pavilion.

The 1,300-square-foot Discovery Pavilion will be the centerpiece for education programs and a place for visitors to gather in the heart of the Rediscovery Forest. The structure will enable programs and events to accommodate more visitors, particularly those who are physically disabled. The pavilion will also tell a story and educate visitors about wood as a viable green product and construction material.

Project leaders have already secured $40,000 in funding toward the total project budget of $175,000. The remaining funds will be raised from private corporations, individuals and foundations. To support construction, the Discovery Pavilion project leaders are seeking support from Oregon Small Woodlands Association and Oregon Tree Farm System, and their chapters and members.

Plans include interpretive signage highlighting sustainable forest management, local wood products and forest certification. The goal is to complete construction of the new pavilion by September 2014.
It Takes a Diverse Village
By Bettina Ring, Senior Vice President for Family Forests

In many ways, what makes the American Tree Farm System® so unique is the “system” part of the equation: a system of unique state committees and on-the-ground partners that works within a larger national program to advance sustainable forestry across America.

It’s this diversity—state to state—Tree Farmer to Tree Farmer—that gives us our strength and sense of purpose. While we hold common values and our love of the land is something we all share, we are not a homogeneous group. People own land for different reasons; acquire land through varying circumstances; decide on land management strategies based on diverse priorities. So to be as effective as we can be, the Tree Farm program needs to embrace diversity—in our leadership, partners, landowners, committee make-up and in our outreach to new landowners.

At this year’s National Leadership Conference, I was encouraged to see that nearly half the attendees were there for the first time. Among them were young men and women new to their leadership positions, being mentored by leaders who have been around a long time—with a lot of wisdom and passion. These young leaders brought a passion of their own, and so many new ideas. They asked the tough questions, and were thinking outside the box.

I’ve seen this kind of leadership and passion during the past several months while I have traveled to visit with Tree Farm Committees, partner organizations and woodland landowners from Maine to Virginia, Oregon, California and Colorado. I have been so inspired by what I have witnessed: Deep dedication and commitment from individuals who traveled long distances to be together during holidays and weekends, to share ideas and advance a land ethic and sustainable forest management.

I saw collaborations among various landowner organizations in Oregon and Washington, agriculture and forestry groups in Maine, industry and public agencies in Virginia, private landowners and state agencies in Colorado, and conservation organizations and authors in California. All caring deeply about the connection between land and people—all having an impact on the ground and making a difference in their own communities. All demonstrating that we are more effective working together than alone and working hand in hand with woodland owners who are protecting forest values Americans care about: clean water, clean air, wildlife, wood, outdoor recreation and strong rural economies.

From my travels during the past several months, I am reminded that for certified Tree Farmers, the American Tree Farm System® covers all the bases. The national program offers family forest owners educational tools and resources, and a voice in Washington. We bring the voice of family forest owners to the table in a way that no other organization has ever done—ensuring that woodland owners get their fair share of federal program dollars to keep their working forests working. Our state committees offer woodland owners on-the-ground opportunities to learn about sustainable forestry, connect with like-minded woodland owners and be part of a community of Tree Farmers in their state.

It is this partnership, at the national level and on the ground through our state partners, that provides the best services and support to family forest owners. It’s unique. It’s diverse. And it’s a win-win.


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2012 Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, Bill and Joan Arsenault – Paradise Creek Ranch hosted a joint Oregon Tree Farm System Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year and Oregon Small Woodlands Association Howdy Neighbor Tour on June 15th as a wrap up to OSWA’s annual meeting in Roseburg. Other hosts besides OTFS, OSWA, and Bill, Joan, and the Arsenault family were Douglas County Small Woodlands Association, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, OSU Forestry Extension, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Barnes and Associates, Farm Credit Services, and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Implementation Committee. There were well over 125 participants who learned about the history of Paradise Creek Ranch, stream restoration, challenges related to T&E species, discussions about when to harvest, silvicultural options, and how to have a good time on a woods tour.

Bill and Joan Arsenault have also been recognized by American Forest Foundation (AFF) as Western Regional OTFOY and will participate with three other regional OT-FOY in the AFF Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN in July where the National OTFOY will be announced. At this OTFOY tour, Joe Holmberg presented the Arsenaults with their OTFOY plaque and a $250 certificate from Stihl Saw Company. Stihl is a sponsor of the American Tree Farm System’s Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year recognition program. Oregon Department of Forestry representative Jim Cathgart presented the Arsenaults with a letter from Governor Kitzhaber congratulating them for being recognized as Western Regional OTFOY and for their contribution to Oregon’s family forest community. ATFS Vice President of Bettina Ring congratulated the Arsenaults for their contribution to the American Tree Farm System.
Six Nominees for 2013 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year

By Dick Courter

Six American Tree Farm System candidates have been nominated by their OSWA chapters to be 2013 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. They include Clackamas County – Matt and Beth Twist; Washington County – Sam Sadler; Benton County – Paul Lorenz (Lorenz Family Trust); Linn County - Rod and Ann Bardell; Douglas County – Rick and Audrey Barnes (Nickel Mountain, LLC); and Jackson County – Michael and Barbra Meredith. All six are OTFOY for their local chapters.

Judging will take place during the summer and fall. All will be recognized during the Oregon Tree Farm System’s Annual Meeting on Monday November 25th at the World Forestry Center in Portland. Congratulations to these nominees.

*** ATTENTION WOODLAND OWNERS ***

“A View of Scandinavian Cooperatives”

The Oregon Woodland Cooperative (OWC) is sponsoring a tour to Sweden and Norway May 24 to June 8, 2014. Tour is open to all woodland owners with a limited space of 42. Flight will be on Icelandair leaving from Seattle.

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Upcoming Events

**July 20, 2013**
Linn County Annual Picnic

**July 27, 2013**
OSU Extension Lincoln County Woods Tour
OSU Extension Giustina Resources Mollala Operations Tour

**August 10, 2013**
Curry County Howdy Neighbor Tour

**August 18, 2013**
OSWA Board Call

**September 5, 2013**
OSWA Executive Committee Meeting

**September 6, 2013**
OTFS Board Meeting

**September 12, 2013**
OSWA Board Call

**September 14, 2013**
Lincoln County Howdy Neighbor Tour

**September 27, 2013**
OSWA Board Meeting

**November 25, 2013**
OTFS Annual Meeting