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Next OSWA Meeting
March 7
Executive Committee, Salem,
Oregon

April 24-26
OSWA Annual Meeting
Florence, Oregon

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Do you have a question about the wonderful forests of Oregon just outside your door-step? Then come to a 2008 Howdy Neighbor! Full Spectrum Forestry tour. They are open to the public, so bring your family and neighbors. They are Free and Fun for every one!!!

This is a very special edition of The Woodlander Update. We are mailing this "Woodlander Update" to all families and individuals who own between 10 and 5000 acres of woodlands in Oregon for FREE, and inviting you and your friends and neighbors to join us at these events over next few months.



In 2007, we worked with partners to offer this new set of outreach programs that brought woodland owners and others together to help plan and shape the future of our family woodlands. Check out the photos on page 6. We are looking to continue these grass roots efforts in 2008.

Based upon survey results of our membership, we have also included educational information about Oregon's unique fire program and your responsibility as landowners. We like to thank all volunteers and the groups who made this project happen.

We will come together to address the issues that affect the complex connection between the land, family forest land owners, and society. And we'd like you and your friends and neighbors to join us.

We are here to serve you the best way we can. We want to provide you with opportunity to tell us how we can do that in a fun, valuable and enjoyable way. We have some folks who can help us, such as Forest Dan, our local volunteers and patrons. (See page 3 for more)

The OSWA Vision

To see privately owned family woodlands are a thriving part of Oregon's landscape in 2050

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunity to Family Woodland Owner by:

- Educating and informing the owners of forested tracts and the public regarding forestry and family forestland management issues.
- Providing a medium for the exchange of ideas about family forestland by land owners, public agencies, consultants and timber industry personnel.
- Serving as a forum to make recommendations for investigating and solving problems, and for improving forest management, harvesting, and marketing.
- Disseminating information on the establishment, growth, harvesting and marketing of forest crops produced on family forestlands, and to foster the wise use and protection of forests and encourage better forestry practices.
- Representing the owners of family forestlands to the general public and before legislative bodies and regulatory agencies.
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President's Message...

by Mike Barnes

Greetings to all of you, Mates.

I just returned from an adventure down under to New Zealand. It was great to be in the middle of summer while most of you were in the middle of this crummy winter.

On the day we returned, we were greeted by four inches of cold, cold snow.

We spent all of our days on the South Island where the great mountains of NZ are located, and during the funeral of Sir Edmund Hillary, NZ's greatest hero.

The forests (native and planted) are impressive. One thing we enjoyed most was the lack of people and the abundance of wide open spaces. We had that here some decades ago. If you ever have the chance, go and see for yourself, the wonders of the land of the long white cloud.

I hope all of you will take advantage of the variety of programs being offered this year by OSWA. To begin with, you should all plan to attend the annual meeting in Florence, set for April 24-26. You will not be disappointed as you spend three days enjoying education and fun activities. This will also be our first of at least five Howdy Neighbor tours.

This tour will be on the historic Ellingson family forest located along the Siuslaw River. With the help of volunteers, we guarantee a great experience.

We plan to move the Howdy Neighbor days around the state from north to south, and east to west. You will find one within your reach. Plan to attend; you will be well rewarded, and bring a neighbor.

This is certainly a challenging time for those that have plans to harvest this year. Prices continue to remain very low and with the housing concerns will likely stay low for some time. We have seen times like these in the past and most have found a way to survive. Sometimes, out of hard times come opportunity, so be open to that which might rise from the depths of this low.

If we can survive the continuous deluge of political propaganda, we can survive most anything. And, if we believe what the politicians say and the tooth fairy, all will be fixed with the election of a new President.

See you in Florence for some clam chowder and a look at my home town!

p.s. Mark your calendar now for the National Tree Farmer Convention, coming to the Northwest this fall. For the first time since the mid-1990s, the annual convention of the American Tree Farm System® will be held in Portland, OR, Oct. 16-18, 2008. Details to follow soon.



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Who is Forest Dan?

Forest Dan is that character from Oregon, who lives and breathes Oregon forests as well as anywhere else they grow. He takes the view of both the tree hugger and tree whacker, realizing that they are the same.

Since we are all citizens, we are all part of the great consumption of the planet's resources, and generally just arguing details.

So we must realize that wise use of resources by everyone and good stewardship of the forests by those whose job it is to manage them, will benefit everyone. Let's not shout from opposite sides of the field, let's get out there and play! Each day all of us vote to cut trees to supply us with so much, as we use paper and live in our wooden houses. Every Tree Hugger is a Tree Whacker and visa versa.

And now, a few words from the man himself. "Howdy Neighbor! So that's who I am.

I'd like it if we could all look at the out-of-doors and forests and trees as a snapshot of humanity. Think of trees as our equals; we are the top of the food chain and so are they. We consume the oxygen they produce,

and they consume the carbon dioxide we produce. If we consume too many of them, something will be out of balance, and that will be a people problem. It actually already is a people problem. Yet it isn't the people in the forest felling trees that are the real problem, it's the billions of us consuming those trees that create that result. Nobody is just out cutting down trees for the hell of it--it is hard and dangerous work. Let's imagine that you and I are out in the forest right now, perhaps driving down a back lane. You might be the land owner or a government agency, and I could be a logging contractor or an environmentalist, but since there are a lot of possible combinations, let's say you are the owner and I am Forest Dan, a fellow who wants to talk with you about your woods.

We can all improve the forests and benefit from them too. Harvest and invigorate at the same time, reduce the fire fuels and forest fire intensity; improve the overall quality of the timber stands while capturing the fiber, energy and carbon; all of this by thinning and selective harvesting. If we take the worst first and leave a better forest than when we entered, by selectively harvesting, we are improving the vitality of the forest and extending our forest stewardship into the future. All of these things are easy if we take the time to think, take the care to find the right equipment and operators, or take the time to do it ourselves.

On an industrial and global level it is unlikely to be accepted at first, but for the private forest landowner, on a local basis, to have your forest and use it wisely at the same time is an ideal partnership. Many point out that the forest industry is global, and yes as an industry it is, as logs from this country travel around the globe to be manufactured at a lesser cost and then come back to us. But this is stupid! Is it worth being stupid, to make a penny on someone else's cheap labor? A good friend of mine coined the phrase; 'use local wood for global good.'" (Continued on page 5)

Resources

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Your connection to the most recent news and information affecting family forestland owners including technical assistance, legislation and stories on great stewardship.

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Meet Our Hosts

Our Hosts on the Coast! are Ivan and Diane Ellingson, and Shasta. They would like to welcome you to their family woodlands, near Florence, on the **26th of April**.

The Ellingsons said “The farm has been family owned since 1908 through five generations. In 2001, **Ellingson Family Farm LLC**, a limited liability company was formed to aid in the inter generational transfer of ownership. Through the years, the farm has been a dairy and beef operation, raised strawberries, daffodils, and timber. We are shifting from farm crops and beef cattle to timber. Currently, 33,000 thirteen year-old Douglas fir are growing on 90 acres. There are 100 plus acres of mostly 60-90 year-old Douglas fir, alder and brush. The remainder of the 300 acres is taken by roads, creek, home sites, pastures, and hay fields. Large animal wildlife consisting of black bear, deer, and elk make frequent appearances. We also want to offer recreational opportunities, which will encourage family members and friends to return to the farm.”

Our southern event near Medford on the **17th of May** is a jointly hosted venture with Ace and Margaret Carter and Lee and Susi Korner. This location offers an excellent place for a tour to see a forest planted following the 10,000 acre Hull Mountain Fire of 1994. Korner and Carter forests show the difference between very active and semi-active management.

The World Forestry Center is the place to be on the **7th of June**.

We'll meet outside the center before setting off on a number of easy walking trails to discuss your issues related to the “Urban” family woodlander,

After this tour, stick around and join other special guests at the non-profit World Forestry Center for a self-guided tour of the recently-renovated Discovery Museum—free of charge. At the World Forestry Center, visitors of all ages can now explore the forests of the world from top to bottom with over 40 hands-on learning stations, informative new exhibits, and world class gallery shows. For more information see www.worldforestry.org.

July 26th we are back at the beach. This time, in the northern part of the state near Astoria. Having just reported on the storm damage, we are sure to have a lot of questions and opportunities to see neighbors helping neighbors.

September 6th see us visit family woodlands near Monroe in Benton County, (The Tale of Marsha Carr, page 7) where we'll learn, amongst other things, how Marsha is involved in a number of woodlands groups.

Mark and Gigi Copeland's family woodlands outside Prineville is the venue for the final 2008 Howdy Neighbor! tour on **September 27th**.

If you want to attend all or any of these fun events please fill out a registration form or contact the OSWA state office to book your place. Remember to invite your friends and family; the more, the merrier!!!

All Howdy Neighbor! Events run from 9.a.m. to 1 p.m., and are free and open to the public.



Forest Dan (From Page 3)

I'm a tree hugger, and because I fully understand that by our personal consumption of trees we all vote to cut the land on a commercial scale, and it is very tough to look at. On the other hand I'm a tree whacker, and I truly enjoy, perhaps as much as anything else, to put on my chaps and helmet and go cutting in my forest. Please notice that I didn't say "cut down my forest." Now a great realization is that we are all tree huggers and tree whackers; we all want our forests and use them too.

Time for Questions, Answers, and Opinions!

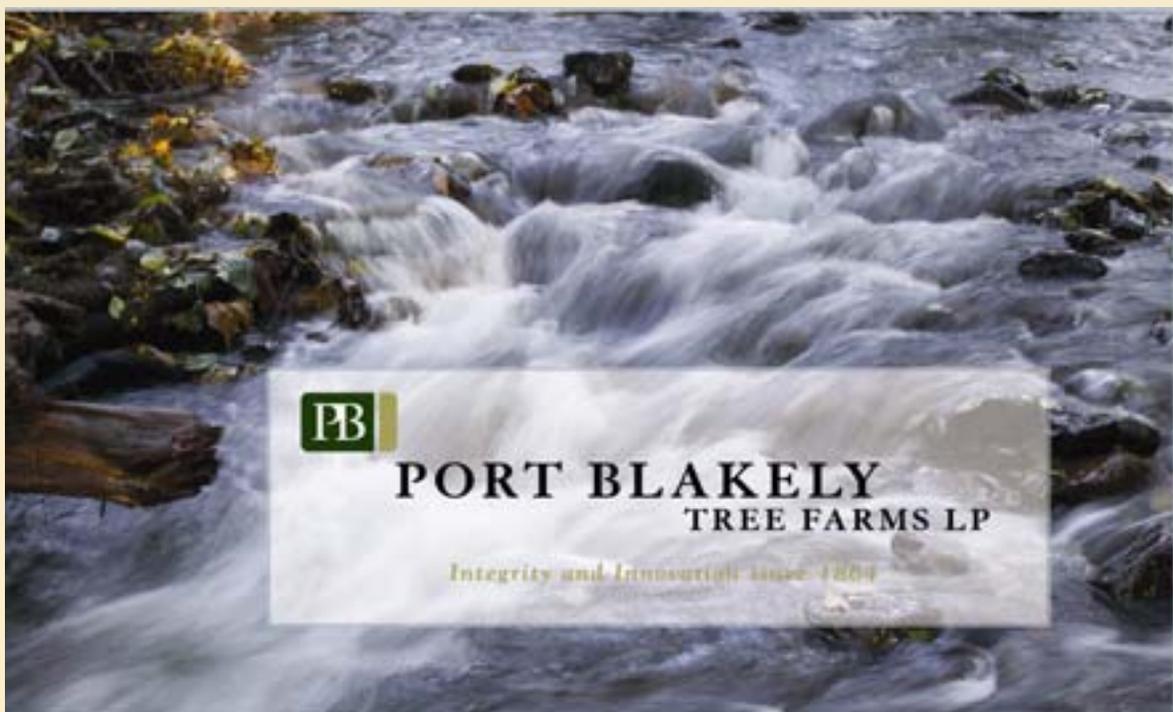
Experimenting for the past 15 or 20 years, I've done thinning and selective harvesting operations that have resulted in a few log truck loads of logs to the mill every year, and many cords of firewood, as well as site-milled lumber for a new house, flooring, and furniture. My productivity in harvesting is two log truck loads of logs for each five gallons of gas. Not a single standing tree is damaged with cat-faces; there are no skidding ruts, there is no erosion in our months of rain, and no blow down during the next storm. I have a very happy forest, but how can this be done? And how can we take all of the forest products to their highest value? That brings up a lot of questions and I want to ask you to start up a conversation with me on the pages of this magazine.

To help get us started, let's take a couple of questions I'll be discussing in future columns. I've heard versions of these questions many times and answer them regularly.

OK Forest Dan, I've seen you demonstrating that pedal powered gizmo for high pruning, but I'd like to know if you really make any money doing it? Why would anyone prune in the forest?

So Forest Dan; did you save money by milling your own lumber for your house, and what sort of mill do you run?

Most of all, I'm looking forward to hearing from you so that I can discuss the questions that are on your mind and you can help me. See you at a tour soon!!!"



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2007 Howdy Neighbor! Gallery



Forest Dan introduces the three main themes of the day



As folks get to know each other's issue, conversation and learning starts to flow



It's good to walk in the woods and get the blood and ideas pumping



People start to share their ideas, hopes and dreams about their family woodlands



Each event saw a growing number of folks attend and have fun!



Education

The Tale of Marsha Carr

Marsha grew up with forestry as an important part of her family on the Oakes Family Tree Farm, but it was always more of a guy thing. She always had a passion for plants, but she focused her energy for a long time on a local flower shop, her father was the forest manager. As Marsha's father grew older, he has become less able to handle some of the decision making and day to day management activities. Marsha initially took an interest in documenting the history of the property and her father's knowledge, but ended up getting involved and is now managing the property herself.

Today, Marsha has her hands full managing the family forest. She has taken a keen interest in inventorying some of the stands that should be thinned, and enjoys daily walks through the property. She has begun protecting some of the remaining heritage apple trees that are in a meadow, and regularly brings her kids and grandkids out to play. As for most families, juggling the wide range of goals that her family has for the property is a challenge, but things seem to be going well.



Marsha has quickly grown from novice to being looked to for advice in Oregon's family forestland community. In 2006 Marsha took an OSU Extension Resource Management Planning class, and in 2007 she became a Master Woodland Manager. Marsha attends local Women Owning Woodlands Network meetings to share and learn from others with similar experiences. Just recently Marsha was selected to serve as a liaison between the Benton County chapter and statewide Oregon Small Woodlands Association. She also finds time to work with kids, and will be taking a class of 3rd graders from Junction City next Thursday to the Oregon Logging Conference in Eugene.

Photos: Marsha Carr attends a WOWnet event on identifying native understory woodland plants.

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We encourage you to take full advantage of your local chapter activities and share your experiences with your new friends and neighbors. And, remember to have fun as you protect, manage, use and enhance your family forest resources!

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- Planning for the next generation
- Getting the Family and Friends involved

I / We want to register for Full Spectrum Forestry Field Tour (please circle)

Saturday April 26th	Florence	Saturday May 17th	Medford
Saturday June 7th	Portland	Saturday July 26th	Astoria
Saturday September 6th	Monroe	Saturday September 27th	Prineville

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Full Spectrum Forestry Field Tour



Open to the Public, bring your Family and Neighbors

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These ground-breaking events are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at family forests in Florence (Saturday April 26th), Medford (Saturday May 17th), Portland (Saturday June 7th), Astoria (Saturday July 26th), Monroe (Saturday September 6th), and Prineville (Saturday September 27th).

Each tour will start with an interactive question and answer session about Full Spectrum Forestry, hosted by Forest Dan! Every aspect of forestland ownership will be touched upon, including best practices in planting, wildlife management, streams and water protection, with references to further information, as well as the combined knowledge of helpful volunteers to help guide you on your quest.

So if you have any interest in supporting family forests; where to find out something about forests, or want to get out in the fresh air and enjoy the family forests, these are events for you!!! Come join us for a blast of information, experiences and vision, for the wonderful family forests of Oregon.

To help us answer your questions please fill out the registration page and return form to the OSWA state office, or email Mike Gaudern at oswaed@oswa.org or call 503 588 1813. Please state your contact details, issues you wish to discuss, tour/s you wish to attend and number of attendees at each.

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