



*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! November 2010

Thank you to everyone that gets this newsletter, for being members! I echo the thank you that you read a week ago in our OSWA State Woodlander Update. November is 'membership month' and we appreciate your membership.

At the top of this newsletter is a listing of our **directors, one of which will be calling** you to say Howdy and talk with you a little about how well our association serves your interests. Please understand that it is our sincere hope, as volunteer leaders of our chapter and its direction, that we are providing you with some value. Please also be honest and forthright in **letting us know how we can do better**, when we call you in just a few days. Whichever director gives you a call will identify themselves and ask you for just a few minutes of your time. I hope it is worthwhile and that we can make our Small Woodlands Association a better one.

Start thinking too, about what sorts of programs you would like to see us put on in the near future! Coming up is an evening indoor program on Seedlings and Chemicals, but this will also be a perfect time to bring up your ideas for future presentations or field trips.

Last Quarter we had two great tours; the first at Bob and Kay Feldman's on top of the Eola highlands and the second at Brothers Terry and Lee Lamers just west of Monmouth. Both Bob Feldman and Terry Lamers are directors of our chapter, both are recent graduates of the Master Woodland Manager course and both manage large (345 and 454 acres) forest operations with excellent practices and a great feel for the land. If you missed these tours and feel you would have benefited, give these guys a call and discuss your questions or concerns. **Master Woodland Managers** are like your 'personal extension agent'.

This quarter (Nov., Dec, and Jan) we have just one event planned, to reduce the chance of conflict with other holiday season things. **On Dec 6th, a Monday, at 6 pm**, we will meet at the **Salem offices of OSU extension at 3180 Center street**, where we will have presentations on **1) Forestry seedlings** and **2) Chemicals for forest use**.

Come to learn from Kathy LeCompte of Brooks Tree Farm and Dan Kintigh of Kintigh's Mountain Home Tree Farm about all types of seedlings; their classes, seed zones, ages and root types; in fact **everything you will need to know to make excellent choices in seedlings** for your next planting project.

We will also have a presentation by **Kurt Spingath, an area expert of Ag Chemicals**, who will give us the rundown on Chemicals for forest use. Learn when to spray, how to spray and what to spray for control of which plants. In both the Seedlings and Chemicals presentations there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion!

There are many interesting things on the horizon; there is talk of a biofuels plant in Dallas, more talk of exports to China, and all sorts of ramifications on the markets and management of our timberlands. And if your plans aren't exactly Timber Timber Timber now, there are many other topics from the landowner goals perspective. We all gain by active, honest discussion.

When we talk on the phone in a few days, please have in mind the sorts of things you would like your directors to know about your goals on your property and for membership in our organization. Below is a list of what we are trying to do, please let us know if we are.....!

Locally, OSWA provides chapter programs and activities such as;

- Meetings, informative speakers
- Local field tours to learn from each others experiences
- Chapter newsletters, programs and contact information
- Tree seedlings and/or native plant sales, or info on where to find them.
- Access to our group of knowledgeable members who love to share information

Statewide, and at the OSWA office in Salem, we are provided the services of;

- Publications related to forestland owners and management
- Representation before the Oregon State Agencies, Legislature, Governor's Office and allied organizations, as well as a professional voice at the national level.
- OSWA's website that offers information for family forestland owners.
- Special discount for fire liability insurance through J.D. Fulwiler

Please come to the Dec 6th meeting **speak your mind when we give you a call**