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The Family Forest Convention: fun and informative!

By Tami Jo Braz

The theme for the 2023 Oregon Family Forest Convention was "Wood, Wildlife, Water, and Recreation: Fostering Family Forests!"

The three-day event was a gathering of members, partners, friends and interested landowners. The convention was hosted by OSWA's Clackamas Chapter in Estacada. There were two days of seminars, tours, OSWA and OTFS membership meetings, meals, and awards. The event culminated with the tour of David and Mary Ann Bugni's beautiful 100-acre tree farm.

The Bugni family was selected as Oregon's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year in 2022.

The FFC began Thursday with lunch, followed by an OSWA and OTFS partner meeting, social time, the opening of the silent auction and dinner.

After breakfast Friday morning, attendees broke into small tour groups. Buses shuttled us to the tour of our choosing. The George Community Fuels Reduction Projects & Eagle Creek National Fish Hatchery, Post 2020 Riverside wildfire recovery (Port Blakely) and Interfor (Molalla Division), Portland General Electric's Clackamas River North Fork Dam Fish Sorting Facility and Floating Surface Collector, or a self-guided walking tour of Estacada, including stopping by the award-winning Estacada Public

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Tree Farmer of the Year 2023

We'll have all the details in the Winter 2024 newsletter issue!

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Meet your board: Suzi Armstrong & Tami Jo Braz



SUZI ARMSTRONG

Suzi Armstrong has been a board member since 2018, and has learned so much about the timber business through OSU Extension Service and Oregon Small Woodlands Association, especially the Douglas County Chapter. “I currently serve as chapter treasurer and last year was appointed the state treasurer for OSWA and am proud to use my banking career to help with this volunteer organization.”

After losing primary land manager John Armstrong in 2015, Suzi was on a fast path to learning. “I wouldn’t have been able to do it without the guidance of the educators, professionals, and other woodland owners whom I’ve met through DSWA. I can’t imagine how I would have lived through the snow storm of 2019 without all the like-minded people and generous help.”

Suzi continues to be a mortgage officer at American Pacific Mortgage in Sutherlin. Other community service

includes administrative assistant for the Kellogg Rural Fire District; Douglas Electric Co-Op board member and member of the Southwest Regional Advisory Council Access and Habitat Board.

Suzi owns and co-manages 200 acres of small woodlands with grandson Trevor Armstrong, who is a forester for Roseburg Forest Products. In 2021, the Armstrong household became a multi-generational home with the addition of Suzi’s 98-year old mother, Martha Scott.

“It’s so wonderful to be a part of such a generous community and I hope to participate for many years to come,” she says.

TAMI JO BRAZ

Tami Jo Braz is a lifelong Douglas County resident who is passionate about stewardship of Oregon’s forests and woodlands. She and her husband, Barry, have owned and managed a 50-acre parcel in Oakland for 36 years. They enjoy the multiple benefits of wood production, wildlife habitat enhancement, and creating recreation and educational opportunities on their land. She and Barry were selected as Douglas County’s Tree Farmers of the Year in 2004.

Barry and Tami both completed Master Woodland Manager training in 2019, and volunteer tirelessly. They enjoy meeting and networking with folks from seasoned professionals to newbies, people who are like-minded and would not meet any other way than OSWA. Tami has been serving on the DSWA board for seven years as secretary and membership coordinator, and four years as OSWA membership co-chair.

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New member spotlight: Rusty, Elena & Lian Lininger

Raven Brothers Forestry LLC is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business that takes pride in its dedication to stewarding land and serving the community. It is owned and operated by the Lininger family — Rusty, Elena and son Lian. We provide forestry services including trail construction, fuel mitigation, pasture reclamation, selective precision thinning and tree planting.

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Apart from our dedication to forestry services, we take great pride in giving back to the community. Rusty is also co-founder of a local non-profit organization, Source One Serenity, that focuses on benefiting veterans through the healing power of nature — outdoor recreation and trail stewardship in the Umpqua National Forest.

At Raven Brothers Forestry, we are driven by our commitment to making a positive impact on the environment and the community. We are honored to be featured in the Douglas Small Woodlands Association newsletter and look forward to continuing our journey of sustainable land management and service to the nation.

For more information about our services, please visit our website www.ravenoregon.com.



Rusty, Elena and Lian Lininger

Annual dinner meeting Jan. 23

This year's Douglas Small Woodlands Association annual meeting and dinner auction will be Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

"Historical Fire Regimes and Forest Dynamics in the Umpqua River Basin" will be presented by Andrew Herschel, at the annual meeting, Jan. 23, 2024. Andrew is an ORISE postdoctoral fellow working with the USFS PNW Research Station and Oregon State University. Andrew uses tree rings to develop a shared understanding of how different forest ecosystems function over time.

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Neighbor to Neighbor: Why We Belong

Ralph & Joann Sandstede
Three Cluff Ranch & Timberland

By Tami Jo Braz

Author's note: Back to our "roots," June 6, 1977. The Douglas Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association was founded. The original charter, drafted with a typewriter, reads, "To study the issues and challenges of managing and improving small, forested tracts, to educate and inform small woodland owners and the public, and to foster the development of better forestry management and practices."

Eight men — Chairman Lee Hunt, Ralph Sandstede, Robert Logan, Ross Myers, Marion Rentz, Jay Haerberle, Bill Vian and Joe Morgan — and one woman, Joann Sandstede, DSWA's first chapter president, led the effort to raise the awareness of responsible and sustainable forestry in Douglas County. Forty-six years later, the legacy continues.

In 1885, Joann's grandfather, Joseph L. Clough, bought a donation land claim from homesteaders who couldn't "prove up." Her dad, Huron W. Clough, purchased a home and timberland near Stanton Park in Canyonville as a wedding present for his new wife, Lois. Today, I-5 bisects the parcel. These beginnings add up to the "Three Cluff Ranch & Timberland LLC." "Three" pays tribute to the three daughters of Huron and Lois. "Cluff" is the British version of the surname Clough, the name the sisters used to form their LLC when Clough was unavailable.

Joann grew up going back and forth between the home and farmland near Stanton Creek and the ranch in Days Creek. The family had prune and walnut orchards, turkeys, cattle and sheep. They also tended about 15-20 goats to keep the forest clean and the fire danger down. When the war (WWII) broke out, having no brothers, Joann or "Go-Ann," her father's pet name



Photo courtesy Sandstede family

Joann and Ralph Sandstede

for her, was out helping on the farm and driving the tractor, learning the value of hard work.

Ralph grew up in Minnesota, but after a tornado blew their farmhouse away, his mother moved the family to Oregon to start over. Throughout high school, Ralph delivered milk early in the morning, sleeping only one hour, before heading out to school. He saved part of his earnings so he would not have to work during his senior year. Ralph graduated from RHS in 1942. He served in the Seabees from 1943-46. Ralph worked as a supervisor, manager and salesman at Green Valley and Round Prairie lumber companies. He was generous with his time and built opportunity, especially for young people, by hiring after-school and summer workers.

Joann and Ralph Sandstede were married in 1960. Ralph became a partner at Round Prairie after he "settled down." They had three daughters, Dorothy, Anita and Julie. Joann managed the family and the

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timber while Ralph ran the mill. Joann said she never sold Round Prairie her logs, so there was no conflict of interest.

Ralph was instrumental in helping to establish the Southern Oregon Log Scaling Bureau. As a mill owner, he saw the benefit to landowners, who were "downgrading" loads. The Log Scaling Bureau is a not-for-profit, unbiased, objective, third-party organization responsible for grading and scaling logs after the timber comes off the tree farm and before entering the sawmill. Ralph also served as a Douglas County Commissioner for two years, leading the following projects: the Douglas County Museum, the Galesville Dam and the American Legion Hall.

Lastly, Ralph served on the steering committee to form the Douglas Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association. Joann said, "There was a need to educate people about growing timber and to help them realize what an asset they had. They were not aware that the timber was worth something." She continues, "Landowners needed to be able to find operators with integrity. To learn the importance of networking with OSU Extension educational resources and industry partners to find out what they needed."

The newly formed DSWA chapter elected Joann as its first president. Daughter Julie said, "She was voted in because the male members did not want to do the paperwork." Joanne added, "Those were the days of typewriters." Julie recalled her mom saying, "I've gotta go meet with my boys," as she would be heading out for a board meeting. "Go-Ann" served the Douglas chapter for almost 20 years, attending meetings into the 1990s.

Many logging and replanting projects were recalled. The "Ranch Timber (near Packard Creek) and replanting in the late '70s was a memorable family event," said Julie. Joann told about converting 10 acres of land too steep to farm with a cost-share incentive into timber. Joann herself helped plant the trees that are doing well today. A 10-acre field by the Umpqua River on the I-5 tract was planted in stages in the '90s for the U-Pick-We-Cut, Canyon Bend Christmas tree farm. Ralph was very particular about trimming and shaping his "trees." The family maintained the operation for years before theft, and a market over-supply helped them decide to stop. A few are still growing.




Joann Sandstede

Today, the Sandstede family is in transition and a generational transfer of management of the tree farms is underway. Daughter Anita, who has a financial background, manages fiscal aspects and the daily operations. Julie's role focuses on community outreach and new forestry practices. While Dorothy is a part-owner, she is currently not in an active role in daily operations. As time goes on, the Three Cluff name will come to represent the three daughters of

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Tree Farm Chores: Fall



Inspect tree-planting projects. Now that the hot weather is past, this is a good time to walk through recent tree plantings to check survival. Most mortality due to drought will appear by now. You can still

find seedlings to fill in this winter if necessary.

Hack and squirt hardwoods. Late summer through December is the best time to use this handy technique.

Burn slash piles. Brush and slash piled in summer should be tight and with little dirt. Covering one end with plastic to make a dry spot is a big help. Light them

before they get totally saturated. Contact your tree-planting contractor if you want to plant this winter.

Watch for a good turkey!

Check your road systems for proper drainage. Check culverts during rainstorms to see they have not plugged over the summer.

Plan your spring vegetation management. If you are planting new trees or have a young plantation, conserving moisture by controlling competing vegetation is crucial to survival and growth of your investment.

If pruning is in your plans, fall and winter is a good time to do it. Sap is not flowing so readily as in spring or summer so the chances of damaging your trees is less. December through February is the ideal time to plant trees.

Attend your DSWA board meeting the first Tuesday of the month.

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Ralph and Joann.

Anita and Julie are working with consulting forester Dan Newton on an ongoing reforestation project, following harvests in 2015 and 2016. Regeneration of seedlings on the hot, dry, south-facing slopes has been spotty. A pre-planting herbicide application occurred at the end of July 2023, and additional seedlings were ordered for the 2024-2025 planting season. The goal is to celebrate Joann's 100th birthday in March 2025, with a successful reforestation project completed and the passing of the torch to the next generation.

Daughters Anita and Julie follow their mother's legacy and heritage of leadership and service to OSWA. Anita lives in Roseburg and is the co-chair of the working group for the 2024 DSWA annual meeting. Julie lives in Vancouver, Washington, and was newly elected as OSWA second vice president, serving all 15 chapters. Julie said their mother instilled "a mindset of stewardship, not ownership" in her daughters.

As the twigs are bent (planted, tended, nurtured), so grow the trees. Thank you, Joann.






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New member spotlight: Aldo & Rebecca Nava

Aldo and Rebecca Nava live in Winchester and own Red Fox Forestry LLC, a company that manages forestland. They met at Oregon State University at the college of forestry in 2010.

They have a daughter and a son, Samara and Callahan. They enjoy rock-hounding, gardening, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

Their dream is to one day own forestland property with space for a small farm. They are interested in learning about forestry and sharing their passion for forestry with OSWA.

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Farm-forest gathering attended by nearly 100, hosted in Lookingglass

By Tami Jo Braz

Almost 100 farmers, ranchers, forest and woodland owners, and advocates met July 22 at the tree farm, cattle and hay ranch of Rick and Brenda Epp near “beautiful downtown Lookingglass.” The Epp graciously extended an invitation to host our second annual Farm-Forest Meet and Greet in their large barn, which has been converted into a chic event center with plenty of space and shade.

BBQ hamburgers, paella and plenty of delicious potluck dishes and desserts were shared, along with laughs. Members of our Douglas Small Woodlands chapter, the Douglas County Livestock Association, and Douglas County Farm Bureau mingled, munched, and networked. Douglas County Farm Bureau President Troy Micheals and Tami Jo Braz, DSWA secretary and membership coordinator, spoke about concerns, issues, what we all have in common, and how important it is to unite when outside forces want to divide us.

Oregon Rep. Christine Goodwin and her legislative assistant, Holly Micheals, and Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman were in attendance to show support. Christine spoke about some of the bills that passed, in the just-closed legislative session. Two positive takeaways were an increase in the farm and



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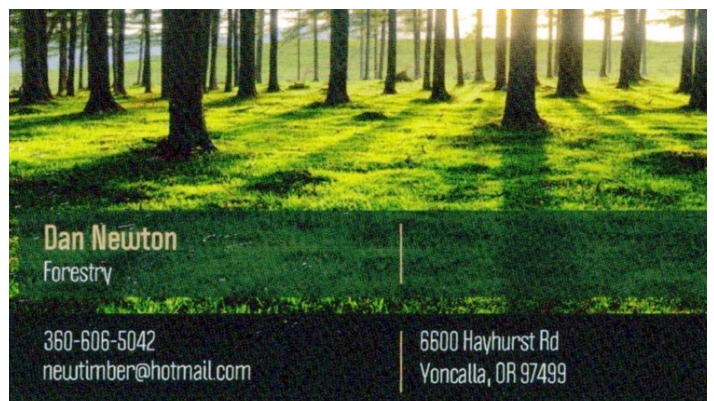


Photo by Tami Jo Braz
Meet-and-Greet hosts Brenda and Rick Epp

forest estate tax exemption, and increase in offset value for small woodland owners in the new Private Forest Accord rulings.

Folks lingered to socialize and network. Youth activities included wood cookie and rock painting, and a child-friendly axe throw.

The Farm Forest Meet and Greet is planned to be an annual event, and the Epp’s have generously extended an invitation to host for next year. The date will be planned sometime after hay season ends and before school begins. You won’t want to miss it!



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Library to view their special display of forest-related literature and historic photos developed especially for the convention.

The afternoon brought educational sessions: Co-Existing with Fire — PNW Fire Ecology; Climate Change and Landscape Vulnerabilities; Home and Property Assessment & Action to Enhance Resilience to Fire; New Rules for Private Forest Accord; Forest Products Innovation; Enhancing Landscape Resilience to Fire; Outlook for Reforestation Seedlings: Nursery Trends, Stock Type, Species, Suitability for Future Site Conditions; and a 2023 update of Oregon woodland-related bills and communication strategies with your legislator.

After dinner, our evening concluded with awards and presentations, including OSWA Volunteers of the Year, Chapter Volunteers of the Year, and the OSWA Rigging Slinger Award. The program concluded by announcing Oregon's Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year 2023, Jim and Ed Merzenich, of the Linn County Chapter. Congratulations Jim and Ed!

Your own Suzi Armstrong and Tami Jo Braz were honored, both as DSWA chapter and OSWA Volunteers of the Year. Suzi and Tami are tireless and dedicated in their support at both the chapter and state level. See their picture on Page 2! Suzi was recognized as OSWA's Stewardship Volunteer of the Year for her work as chapter and OSWA treasurer. Tami was recognized as OSWA's Fellowship Volunteer of the Year. (Referring to S.A.F.E., the four core values of OSWA: Stewardship. Advocacy. Fellowship. Education.)

The culmination of the convention came Saturday as the Bugnis were honored with a tree farm tour, lunch and award. David and Mary Ann graciously hosted over 100 people, who broke into four groups for a tour of their 101 acres with one mile of a medium, type-SSBT creek through the property. Their stands range in age from seven to about 100 years.

They spoke about why they own forestlands and the overall objectives for their property. Stand management: precommercial and commercial thinning,



Photo by Mike Barsotti

From left: Tami Jo Braz, Suzi Armstrong, Gordon Culbertson, Wylda and Steve Cafferata, Dave Ehlers and Kate McMichael

reforestation, fuels reduction measures, carbon storage and sequestration, invasive plant species control, and goals for timber production. The Bugnis have completed extensive riparian and fish habitat restoration projects. David also spoke about grant writing suggestions for fish habitat restoration and fuels reduction. David has written over a million dollars in implemented grants for the family's property and others within the community.

Thank you, David and Mary Ann for your exemplary stewardship. Thank you, Clackamas Chapter of OSWA. Don't miss next year's Family Forest Convention!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Susan Applegate
- Bixby Timber LLC
- Connie Dell'anno
- Robert Muckey
- Abe Mantle
- Patti Jason
- Aldo Nava, Red Fox Forestry
- Twila Jacobsen, Mtn. Grove Center
- Oregon Rep. Virgle Osborne
- LGB Timber LLC
- Dave and Misty Smith





Report for Q3 2023

By John Blodgett, Forest Edge Investments, and Keith McCracken, Log Buyer, Douglas County Forest Products

The Federal Reserve continued to raise the target federal funds rate, with multiple increases of 25 basis points on May 3 and July 26. The July 26 rate was 5.50%. There are mixed opinions on what the Fed will do on the next meeting on Sept. 19, but many believe there may be another rate increase of 25 basis points. Mortgage rates, which typically trend with the target federal funds rate, were 7.62% for a 30-year mortgage on Sept. 7, rates that haven't been since the year 2000.

Housing starts were surprisingly good, considering the dramatic rise in mortgage rates. May single family housing starts were 1.58 million units annualized, June 1.38 million units annualized, and July rose to 1.45 million units. Year to year, July housing starts were up 5.91%.

Inflation continued to rise, with a year-to-year increase of 3.2% of the consumer price index, also known as the CPI. All other items minus food and energy were up 4.7%, year to year. Landowners, loggers, and sawmillers alike will agree that the costs of operation are rising at an unsustainable rate. Economic theory would predict that the rise in interest rates will temper economic activity, which will eventually lower prices (and inflation).

Future demand for lumber over the next year is yet to be seen, but historical models predict an extended period of economic recession, which should diminish the demand for lumber for the next few years.

There has been variability in log markets as we transitioned from spring into the summer months.

Douglas fir log prices made a slow but steady climb into

the \$875-\$900/mbf range as we approached mid-summer. One of the main contributors was the onset of an early and intense fire season. This created some relatively aggressive behavior from mills to utilize space in their log yards in order to ensure inventory was available to keep their mills running in the event of lengthy fire closures in the woods.

September has brought a sudden change in the log market. Milder weather has allowed woods operations to resume as normal. Additionally, many landowners have continued to add log volume into the late summer in certain regions that will have stream buffer or steep slope restrictions once the Private Forest Accord rules fully take effect in 2024.

As fall nears, log inventory at most mills in Douglas and Coos counties seem to be at sufficient levels. Douglas-fir logs are currently being traded between \$775-\$825/mbf. There seems to be an abundance of hemlock on the market which has caused prices to dip into the mid \$500's. White fir has been selling between \$600-\$625/mbf. Log markets to the north into Lane County seem to be slightly higher by \$25-\$50/mbf.

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Forestry at the fair sports new pavilion, courtesy of DTO

By Tami Jo Braz

Our DSWA chapter anchored a corner in the new Douglas Timber Operators forestry pavilion at the Douglas County Fair. Decades of vision were brought to fruition, as industry partners came together with donations and volunteers to build a stunningly beautiful and permanent wood post and beam pavilion. The pavilion includes a cement floor, lighting, an accessible ramp and landscaping. The structure will be a showpiece at the fairgrounds for years to come. No more stuffy white tent!!

Volunteers from many forest industry sectors came together to provide a positive connection between people and wood. Your chapter and our partners helped exhibit a vibrant, positive and personal face to stewardship forestry and woodland management at the Douglas County Fair.

DTO, Douglas Forest Protective Association, Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Women in Timber, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Talk about Trees and OSU Extension offered information about the diverse and

abundant renewable resources that can be managed and utilized here in Douglas County.

Families and children were encouraged to participate in a forestry scavenger hunt to search for the answers to forestry-related questions during the "Wheel of Forestry" prize giveaway. Children and adults decorated tiny wood cookies with stencils and free hand designs. The Douglas County Museum provided a large selection of antique chainsaws for display, sparking many "I remember when..." stories.

Two evenings brought "lumberjack" game demonstrations. Competitors showcased events such as single buck, double buck, Jack and Jill, standing chop and hot saw.

Thank you, Matt and Tina at DTO, for your leadership in our community and thanks to all our partners for providing this vital opportunity to connect people and wood.

"The clearest way into the universe is through forest wilderness."

—John Muir



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Grading and scaling workshop draws eager participants

By Tami Jo Braz

Stump Pull, Cat Face, Plate Conk, Split, Crook, Redirect, The Cylinder, Butt Crack — well, maybe I made the last one up, but there was Hinge Butt and Flush Butt.

Richard Tustin led an eager group of students at our Log Yard Grading and Scaling Workshop June 10 at the Roseburg veneer mill in Riddle. There was much to learn.



Lead coordinator Gabe Crane, Director of Operations and Timberlands for Roseburg Forest Products, led off with introductions and the day's logistics.

Douglas County native Richard Tustin of Mountain Western Log Grading and Scaling Bureau started with the history and basics of log scaling. He explained who the log scalers are, who they work for, and what role they provide.

Mountain Western Log Grading and Scaling Bureau,

founded in 1950, is a not-for-profit, unbiased, objective, third-party organization that is responsible for grading and scaling logs after the timber comes off the tree farm and before entering the sawmill. A scaler's unique position is intended to eliminate any discrepancies of value between seller and buyer, using a strict set of rules that favor neither party to the transaction. They are fiercely independent, highly regarded, and the final word. Period.

Richard had 28 logs laid out on the deck. He had spent the day before recording notations and mapping all defects on every log. He gave a detailed handout to each attendee with a drawing of each log and notes of species, length, diameter, grade, gross scale, deductions, percent of deduct and net scale. He set off with a practiced eye and skillful, experienced use of his well-worn scaling stick. We looked over every log one by one. Our group asked a lot of questions. Some things are obvious, but many found it very difficult to detect



Photo by Tami Jo Braz

Richard Tustin of Mountain Western Log Scaling answered a lot of questions from attendees.

what Richard's expert eye would see. Some asked whether to leave defects on the forest floor (total loss) or letting the scaler decide at the log yard (partial loss). He recommended letting the scaler decide, and take the deduction instead of leaving it on the forest floor.

All participants left with a copy of "Official Rules for Scaling Bureaus — Northwest Log Rules Eastside and Westside, Log Scaling Handbook." Good thing, our brains were boggled by the complex set of rules. Thank you, Richard and Mountain Western, for the service you and your scalers provide.

Thank you, Richard, Gabe and Roseburg Forest Products, and Margaret Fabrizius and AgWest Farm Credit for sponsoring coffee and doughnuts.

A letter from our newest scholarship recipient

I am writing to sincerely thank you for selecting me for the Douglas Small Woodlands Association scholarship. I felt truly honored when I opened my email to learn I had been selected for this award. I want to thank you from the very bottom of my heart.

As a third-year student, I plan to enroll at UCC and Oregon State University as I pursue a degree in Natural Resources Fire Ecology. I plan on partially attending UCC one more year, then transferring to OSU, where I will complete my degree and further my studies. I am very appreciative of your financial assistance, which will help me with my educational expenses. I am also appreciative of the warm support from you all at the various forestry events at UCC. I always leave with a positive outlook on my career.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. Because of this opportunity that you have provided, I am able to work harder at achieving my goals. It is my hope that someday, I too, will be able to help other students pursue their dreams as you have assisted me.

Sincerely, Maggie Wheaton



Scholarship recipient Maggie Wheaton is currently working on a DFPA fire crew. Meet her at DSWA's annual meeting, Jan. 23, 2024.

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Tree Farm Chores: Fall



Inspect tree-planting projects. Now that the hot weather is past, this is a good time to walk through recent tree plantings to check survival. Most mortality due to drought will appear by now. You can still find seedlings to fill in this winter.

Hack and squirt hardwoods. Late summer through December is the best time to use this handy technique.

Burn slash piles. Brush and slash piled in summer should be tight and with little dirt. Covering one end with plastic to make a dry spot is a big help. Light them before they get totally saturated. Contact your tree-planting contractor if you want to plant this winter.

Watch for a good turkey!

Check your road systems for proper drainage. Check culverts during rainstorms to see they have not plugged over the summer.

Plan your spring vegetation management. If you are planting new trees or have a young plantation, conserving moisture by controlling competing vegetation is crucial to survival and growth of your investment.

If **pruning** is in your plans, fall and winter is a good time to do it. Sap is not flowing so readily as in spring or summer so the chances of damaging your trees is less. December through February is the ideal time to plant trees.

Attend your DSWA board meeting the first Tuesday of the month.

"I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees."

— Henry David Thoreau

Trivia Challenge Question

Q. How much annual loss do invasive weeds cost Oregon's economy?

- a. 23.5 million
- b. 43.5 million
- c. 63.5 million
- d. 83.5 million

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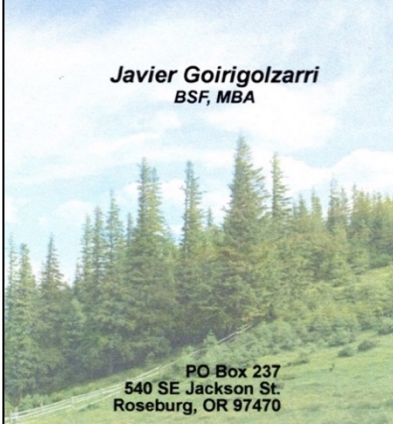
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A. d. Unfortunately, according to a 2014 study, 25 of Oregon's worst invasive weeds cause an estimated annual loss of about \$83.5 million to the state's economy. 95% of that is from Himalayan Blackberries and Scotch Broom alone.

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“Of all the paths in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.”

—John Muir



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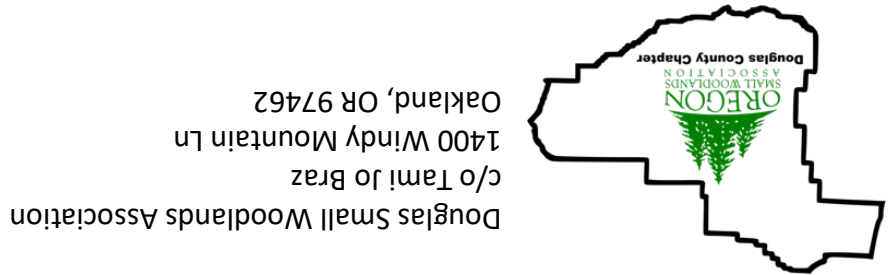
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DSWA FALL CALENDAR

Regular board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at the Douglas County Courthouse, Room 310. All members are welcome.

2023 meetings: Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nov. 4	9:00-2:00	OTFS Annual Member Meeting
Jan. 23, 2024	5:30-8:00	DSWA Annual Meeting and Dinner