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Chapters are at the Heart of SAF

BY JULIE WOODWARD

The heart of the Society of American Foresters is in the field and no one is closer to what's happening in the field than our local chapters. State societies, divisions and chapters are in every corner of North America—networking, learning and influencing. In this issue of the *Western Forester* we hope you are inspired by the articles highlighting a handful of accomplishments and amazing outreach that Western chapters and societies continually demonstrate. SAF members are passionate about their profession and we hope the stories throughout this issue encourage you to continue your involvement with SAF or to jump-start a new endeavor with your chapter.

The Southwest Chapter in Wash-



ington earned the Chapter of the Year award last year for its outstanding service to the community, fellow foresters and the forestry profession. Members sponsored and organized the WSSAF Legislative Breakfast and a forest field day in Pacific County, and created a scholarship for college students enrolled in forestry programs.

The Emerald Chapter in Oregon worked jointly with The Oregon Wildlife Society to host a one-day workshop on “practical applications of wildlife management on working forests.” This workshop brought foresters, wildlife biologists and family forest owners together. Emerald Chapter Past Chair Jordan Ryder, when accepting the 2009 chapter achievement award, noted, “This chapter has a history of hosting successful events due to hard-working, dedicated members.”

Chapters in each state take on hosting annual meetings and conferences. Many chapters use these opportunities

to energize their members and to recruit new leaders. In 2011, Portland and Longview chapters will be coordinating efforts across the border to host a joint annual meeting. The Palouse-Snake River Chapter of the Inland Empire Society, with several partners, hosted a conference focusing on the science and impacts of climate change.

Chapters recruit and provide volunteers for fairs, field days, plant sales, youth events and various community activities. The Columbia Gorge Chapter provided handouts at a local plant sale on appropriate tree care and species for their community areas. Woodcuts are an annual occurrence for many chapters and communities. Recently, 100 cords of wood were provided to flood victims of Vernonia, Ore., through a cooperative community service project between SAF chapters, private and public forestry organizations, community officials, Boy Scouts of America,

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SAF chapters are involved in many types of outreach activities. Left photo: Don Bertolette (left) and Steve Patterson (right) get ready to sell seedlings at the Cook Inlet Chapter tree seedling fundraiser. Middle photo: Capitol Chapter Bob Madsen serves as museum host and explains the Osborne Fire Finder to members of the Abigail-Scott Duniway Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, at the Oregon Forest History Center in Salem. Right photo: Craig Buehler, Sitka Ranger District, uses a tree cookie to explain how trees grow to at the Sitka Chapter's annual Forestry Field Day.

Chapters at the Heart of SAF

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AmeriCorps and numerous volunteers.

Several chapters around Oregon have coordinated outreach opportunities with local high school students to recruit talented young adults for our profession. Exactly how this effort went is further detailed in a separate article. The Tillamook-Clatsop Chapter

participated in the annual 6th grade outdoor field days.

Encompassing youth is an important goal of many chapters. Our student chapters at colleges and universities provide essential connections to our newest members and those just embarking on their careers. Grays Harbor College has formed a new student chapter. Green River Community College has always had a strong membership and the students there continue to work with their community, including taking a display focused on biomass to events around the state. The Oregon State University student chapter recently won the Quiz Bowl at the SAF National Convention. Clearly, the future of SAF is also passionate and dedicated to the field of forestry. Many chapters and state societies also try to assist students by providing support efforts such as scholarships. The Coos Chapter provides the C. Wylie Smith III scholarship annually to a forestry student in Oregon. The Oregon SAF Foundation annually provides funds to OSU students and the Washington State SAF Foundation will

begin distributing funds very soon.

Chapters are the heart of SAF and one of the most essential functions chapters provide is retaining and recruiting members. Chapters continually coordinate communication links, networking and professional development opportunities for our members. They provide local meetings bringing in expertise on subjects of interest to their members. Communications takes shape of many forms. The South Puget Sound Chapter has begun using social networking tools and interactions on Facebook.

For SAF to achieve its mission of advancing the science, education, technology and practice of forestry, it needs the attention and understanding of the public and its leaders. SAF strives to be recognized—by policy and decision makers—as the voice of the forestry profession and as a key source of vital expertise, experience and credible information. Many local chapters are directly involved in forest issues and policy matters. Chapter leaders and members write letters and guest opinions for local newspapers,



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as well as submit letters and comments to policy and decision makers dealing with important forestry issues. In Oregon, among the most active have been the Emerald, Coos, Umpqua and Central Oregon chapters. Some chapters, including Blue Mountain, Siskiyou, Tillamook-Clatsop and Marys Peak, have hosted forestry field tours for local public leaders that highlight area landowners and sustainable forestry practices. Last year OSAF leaders also hosted or contributed to major field tours for the Board of Forestry, congressional staff and Oregon legislators.

The stories and accomplishments from our Western states could be written on many reams of paper. Below are a few accomplishments of our colleagues in other parts of the nation.

The Chattahoochee Chapter in Georgia had a "Walk in the Forest" for Metro-Atlanta Scouts where both Boy and Girl Scouts earned badges. Volunteers came from the University of Georgia, Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Natural Resources Conservation

Center. The topics included forest management, wildlife management, forest health and tree planting.

The Caribbean Chapter in Florida holds an annual fundraising seedling sale; the money raises scholarship funds for University of Florida. The chapter also held a poster-making contest at local high schools and those posters were used to promote the event. The Indiana SAF created a "Trees of Indiana" bandana, which illustrates a dozen common tree leaves with common and scientific names. It also includes the web link to Indiana SAF and national SAF. The bandanas were distributed at the Indiana Project Learning Tree workshops and Hoosier Science Teachers Association meeting, and to Future Farmers of America high

school members who participate in the forestry competition at the national FFA convention in Indianapolis.

SAF is recognized for having high professional forestry standards in service to society. We hope you continue active membership in SAF and continue being engaged at a local level to continue the extraordinary achievements—in membership, service to members, service to communities, forest policy, chapter management and public outreach—in the upcoming year. ♦

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Annual Seedling Sale Supports Forestry Scholarships and Mission of Local Alaska Chapter

BY ROGER BURNSIDE

Fundraising is essential to help support the day-to-day activities and general mission of any professional organization.

However, given the inevitable ebbs and peaks in membership, ongoing changes in leadership structure and availability of volunteers, changes in organization policies, and other real-life challenges of our modern “information overloaded” society, the best laid plans for maintaining continuity in fundraising efforts often go awry. One local Alaska SAF chapter modified the operation of its primary annual fundraiser over the past four years to take advantage of modern technology and the Internet in spite of declining membership, increasing advertising costs and general societal changes that threatened to hamper fundraising and financial obligations to support its overall mission.

The Cook Inlet Chapter SAF in south-central Alaska has conducted and promoted an annual tree seedling fundraiser to generate funds for chap-



ter operations since the mid-1970s.

Surprisingly, with no support from any publicly supported seedling nurseries since the early 1990s (i.e., Alaska’s sole seedling nursery ceased operations almost 20 years ago) and the prohibitive cost of private retail greenhouses and nurseries propagating tree seedlings for resale, the chapter worked out an arrangement with a large Canadian nursery, PRT USA Nurseries to provide seedlings at a slightly lower cost (i.e., due to the chapter’s “not for profit” status) that are sewn approximately 15 months prior to the annual sale and shipped to Anchorage for its annual Arbor Day Tree Seedling Sale each May.

During the 30-plus years of the Cook Inlet Chapter fundraiser (and



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Sue Rodman, Alaska SAF chair, and Mitch Michaud, Cook Inlet Chapter chair, are ready to sell trees and promote SAF!

prior to the advent of the Internet) significant print advertising costs to promote the sale, and efforts to sell a few thousand seedlings during just two to three Saturdays in May, took a major commitment of volunteer time and resources for a relatively small net profit. Annual sales in the “early” years were quite variable in both numbers of seedlings sold and profits since the seedling order is assembled over a year in advance of the actual sale. Without a more efficient and inexpensive means to promote the sale and track orders (e.g., email and personal computers), it was challenging to gauge the potential profits each year and actual market for seedlings. For example, seedling sales the first couple of decades averaged only a couple thousand each year; during the period 1995-2004, annual sales ranged from 6,000 to 10,000 seedlings. However, in the aftermath of the 1990s’ spruce beetle epidemic in south-central Alaska—roughly the early to mid-2000s—interest increased for tree seedlings to restore spruce forests cleared to reduce hazardous fire fuels in and around Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, spiking seedling demand upward to as many as 21,000 seedlings sold in 2005. In spite of the apparent interest for seedlings from the general



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Cook Inlet Chapter volunteers spring into action during the annual seedling sale in Anchorage. Shown left to right: Jeff Graham, Sue Rodman, Steve Patterson and Roger Burnside.



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The general public line up outside REI in anticipation of receiving their seedlings.

Hoyt, a recently deceased chapter member. In addition to supporting these scholarships, it's been increasingly important to the chapter to facilitate the annual public seedling sale as a means to interact with the general public, and discuss and talk about the importance of forestry and the care and propagation of trees.



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A future forester.

public, a significant portion of the 2005 order was sold to just a few institutional purchasers (local municipal entities and Alaska Native corporations). The chapter was still hampered by the uncertainty of the local seedling market to order thousands of seedlings in advance of the actual sale as well as the time-consuming efforts to mount a sufficient volunteer force to ensure that all seedlings ordered the previous year could be sold over a few Saturdays the following year. This became a major topic of discussion when the main tree sale coordinator for 25-plus years, Maynard Nuss, announced his "retirement" from the annual tree seedling sale in 2007.

Another challenge for the chapter has been a commitment to provide regular funding to support two endowed forestry scholarships at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) campus. One of the scholarships started with a significant contribution from the estate of Richard Tindall in 1997. The second scholarship was made possible with a one-time \$5,000 matching grant from UAF to the chapter in 2004 and was supported by the family of Michael

But alas, where there is a challenge one only needs to look for an opportunity. Foresters will continue to find a way to get the job done, with the help of the Internet and information technology. Since 2007, the chapter has modified its annual sale to provide a pre-ordering process for purchasers to pay for and reserve their trees several months ahead of the traditional spring "public" sale in May. The process is simply a posting of an Internet-based seedling order form on the Alaska State Society website during January. In February and March an email advertising blitz is conducted by sending the seedling order form to various agency interest groups, Alaska State Society email distribution list, UAF Cooperative Extension Service, local Master Gardener groups and past seedling purchasers. Advertising costs for the annual fundraiser are now almost non-existent since most advertising is accomplished electronically over any and all available outlets. The previous years' orders are tracked via

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computer spreadsheet for potential “future demand” and the next year’s order is placed, also based on sale interest and contacts generated during and just after the May sale.

In addition, the chapter has enlisted a local partner, REI (Recreational Equipment Inc.), a sports accessories and equipment retailer, for a prime public sale location. REI helps the

chapter promote the public sale and provides a space for distribution of pre-ordered seedlings as well as the traditional public sale “on-site” on one Saturday in May. The public seedling sale is coordinated with REI’s annual spring retail sale in Anchorage, providing an opportunity to sell trees and talk to a number of individuals that are already outdoors oriented and con-

Chapter Hooks into Facebook

BY ALICIA SULLIVAN

Social media has changed the way people communicate. Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and LinkedIn are the sites that are driving this change. These may be uncharted grounds for some of our membership, but for many of us interacting on one or more of these sites is part of our daily life. These sites provide another avenue to connect with people beyond email and websites, and are very important channels of information.

One of the first questions that I asked of our past officers when I started my term as chair for the South Puget Sound chapter was “Why aren’t we on Facebook?” The answer surprised me; it was something that had not been considered or identified as a way to communicate with the membership. Another concern was the security and protecting the privacy of members that want to be involved with the site.

Facebook groups are dedicated pages that allow for communication and sharing among members of the group. A group can be created for anything in Facebook, and there are several levels of security that can be set for the group based on your comfort level. For the South Puget Sound Chapter we chose to create a moderated group in which membership has to be approved by a moderator, which in our case is the chair, vice chair and a member of the University of Washington Student Chapter. This allows moderators to have control over who can join the group and for removal of members that misuse the group. Controls may also be set to moderate who is allowed to post to the group and what information can be seen by non-members.

Another important aspect to group pages is that unlike becoming “friends” with someone, when a person becomes a “fan” of the group page, other group members cannot see personal information unless your profile allows it. Once your group is created there are several tools available that allow members to communicate with each other. There is the main page of the group called the “wall,” which allows for members to post links, photos and comments. A discussion forum is also provided and a tool to create and manage events and message the group’s members is available.

Within three days of setting up the group we had over 50 fans of the page. Most of these fans were SAF members, but several were colleagues in forestry that were not SAF members or connections on Facebook that were interested in natural resources. This I think is the true benefit of Facebook—reaching the non-member forestry professionals through social networks and providing a presence for SAF in social media. This is an opportunity to reach out to younger members and potential members as well as provide a voice for SAF and the natural resource profession. I would encourage chapters to look into Facebook and perhaps use this as an opportunity to engage a young professional member or student member within the chapter. ♦

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Satisfied customers at the annual seedling sale.

cerned about the environment.

Chapter volunteers still participate in the annual seedling sale that has been streamlined to track all paid orders received through the chapter’s post office box by the sale coordinator. Only a handful of volunteers are needed to assist with email advertising, sort the pre-paid orders for distribution to purchasers and hold the seedling sale to the public on a single Saturday. Seedling sales have been larger (10,000-14,000 annually), but also more consistent with a pre-sale process.

PRT USA Nurseries has provided bed nursery stock in bundles rather than the old single seedling containerized plugs that were standard for many years. Bundles of 10-20 seedlings are sold rather than having to handle individual seedlings, which makes the dollar flow better and increases efficiency of handling. With selling just under 14,000 seedlings this year, profit is pretty good, about \$0.45-.50 net per seedling, allowing the chapter to generate significant funds to support existing scholarship endowments and other efforts, such as helping students attend the SAF National Convention. ♦

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OSAF Chapters Rise to the Recruiting Challenge

BY PETER MATZKA

It only takes one seed, and from that, something magnificent can grow. That is exactly what Mark Buckbee, past Oregon Society of American Foresters chair, did to all the chapters in Oregon. When Mark was chair, he challenged each of them to get the word out and engage high school students in considering forestry as a profession and career.



That one simple seed grew. The Marys Peak and Umpqua chapters responded and followed a similar model started by the Coos Chapter in 2008. The idea was simple: Call some of the local high schools, talk to the science, natural resources or industrial arts teachers and say you have free food for any students interested in meeting some foresters and talking a little about the future. Well, the response was surprising with 30 to 60 high school students showing up at either a 6:30 a.m. breakfast or 6:30 p.m. dinner. These students did not just get a free meal—they got to hear about forestry, and they got the chance to interact with local SAF members.

Those three events, as well as efforts by the Emerald and Portland chapters, are helping get the message out that forestry is a career to be proud of and one worth working toward. The Emerald and Portland chapters partnered with the Oregon Forest Resources Institute to help out with its Careers in Forestry program. That's a high school outreach effort that, to date, has connected with nearly 8,000 high school students across the state of Oregon. As part of the program's classroom presentation, the Emerald Chapter sent a forester to the classroom along with the OFRI presenter. This gave the students a connection to their local community who shared his/her experiences and why he/she got into forestry.

In addition, the Portland Chapter got involved with planning the third annual

Forest Sector Career Conference held at the World Forestry Center, where this year 126 high school students listened to a panel of forestry professionals and toured the center's museum.

Reaching out to the young men and women is an important part of being a professional in the forest sector, and is also very rewarding. Nicole Younger, Marys Peak Chapter past chair, provided some great insight to these efforts and her words really wrap up the meaning and impact of this type of recruiting event and the chapter's efforts. The chapter also received a Foresters' Fund Grant to help with the cost of the event.

In a follow-up interview with Nicole after the event, here is what she had to say.

Peter: Why did your chapter do the student breakfast event?

Nicole: I made it a priority because of the challenge Mark Buckbee made to each of the chapters to engage high school students in considering forestry as a profession.

Peter: What message did you want to give the students?

Nicole: Despite the current downturn in the economy, there are and will be many unique and rewarding jobs to be had in the natural resources areas of study.

Peter: What would you like other SAFers to know about your event?

Nicole: It's well worth the time spent putting it together and all of us were surprised when it turned out to be such an enriching and heartfelt experience for not only the high school students, but our local SAF members as well. The atmosphere got intensely sincere as each of us recalled why it was we first became involved in the profession and how much we truly enjoy what we do. There were a couple moments when I had to focus on keeping my eyes dry as the oldest members of our chapter talked about how much their involvement in the profession had defined their lives. We

purposefully assigned seating for participants so that students were forced to sit between SAF members rather than with their friends, and that was a great way to get everyone out of their comfort zones, and to meet some new people and learn some new things. The breakfast style worked very well, but would probably be just as successful in a lunch or dinner setting as well.

Peter: How did it go?

Nicole: Successful in every aspect! The personal interaction between students and foresters was relaxed and really put a face to the different professional positions available in the field of forestry. The Quiz Bowl event activity got students discussing among each other a wide variety of natural resource topics, and encouraged them to "ask an expert" at their tables when they were stumped. The venue and food happened to be excellent, making the experience all the more enjoyable for everyone. Even the teachers who accompanied the students were impressed and thought the event to be worthwhile.

All efforts by the OSAF chapters are amazing and what started as one seed is now starting to spread and grow. Best wishes in all your efforts to make sure our youth know that forestry is alive and well. ♦

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More on the Quiz Bowl

The Quiz Bowl at the chapter event was similar to the Quiz Bowl conducted at the SAF National Convention, but all the students got a chance to answer because it was a multiple choice quiz versus the jeopardy-style quiz at convention. Teams were based on table groups and the students could use a couple of lifelines, those being to ask an expert at the table. The SAF foresters were the scorekeepers and judges at the table, which got the kids talking with them even more.



SAF and Partners Focus on Sustaining Idaho and Montana Forests

BY DARREL KENOPS, JAY O'LAUGHLIN AND DAVE ATKINS

In the Northern Rocky Mountain region, forestry discussions with neighbors involve questions like these: I see more gray than green in our forest landscapes, so what is happening? Can't we make something useful from this wood or convert it to energy? How can we work with public land managers to develop projects and practices that support our communities? Several SAF units worked across SAF and state boundaries to address these issues. In September 2009 the Plum Creek Conference on Forests and Energy was held at the University of Montana in Missoula. Four national experts provided perspectives on using wood as a source of energy, improving forest conditions on the national forests that dominate

landscapes in the region, and revitalizing our rural communities. Their PowerPoint presentations and the lively discussions were recorded and streamed live over the Internet; they can be accessed from the conference website at www.cfc.umt.edu/plum-creekconf/.

A number of collaborative groups in the region are focused on improving national forest conditions. Their stories are encouraging and if more people knew about them, success could breed more success. Pursuing that premise, in March 2010 a follow-up conference on Climate Change, Bioenergy and Sustaining the Forests of Idaho and Montana was held in Boise. The goal was to help people connect global-scale issues regarding climate change, renewable energy, and carbon emissions to regional forest effects.

Sustainable forest management

actions must be ecologically sound, economically feasible and socially desirable. These three pillars of sustainability were conference anchor points, with emphasis on social acceptability. Conference discussion groups considered ways to build cooperative capacity to move more rapidly in practical, common sense ways toward providing the services people expect from our national forests.

The conference was supported by Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and Lt. Governor Brad Little, Idaho's 2009 Tree Farmer of the Year, who opened the conference with remarks on the importance of forests in the region. Idaho's congressional delegation weighed in with a letter of support. Keynote speaker Dale Bosworth, U.S. Forest Service Chief Emeritus, remarked that collaborative efforts are meaningless without results on the ground, a point that was revisited often during the two-day event. We are grateful for the 16 conference sponsors (SAF, University of Idaho, University of Montana, USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Smallwood Partners, Idaho Conservation League, Intermountain Forest Association, Idaho Department of Lands, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, The Wilderness Society, Montana Community Development Corp., Perkins Coie LLP, Northwest Management Inc., and the Idaho Tax Commission) and the 150 attendees who made the conference a success. They listened to experts and each other, learned from collaborative group members, and shared their concerns and ideas for working together.

Ecological aspects of sustainability were addressed first by Steve Running, University of Montana's Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his work on climate change. He expects less water will be available for trees. Forests have a carrying capacity, and with reduced water, they will not be able to support the same amount of vegetation as today. Adaptation will involve reducing forest density. Steve Cook, University

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of Idaho, shared insights on potential effects on native and invasive insects; warmer conditions will mean more insect broods per year and resulting impacts on forests and biodiversity. Peter Kolb, University of Montana, said one-half of the region's forests have been impacted by fire and/or insects. Given the increased frequency of extremely dry summers that have occurred in the past decade and are projected to become more common with climate change, the 1,000-hour fuels become part of the fuel complex that drive fire behavior and its impacts to new heights. In the past, by contrast, moisture content of the 1,000-hour fuels was at a level that kept their consumption to a minimum. Kolb's work in Bavaria illustrated community integration of forest management, wood energy and community vitality. Bruce Lippke, University of Washington, spoke about life cycle analysis as a valid way to compare management alternatives.

Economic feasibility first was addressed by Dennis Becker, University of Minnesota. To make progress on biomass utilization, a series of integrated links are needed. These will vary geographically, but will include a reliable wood supply from federal lands, adequate transportation/processing systems, and an integrated manufacturing industry that can derive the highest value from harvested wood. Analysis of this chain of links could help move utilization forward by identifying state and federal policy inconsistencies as well as gaps and needs. David Naccarato, McKinstry Corp., emphasized the need for a long-term feedstock supply to stimulate investments in bioenergy facilities. For biopower, long-term power purchase agreements also are necessary. Joe Kerkvliet, The Wilderness Society, said biomass-to-energy can be part of sustainable forest management, but scaled so feedstock supply does not drive forest management. Priorities are "zone of agreement" lands in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) and restoration of dry forest types. Dave Groeschl, Idaho Department of Lands, said new information on needs and opportunities is available in Idaho's state-wide all-lands forest assessment and strategy to be released in July 2010.

Idaho's state lands can supply biomass as a byproduct of commercial timber production when the price is right. Jay O'Laughlin identified forest biomass utilization as a triple win: improved forest conditions, renewable energy feedstocks and revitalized communities through job creation. Logging residues provide a substantial unutilized energy feedstock, as do fire hazard reduction thinnings from federal lands. Costs of collecting and transporting this material support the conventional wisdom that either removal of higher value products or public subsidies can improve the economics of forest biomass utilization.

Social acceptability relies on a consensus of stakeholders. Conference participants heard about lessons learned from members of six groups working on national forest management issues: Ethan Aumack, Four Forests Restoration Initiative in Arizona; Lloyd McGee, Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition; Scott Brennan, Montana Forest Restoration Committee; and three groups in Idaho—Bill Higgins, Clearwater Basin Collaborative; John Robison, Lemhi County Forest Restoration Group; and Dave Torell, Payette Forest Coalition. The evolution of each group disclosed unique situations, common threads of effectiveness and useful advice. Participants had an opportunity to question the six as a panel before breaking out into discussion groups for a third time.

Summaries were offered by U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Regional Forester Harv Forsgren and Northern Region Deputy Regional Forester Jane Cottrell. In Idaho and Montana there are 10 million acres of national forests with accelerated bark beetle activity

underway and 27 million acres with high to moderate fire risk. Active management support is gained when projects provide the values citizens and communities want, and there is a compelling scientific basis. Jim Burchfield, University of Montana, noted that people expect real results on the ground, not just process improvements. Because we are going forward, not backward, adaptation may be a more appropriate focal point than restoration. Jay O'Laughlin challenged everyone to think long-term, as sustainability requires. Biomass-to-energy is not a fearsome boogeyman, but rather a vector to the future—one of several bridges to a new but yet to be identified energy future. When carbon has a price, penalties for carbon emissions will follow, along with payments for storing carbon. In such a world, wood bioenergy as a byproduct of sustainable forestry is a winner.

Conference participants identified two dozen follow-on activities and made commitments to help with them. This work is already underway, and first manifested in a newly-formed Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership. The conference website has more information, including presentations and discussion summaries: www.uidaho.edu/cnr/forestsbioenergyconference. ♦

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The Harbor is Green (Again)



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Grays Harbor College students on a forest ecology field trip to Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park.

BY TODD BATES

Being gone for over a generation makes one seem like Rip Van Winkle! After over a 20-year absence from providing forestry education to students in southwestern Washington, Grays Harbor College is back. The forest technology program, now the third one in Washington behind Green River and Spokane Valley, was approved by the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges in the spring of 2009 and is on the verge of graduating its first class of students this coming fall.

How did this happen, you ask, given the downturn in the economy these past few years? The days of fully-funded technology programs are gone and community colleges have been forced

to look elsewhere for partnerships. The college, located in Aberdeen, didn't have to look far for a willing partner because just down the road in Elma is Satsop Development Park. The park is owned and operated by the Grays Harbor Public Development Authority (GHPDA) that took over the Grays Harbor County facilities of the defunct Washington Public Power Supply System. The development park has approximately 1,200 acres of site 1 forestland surrounding the industrial facilities. The GHPDA were looking for partners to manage their resources while providing educational opportunities in natural resource management. Partnering with Grays Harbor College was a natural fit.

The college has adopted the guiding

principles of the Society of American Foresters "Standards and Procedures for Recognizing Educational Programs in Forest Technology" and has formed the natural resources program around these standards. The 12 technical subject areas for the forest technology curriculum, along with necessary classes in oral and written communication, mathematics, natural and physical sciences, social sciences, business and computer skills have been boiled down to 24 courses taken in a span of two years with 106 quarters hours of credit attributed to these classes. The program should meet all of the expectations set forth in the recognition standards of 2007 except for the minimum number of full-time faculty. At this time it is financially difficult to bring on another faculty member in forest technology, but with double-digit enrollment in the classes there is hope for the future with brighter budget allocations.

Grays Harbor College currently has a healthy program enrollment of 30 to 40 students. These students wanted to become more involved with extra-curricular activities and interaction with other foresters. With the help of Washington State SAF Chair John Walkowiak, Council Representative Chuck Lorenz and all of the members of the Southwest Washington Chapter, the bylaws for a student chapter were written. These were recently adopted by the executive committee to form the newest student chapter in the nation here at Grays Harbor College. The students look to become very active in society affairs and plan to interact at conferences, meetings and other SAF activities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Yes, the harbor is green again and we look forward to helping produce the next generation of forest technicians and future foresters for our growing nation. ♦

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Panorama Chapter Provides Volunteer Forestry Instructors

BY BILL BERRIGAN

With the past and continuing cut-backs in education finances experienced by most school districts, elective and vocational courses have been cut by many schools to stretch shrinking budgets. In northeast Washington, schools eliminated their forestry/outdoor education classes.

In 2002, Floyd Pitts, retired head forester for Arden Tree Farms in Colville, approached the Upper Columbia Timberman's Association and other forestry groups, including SAF, to "step up" and teach forestry on a volunteer basis. Over 40 foresters responded to the call. Since then, schools in Spokane, Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties have had volunteer foresters assist in classroom and extracurricular activities about forestry. Some of the schools have included forestry subjects for entire quarters/semesters, and others work through the national Future Farmers of America programs.

The Panorama SAF Chapter has provided instructors in forestry issues, legal descriptions, tree disorders, compass and pacing, timber stand improvement, log scaling and timber cruising. The amount of time and number of volunteer visits can vary, depending on requests from the various schools. Most of the participating schools then compete at local and state forestry contests with individuals and teams. Our chapter members, along with many other volunteers, help provide judges, lunch and awards at those contests.

Do these efforts pay off? We think so! Obviously, not all students completing the classes and contests will become natural resource profession-

als, but our hope is that each one will have a much better understanding of the forestry profession and how it fits into and provides benefits to our world, both in the present and in the future.

We plan on continuing this work as long as the schools will have us—besides it's fun to pass on the positive side of forestry! ♦



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A Colville High School student presents Floyd Pitts with an appreciation award from the Stevens County Conservation District and local FFA Chapter during the Stevens County Forestry Contest. Standing next to Floyd is Monica McMackin of the Stevens County Conservation District.

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Fifth Graders Learn About Forest Management

BY ROBERT SMITH

The 30th annual Forestry Field Day for five classes of fifth graders in the Sitka, Alaska, school system was held on May 7 by the Sitka Chapter of the Alaska Society of American Foresters. This field day has been a hit with the fifth graders since it started in 1980 as it gives them a chance to get outside for a day after a long, cold, wet winter.

The Field Day was started by a group of SAF members that were transferred by the Forest Service from Juneau to Sitka in the 1970s. SAF members Ron Welsh and Richard Baker were two of the main founders of the event.

During the event SAF members and others set up five stations in and near the Starrigavan Recreation Complex, which is about seven miles north of their school. These stations illustrate five products of a managed forest and include fisheries, wildlife, silviculture, logging and recreation.

At the fisheries station, the students learn about fish in Starrigavan Creek. Pink, Coho and Dolly Varden fry are trapped in mesh traps and are temporarily placed in a glass tank while the instructor talks about the life cycle of fish. The students are thrilled to help with the fry trapping.

At the wildlife station, the students learn about local wildlife and their habitats, including brown bear, black tail deer, pine marten, mink and even sea lions. Skulls and tanned furs help illustrate the presentation, and the stu-



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Students intently watch and learn as Marty Becker, Sitka Ranger District, talks about the life cycle of fish.

dents are intrigued handling the skulls and furs. They see that sea lion skulls look remarkably like brown bear skulls.

At the silviculture station, the students learn about the local tree species, such as western hemlock, Sitka spruce, Alaska yellow cedar and red alder. They get to use an increment borer to determine the age of a tree. Tree cookies are shown to illustrate the difference between a slow- and fast-growing tree. Others get a chance to use a laser to determine tree height. Logging is usually considered an active part of silviculture. We developed a

separate station and set up a miniature highlead yarding operation. Several hundred feet of three-quarter-inch rope is used instead of cable along with a series of blocks. A standing tree is used as the tower and we



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Sitka fifth-grade students get some hands-on experience at the logging and silviculture station during the annual forestry field day event.



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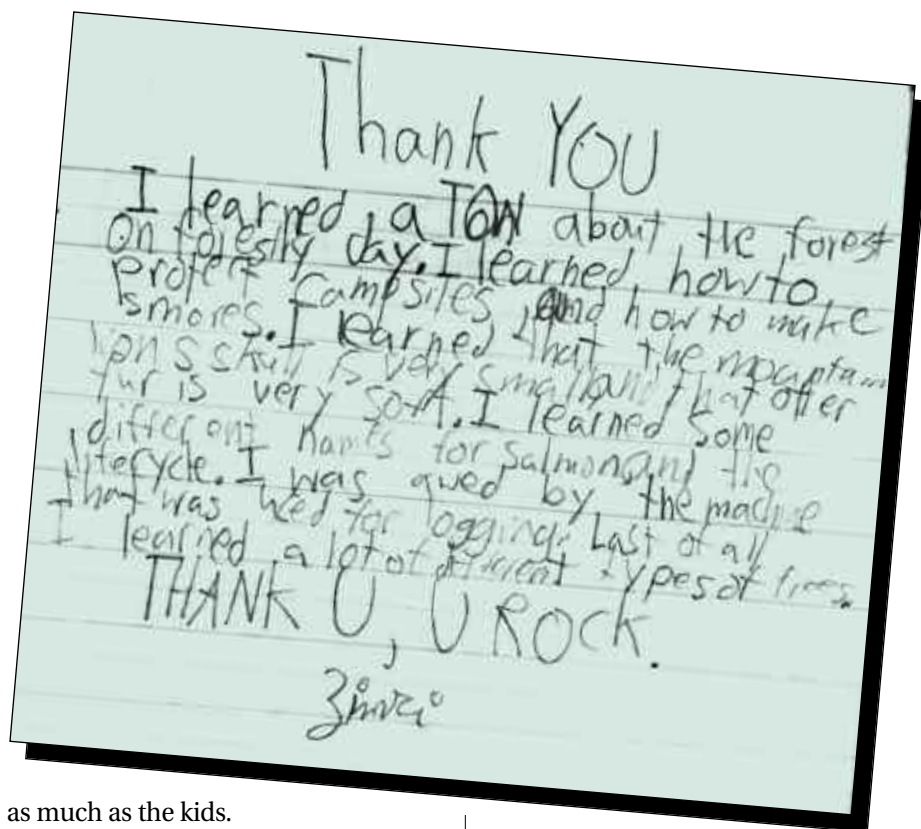
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even have miniature chokers. The kids provide the yarding power and some of the students act as choker setters and others as chasers. They bring in "logs" about four or five feet long and up to six inches in diameter. Whistle signals give clues to who should pull on the rope and who should let it slide. Every once in a while both groups pull at the same time and the logs pop up into the air and go nowhere. Sometimes the logs get hung up on an obstruction just like what happens in a real-life situation. The students really get a kick out of this station because they are part of the action. We also talk about wood products such as lumber, plywood and pulp, and provide samples too.

At the recreation station, recreation opportunities are discussed along with outdoor "manners." This station is set at a site in the Starrigavan Campground that has a campfire, and the students roast marshmallows and make S'mores. The first group at this station really gets charged up not too long after breakfast.

The Field Day is usually held on the first Friday of May and is a guarantee unless it is raining sideways. Rain gear and boots are often the fashion of the day. Some kids who show up in tennis shoes and t-shirts seem to enjoy it even though they get wet. The field class starts about 9:00 a.m. and is over about 1:00 p.m. and everyone brings their lunch. We have had four or five classes of about 22 or 23 students each over the years. Each class starts at one of the five stations and rotates clockwise to the next station after the presentation is finished and questions are answered. The SAF also provides a guide to help the teachers and students along the 1.5 mile course that winds through the campground and the adjacent forest. The route also includes a 35-year-old second-growth stand and Starrigavan Creek.

In years past when the Sitka Ranger District had an active planting program we would give each of the students a Sitka spruce tree to take home and plant. Some people around Sitka brag about the spruce in their yard that originated from a fifth grade trip long ago. We often have parents along with their sons or daughters in the class who enjoy the field activities just



as much as the kids.

The kids seem to love the hands-on experience. For some kids this is the first time they have ever set foot in the Starrigavan recreation area. Part of the SAF objectives are to get the kids in the woods, teach them about career opportunities in the field, and educate them about old growth and young growth and how the forest ecosystem provides habitat for the animals, wood

for heat and building things, and food for their families. ♦

Robert Smith is chair of the Sitka Chapter, long-time active SAF member (50 years in 2011) and retired Forest Service silviculturist in Sitka, Alaska. He can be reached at rcsmith@fs.fed.us.



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Capitol Chapter Members Use their Talents to Support Forest History Center

BY ALAN MAUL AND CLARK SEELY

Chapters of the Society of American Forester often have members with wide-ranging skills, talents and resources that may be applied to chapter initiatives and/or continuing support of various forestry related organizations. These initiatives and support opportunities take many forms, such as the following:

- Day tours for legislators, media and others to showcase various types of forest activities.
- Annual school tours or field days to demonstrate forestry activities for students.
- Workshops for foresters and non-foresters.
- Continuing support for operations of various organizations.

A prime example of a continuing support initiative is that provided by members of the Capitol Chapter to the Oregon Forest History Center and its museum, which is located on the Oregon Department of Forestry Campus in Salem.

The Forest History Center museum, dedicated in May 2008, is unique in that it encompasses and displays the history and development of all types of forest activities throughout Oregon. This also includes development and activities of organizations



Alan Maul



Clark Seely

such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, Keep Oregon Green, government agencies and private operations.

The center has a mission "To preserve and make available to the public the history of forestry in Oregon, and to provide a place and opportunity to research and publish information related to Oregon's forest history." Its primary goal is "To have an informed public that understands the history, people and development over time of Oregon's forestry legacy."

The center is staffed and operated by volunteers. Key sources of funding are grants and donations with many of its display items also obtained by donations. The volunteer operation, coupled with its mission, goal and wide-ranging museum exhibits makes it an ideal venue for the continuing support initiative of the Capitol Chapter.

Capitol Chapter members have been using their talents to support the Forest History Center operations over the past several years. Their support has included everything from providing administrative support, museum guide, constructing displays, art and photography support, and providing direction and concepts.

Some specific examples of support provided by chapter members include the following.

- Clark Seely is chair of the Forest History Center board of directors and provides direction and concepts for the museum's operations.
- Alan Maul is the museum coordinator and works on administration, display development and construction, publicity, fund raising, archiving and tour guide.
- Robert Madsen, along with his wife Grace, act as museum guides and actively pursue forestry and logging



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Al Tocchini, Capitol Chapter chair, prepares drawings for use in the museum displays.

items to be donated to the museum.

- Al Tocchini utilizes his artistic talents to create drawings of forestry tools and scenes showing how the tools are used.
- Al Cronk works on fund raising concepts for the museum.
- Members have also donated historical items and made monetary donations to the museum.

A very important role SAF members provide is that of museum guide during visitor hours. The museum attracts visitors with a wide range of forestry knowledge, some of which is accurate and some not so accurate. In addition to explaining the displays and the use of various forestry and logging tools, the forestry knowledge SAF members have is used to answer

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myriad forestry-related questions that are not always related to the displays. An example of this involved two visitors in one week asking questions about reforestation, with one person being concerned about reforesting with nothing but Douglas-fir. The answers to both visitors involved 20-minute explanations about the Oregon Forest Practices Act, seed zones, elevations, planting species to fit the local areas and regions, and the problems seedlings face once they are in the ground. Hopefully these visitors went away with a better understanding of the complexities of reforestation and seedling survival.

The time, items and funds donated to the center by SAF members have been instrumental in maintaining museum operations and keeping it open to the public. In 2009, this support involved over 1,000 hours of time along with donations of money and historical items.

Support of organizations such as the Forest History Center is extremely important. In this case, the center provides the following:

- It looks at and preserves the history of all aspects of the forestry profession and forest industry.
- It provides a place to preserve the items and memories of forestry.
- It is a place for the public to view the history of forestry. Since its dedication, the center has been attracting many individuals, families, senior groups and schools.

The support and involvement of SAF members from the Capitol Chapter has been critical to the early success of the center and we look forward to continuing SAF involvement in the years to come. ♦

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OSAF Foundation, an SAF Success

BY MIKE CAFFERATA

This issue of the *Western Forester* focuses on successes of the Society of American Foresters. The OSAF Foundation is certainly a success worth celebrating.

Merle Lowden was the driving force behind starting the Foundation. Since its establishment in 1985, the Foundation has grown to its current balance of above \$200,000. SAF members can be very proud of their contributions to the fund and the dividends it has paid in terms of helping educate forestry leaders.

The funds are deposited within the Oregon State University Foundation, which invests them on our behalf. The annual earnings from these investments are used to fund scholarships at Oregon State University and to advance forestry education opportunities for Oregon students and the public.

This year the Foundation was able

to award two full-tuition scholarships. These went to Mike Shettles and Andrew Bartoldus. Mike is a junior in Forest Management and Andrew is a junior in Pre-Forest/Civil Engineering. Congratulations Mike and Andrew!

These awards come at a difficult time for students. Tuition is now \$6,000/year at Oregon State and that does not include books, lab fees and living expenses. These costs make the Foundation and other student support more important now than ever.

The Foundation fund balance is down significantly and continuing to award two scholarships is unlikely without additional support. Contributions to the fund are welcome. More information, including how to contribute, can be found at www.forestry.org/or/foundation/. ♦

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Keeping Members Engaged

BY RICHARD REID

In the Pacific Northwest, SAF chapters traditionally suspend activities during the field and fire season in the summer. As a result, members tend to become disengaged from their broader professional peers. However, it is

possible to structure summer activities that will help overcome this problem without impinging too heavily on work schedules.

The Palouse-Snake River Chapter of the Inland Empire SAF faced this challenge along with another common one found in the Pacific North-

west: The geographic area of the chapter spans a roughly 200 mile square region of north-central Idaho and eastern Washington. Given the chapter's demographics, most of the regular meetings are held in the Moscow, Idaho-Pullman, Wash., area leaving members in the fringe areas a long way to travel and a sense of isolation.

A solution devised by the chapter leadership was to have an early summer field day featuring a pertinent issue held in a more remote area. It would be a one-day affair and feature social activities as well as technical ones. Additionally, it was decided to have the trips on a Friday to allow for families to have a long weekend camping or take part in some other activity.

The first trip in 2006 visited the scene of the School Fire southwest of Clarkston, Wash., and the second was in 2007 to view the aftermath of the large Columbia Complex Fire south of Dayton, Wash., along with visiting one of the wind farms sprouting along with the wheat in the area. Both trips were successful in attracting members from the southwest corner of the chapter area who couldn't make regular meetings.

The 2008 trip again visited a fire area, but this was to look at salvage logging on land owned by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on Craig Mountain south of Lewiston, Idaho. In 2009 the chapter visited the state-of-the-art sawmill at Grangeville, Idaho, and then went to the 800-acre tree farm near Cottonwood, Idaho, owned by the Convent of St. Gertrude and managed by the convent's nuns. For 2010, planning is underway to visit Nez Perce tribal lands to view their forestry operations.

Having an SAF chapter that is spread over a wide area can be an advantage in that many possible one-day field trip opportunities exist that can help keep the members engaged even during the summer. ♦

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WSSAF Foundation Reaches Milestone

BY ADRIAN MILLER

In 2003, the Washington State Society of American Foresters developed a foundation to support and encourage forestry education. It was modeled on the very successful program initiated by the Oregon Society. While we have not caught up to Oregon yet, the WSSAF Foundation has crossed a significant milestone with over \$20,000 of donations.

By maintaining this balance, we are able to begin distribution of scholarships to forestry students. The foundation board met in June to develop the criteria and process for distributions. Our intention is to have this in place by the end of the calendar year.

The foundation board would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this effort thus far and we are excited to see it begin to deliver a return on your investments. While this is a great moment, the foundation is still far from being able to sustain itself on the conservative investment of the principal donations. Please consider making an annual donation in any amount you can afford. Please also consider the Foundation in your own estate planning.

Despite the tough economic times I am continued to be impressed by the energy and optimism of the forestry students I meet. Our profession depends on this optimism to carry us forward. Remember that a small contribution from an SAF member is worth several fold to a forestry student.

If you are interested in contributing, please send your donation to: WSSAF Foundation, c/o SAF Northwest Office, 4033 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221. ♦

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Council Approves Policy Actions; Considers Dues Increase

BY CHUCK LORENZ, CF

SAF Council held its first face-to-face meeting of 2010 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in June. Audit, Finance and Investment, and Executive Committees met on June 11, followed by a meeting of the full Council on June 12-13. The 2009 financial audit was completed timely and with unconditional approval by SAF's auditor, Paul West, CPA. SAF's investments in the Endowment Fund and the Foresters' Fund continue to perform well in these uneven economic times. Council took advantage of the meeting location to hear a presentation on generational changes to our membership by John Manz, member of Montana SAF, as well as a presentation on fundraising strategies by Tom Mentele, development director of the School of Forest Resources, College of the Environment, University of Washington. These presentations led into Council's discussion of SAF's Strategic Plan (www.safnet.org/about/strategicplan2009.pdf). We spent significant time on a SWOT analysis (Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats) as we more fully integrate our strategic plan into SAF's daily operations and continue to refine our vision of SAF's future.

Council reviewed the recommendations of the Committee on Forest Policy and approved a new national position statement on "State Programs to Credential Foresters." The previous statement expired in 2009 and had been extended to June 2010. Council also approved a revision to the

"Public Regulation of Private Forest Practices" statement to incorporate the concept of unintended consequences, such as high-grading, as a result of regulation. Council took action to approve the charter of and fund a task force for "Forest Climate Change Offsets and Use of Forest Biomass for Energy." This task force will extend the work of the 2008 SAF Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration Task Force Report.

In conjunction with the ongoing evaluation of SAF's revenue opportunities and cost efficiencies, Council proposes changes to the dues structure and dues rates. The last overall national dues increase was 13 years ago in 1997, with one inflation adjustment of 2.3 percent in 2004. Consistent with the SAF Constitution and Bylaws, these proposals will be submitted to the House of Society Delegates at their October meeting prior to the National Convention in Albuquerque. Following HSD's discussion, Council is poised to take action at its December meeting. The proposal would raise dues in 2012 by 15 percent; adjust dues every five years, i.e., 2012, 2017, 2022; charge graduating students the student rate until they become employed in forestry or a related field; and charge all professional members the introductory rate until the 6th year of non-student membership. More information will be available in the coming months as HSD, members and Council further consider the proposal and other financial aspects of the Society.

One of the more welcome opportunities of Council actions is the

annual election of Fellow. Council acted to elect 26 individuals to the category of SAF Fellow in 2010. These individuals will be feted at the Fellows Breakfast during the convention in Albuquerque. They will also be highlighted in an upcoming issue of *The Source*.

Finally, Clark Seely's column in the March/April/May *Western Forester* mentioned the proposed SAF Ring program. The latest issue of *The Source* provides details on the approved program, as well as an opportunity to contribute to the maintenance of the SAF National Headquarters, Wild Acres, through a commemorative paver program. More detailed information on both of these programs is available at the SAF website at www.safnet.org/commerce/ringfund.cfm and www.safnet.org/commerce/paverfund.cfm.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns relating to national SAF operations or governance, please contact me or District 2 Council Representative Clark Seely, CF. We look forward to serving you. ♦

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Knapp Receives Golden Award



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Walt Knapp, left, is honored with his 50-year golden membership award by Tom Ortman at a recent Portland Chapter meeting.



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William G. Hughes 1925-2010

William (Bill) Hughes was born April 15, 1925, in Portland, Ore. He passed away on April 22, 2010, of complications following a stroke in January of 2010.

Mr. Hughes graduated from Roosevelt High School, Portland, Ore., in 1943. He was drafted into the Army and served with the 263rd Regiment of the 66th Infantry Division in Europe during World War II. He attended Oregon State University and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He received his bachelor's degree of Science in Forestry in 1949 and a master's degree in Personnel Administration from Syracuse University in 1952.

Mr. Hughes was employed by the Oregon Department of Forestry and moved to Salem in 1950. He married June Marie Bosworth of Medford, Ore., in 1952.

In 1971 Governor Tom McCall appointed Mr. Hughes to the position of state personnel administrator where he served for eight years. In 1979 he returned to state forestry as an assistant state forester, retiring in January 1983 after 36 cumulative years of state service. He remained active during his retirement and volunteered with St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Vestry, St. Joseph Woodcutters Guild, Outreach Commission and Helping

Hands. He served as Hearings Officer for the State of Oregon Forests Administrative Rules. He also served on the Oregon Public Retirees' Board and the Executive Committee for the Oregon Forest Retirees' Association. He was a member of the Oregon Society of American Foresters and the Salem Elks Lodge #336.

The Bill Hughes Memorial Fund has been established in his honor to benefit forest education programs at the Tillamook Forest Center. Memorial gifts referencing this fund can be made payable to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at 45500 Wilson River Highway, Tillamook, OR 97141, or can be sent in memory of Wm. G. Hughes to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1440 Liberty St. SE, Salem, OR 97302.

Stephen Horvath 1934-2010

Stephen Horvath of Eugene, Ore., died May 21 of Lewy body disease. He was 76. Born February 1, 1934, in Lenti, Hungary, he married Ingrid Hansen on February 28, 1959, in Vancouver, B.C.

He graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor's degree in forest engineering. He worked for Guistina Brothers Lumber Co. until he retired in 2002. He was an active member of the Oregon SAF.

Remembrances can be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association or St. Mary's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund.

Bert W. Udell 1918-2010

Bert Udell, 92, of Lebanon, Ore., died June 17 at his home. Born in Portland, he grew up in Burlington and graduated from Scappoose High School at the age of 16. He worked two years in the forest industry before attending college. In 1936, Mr. Udell moved to Corvallis to attend Oregon State College. He graduated in 1940 as a logging engineer and immediately started work at the Lebanon Plywood Mill. His first job was to stake and lay out the log pond, which later was to become Cheadle Lake. His work at the plywood mill was a critical job in charge of the glue operation. This function prevented him from going into the military because he was frozen in his job. He was, however, a volunteer in the Oregon Home Guard that was formed by the governor.

In 1941, Bert married his college sweetheart, Violet Elizabeth "Betty" Winniford. In 1946, Bert and Betty formed their own logging engineering consulting and land surveying firm. In their 69 years of marriage they shared their love of forestry and community involvement. Their Happy Valley Tree Farm near Lebanon was recognized as Oregon's first national tree farm in 1982. This award was presented to them personally by President Reagan. For 25 years they sponsored a tree day on their tree farm inviting the public to come and learn about tree farming through fun events. Their tree farm continues to serve the community hosting outdoor schools, Boy and Girl Scout camps, 4-H activities and educational tours. Bert and Betty traveled to many countries learning new forestry techniques at each opportunity and applying many of these new ideas to their own property.

Bert was active in the community serving on several boards. These included the Lebanon High School, Lebanon Community Hospital and the Linn Forest Protective Association boards. At the state level, he was active in the Oregon Small Woodlands Association. He served several years as the legislative chair to advocate legislation helpful to sustaining productive forestry on small forestland ownerships. At the national level, Bert served on the board of the National Woodland Owners Association.

He was a 63-year member of the Society of American Foresters and was elected Fellow in 1986.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the OSU Extension—Benton County and sent in care of Huston-Jost Funeral Home, 86 W. Grant St., Lebanon, OR 97355. ♦



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Calendar of Events

TimberValue Seminar, Aug. 17, Tualatin, OR. Contact: FEC Consulting, 503-201-4428, tjhanson@forestmgt.com.

Target Seedlings, Aug. 24-26, Portland, OR. Contact: WFCFA.

Professional Timber Cruising Seminar, Sept. 8-9, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury.

Biomass as a Renewable Energy Source, Sept. 15, Seattle, WA. Contact: The Seminar Group, 800-574-4852, info@theseminargroup.com.

Pacific Logging 6th annual In The Woods Show, Sept. 16-18, Clatskanie, OR. Contact: Julie Woodward, 503-584-7259, woodward@ofri.com.

Who Will Own the Forest? 6, Sept. 20-22, Portland, OR. Contact: Sara Wu, 503-488-2130, swu@worldforestry.org.

FRA Western Region Fall Meeting, Sept. 22-23, Bend, OR. Contact: Tim Gammell, 509-396-2478, fiber@woodcom.com.

Timberland Appraisal Seminar, Sept. 23, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury.

Log Scaling and Grading for Timber Cruisers with SuperACE, Sept. 29-30, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury.

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Atterbury: Atterbury Consultants Inc., 3800 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., Suite 145, Beaverton, OR 97005, 503-646-5393, pwroe@atterbury.com, www.atterbury.com.

WFCFA: Western Forestry and Conservation Association, 4033 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221, 503-226-4562, richard@westernforestry.org, www.westernforestry.org.

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SAF National Convention, Sept. 27-31, Albuquerque, NM. Contact: Society of American Foresters, 866-897-8720, www.safnet.org.

PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference, Sept. 26-29, Tacoma, WA. Contact: Pacific Northwest ISA, 503-874-8263, info@pnwisa.org.

Invasive Species Workshop, co-sponsored by the SAF Portland Chapter, Oct. 12, Portland, OR. Contact: WFCFA.

PNW Reforestation Council, Oct. 27, Vancouver, WA. Contact: WFCFA.

Operational Management of Swiss Needle Cast in Douglas-fir, Nov. 17, Woodburn, OR. Contact: WFCFA.

2011 Oregon/Washington State SAF Leadership Conference, Jan. 21-22, Hood River Inn, OR. Contact: Shaun Harkins, 541-267-1855, shaun.harkins@plumcreek.com.

2011 OSAF/WSSAF Joint Annual Meeting, May 11-13, Portland, OR. Contact: Bob Deal, general chair, 503-808-2105, rdeal@fs.fed.us.



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Forestry Professionals Gather in Albany

BY RICK FLETCHER

Nearly 200 of Oregon's forestry professionals gathered in Albany on April 7-9 for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Oregon Society of American Foresters (OSAF), hosted by the Marys Peak SAF chapter. Meeting chair Gary Blanchard and his team of more than 25 volunteers put on quite a show.

"Forestry from the Ground Up," included expert speakers and field trips covering both cutting edge science, as well as practical applications of forest management. The program began on Wednesday afternoon with highlights of the current state of the art and science of forestry on Oregon's major land ownerships, including state, industrial, family, tribal and federal forests. U.S. Congressional Representative Kurt Schrader addressed the convention via a video presentation, offering his support and admiration for the important work that our membership does to ensure the sustainability of our forests. Day one ended with a barbeque hosted by students from the OSU College of Forestry.

A "Pep-Up Breakfast" got Thursday off to a great start with alumni updates and short presentations on emerging activities. Concurrent technical sessions consumed most of the Thursday program, with scientific and practitioner experts examining cutting-edge techniques and tools for reforestation, stream protection, resource measurements and more. State Senator Chris Edwards (Eugene), member of a Eugene-area forest products family, addressed the lunchtime crowd on Thursday, highlighting the continued importance of the forestry sector to a healthy Oregon, and on efforts to help better connect Oregon's legislators with the state's forest resources and the professionals who manage them.



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Oregon SAF award winners, standing, left to right: Keith Jayawickarama; OSAF Awards Chair Jim Rombach; Paul Daughtery, Jordan Ryder, Julie Woodward and Reed Youngbar. Kneeling, left to right: Tim Keith, OSAF chair, Mike Newton, Elizabeth Bly, Fran Cafferata Coe, Mike Cafferata, Simon Babcock and Brad Hamel.



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OSAF Policy Committee member Gary Springer (left) and Policy Committee Chair Paul Adams (right) chat with State Senator Chris Edwards after his talk at the annual meeting.

Thursday evening concluded with an awards banquet honoring several SAF members and others for outstanding achievement:

- Forestry Research award: Dr. Keith Jayawickarama, director of the Northwest Tree Improvement Cooperative, Department of Forest Science, College of Forestry, Oregon

State University, was cited for leadership in the forest genetics cooperative that has progressed to national status with his key involvement and performance.

- Lifetime Achievement award: Mike Newton, professor emeritus, College of Forestry, OSU, was recognized for decades of professional research, extensive forestry publication contributions and continuing key environmental research.

- Forestry Appreciation award: Simon Babcock, a Philomath, Ore., high school forestry educator, was recognized for extensive and successful student involvement and education in forestry and related activities. He has also promoted forestry education with other high schools, communities and peers in Oregon. His leadership with students has encouraged students to further their education in forestry and natural resources education.

- Forester of the Year: Julie (Maulding) Woodward was recognized for her effective work with hundreds of teachers and thousands of students in Oregon. She also serves as

the OSAF Education chair. An OSU graduate with a B.S. in Forest Management and Business, and an M.S. (Summa cum laude) in Natural Resource Education and Extension, she is manager of the Rediscovery Forest at the Oregon Garden for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

- Oregon SAF Student award—OSU College of Forestry: Brad Hamel, a student majoring in Forest Management, was recognized for involvement in student chapter activities and leading the OSU student team that won the National Quiz Bowl in Orlando Florida.

- Chapter Achievement Award: The Emerald Chapter was recognized for continued excellence in all facets of



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Bill Hagenstein, author of the newly released book "Corks and Suspenders: Memoir of an Early Forester," signs Terry Droessler's book.

chapter management, including a successful wildlife conference that was partnered with The Oregon Wildlife Society. Chair Jordan Ryder accepted the award on behalf of all chapter members.

- Tough Tree award: Mike Cafferata and Peter Daughtery of the Oregon Department of Forestry were cited for their leadership in Oregon forest plans and in effective management of forest practices act on private land.

- Oregon SAF Chair award: Fran Cafferata Coe was recognized for her organizational leadership in the joint SAF/Wildlife conference.

Friday's concluding program featured a menu of three different field trips complementing the indoor presentations. Field tour #1, arranged by Bob McNitt and Rick Fletcher, explored

the North Santiam drainage visiting the national award winning Blue Den Ranch's trout hatchery and farming museum, the Avery family's heritage forest property, a Willamette Valley ponderosa pine forest, and Freres Lumber Company's bio-energy facility near Lyons. Tour #2, arranged by Brian Murray and Milt Moran from Cascade Timber Consulting, explored the South Santiam drainage with stops at Weyerhaeuser's Santiam sawmill, Oregon's reigning Tree Farmers of the Year Fun Forest LLC, and Cascade

Timber Consulting's seed orchard and weed control experiments. Tour #3, arranged by Jim Stuart from Plum Creek Timber, explored the central Oregon Coast Range with stops at Thompson Timber Sort Yard, Starker Forests' experimental sites, Newton family tree farm, and fish habitat research sites. ♦

Rick Fletcher served as program chair for the 2010 Oregon SAF annual meeting. He can be reached at rick.fletcher@oregonstate.edu.

WSSAF Members Honored at Annual Meeting

On May 12-14, over 100 foresters and guests attended the WSSAF annual meeting in LaConner to discuss "Opportunities and Challenges in Uncertain Times." Hosted by the North Puget Sound Chapter, the educational sessions provided thought-provoking discussion with experts from the Northwest and British Columbia ranging from higher and better use to climate change/ biomass energy and forest certification. On Friday, over 65 attendees took the opportunity to tour the well-managed Pilchuck Tree Farm in Skagit County.

At the banquet at famed Maple Hall in LaConner, the following awards were

presented:

- Forester of the Year: Peter Heide, senior director of Forest Policy for Washington Forest Protection Association, was recognized for his leadership in promoting the forestry profession and maintaining its long-term viability. He



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Peter Heide (right) receives the Forester of the Year award from WSSAF Chair John Walkowiak.

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Longview Recognizes Golden Members



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Left photo: Longview Chapter Chair Patrick Allen (right) congratulates Dick Woods on 50 years of being an SAF member. Right photo: David Jay receives his 50-year golden membership award from Patrick Allen. Both awards were presented at a recent Longview Chapter meeting.



Policy Scoreboard

Editor's Note: To keep SAF members informed of state society policy activities, Policy Scoreboard is a regular feature in the Western Forester. The intent is to provide a brief explanation of the policy activity—you are encouraged to follow up with the listed contact person for detailed information.

SAF Perspective Absent at Senate Field Hearing. A field hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests was held on June 4 in Bend on S. 2895, "Oregon Eastside Forests Restoration, Old Growth Protection, and Jobs Act of 2009." An SAF representative was not among the 11 invited witnesses, although Stephen Fitzgerald testified on behalf of SAF on March 10 at a similar hearing on Capitol Hill (see www.efor-ester.org/fp/documents/s_fitzgerald_testimony_3-10-10.pdf). Prior to the June hearing, the Central Oregon SAF

Chapter issued a press release that expressed concerns about the bill, including its highly prescriptive directives such as specific diameter limits for cutting individual trees. However, the press release did not generate any immediate contacts or coverage by the news media. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@oregonstate.edu.

Work Continues on Position Statement Updates. The OSAF Policy Committee is reviewing and updating two position statements, "Riparian Forests and Fish" and "Managing Mature and Old-growth Forests." The Riparian position expired in April and the old-growth position is scheduled to expire this fall (October). SAF position statements normally have a five-year lifespan, which helps prompt some fine-tuning and integration of newer issues as statements are updated. For example, a draft of the revised Riparian position is titled "Managing Riparian Forests," which reflects its broader theme of active management for diverse resources and for reducing natural

hazards such as wildfire. All OSAF position statements are available online at www.forestry.org and as they approach completion, draft revisions are posted in the "members only" section. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@oregonstate.edu.

Idaho Land Exchange Dispute. The U.S. Forest Service has proposed swapping roughly 28,000 acres of national forestlands for 40,000 acres of private timberland held by Tim Blixseth's Western Pacific Timber LLC. These lands are intermingled with national forestlands in a checkerboard pattern near Lolo Pass on the Montana border and had been logged and owned by Plum Creek Timber until Blixseth bought them in 2005. The Forest Service says the cut-over land is important habitat for Canada lynx, steelhead and bull trout, as well as critical elk winter range. A coalition of groups has said exchanging mature, publicly-owned forests in the Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater and Nez Perce national forests for these cut-over lands is not a good bargain, and would prefer that the Forest Service buy the land with cash from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a federal repository for offshore oil and natural gas drilling royalties. A draft environmental impact statement on the proposed exchange is expected in July followed by a public comment period. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776, jayo@uidaho.edu.

Position Statements Considered: Member Input Requested. At press time, the WSSAF Executive Committee is voting on a draft biomass position statement. If a majority vote yes, the statement will be placed on the fall ballot for general membership consideration. Special thanks to those who worked and commented on this draft, especially Will Hamilton and Adrian Miller.

The Policy Committee is considering several other topics that could be the basis for WSSAF position papers and is seeking input from the membership. Please comment on the ideas outlined below to Harry Bell at harry@greencrow.com.

1. On the Olympic Peninsula many are engaged in a lively and very political discussion about a proposal to



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move large amounts (possibly 37,000 acres) of very productive—both economically and ecologically—second and third growth into federal Wilderness. Several conservation organizations are promoting federal legislation to do this. As SAF members, do we have an opinion about moving large tracts from multiple use to nearly single use? Is this a nationwide issue?

2. Again on the Olympic Peninsula, there are a diversity of forestland ownerships that are managed under a diversity of policies and plans. There are national park, Forest Service, industrial and family owned lands—all in close proximity. Is there a need for an SAF position statement that recognizes the different management goals, timber harvest techniques, markets (definitions of biomass) and different contributions to the triad of social, economic and ecological benefits?

3. Since SAF advocates scientific management of forests, we at least imply that policy should be based on science. In my 30 years of dwelling in the twilight zone between scientists and policy makers, I have concluded each have an important role that each commonly violate. Scientists have the mission of characterizing the risks associated with policy alternatives. Policy makers have the mission of selecting the policy alternative that balances the risk between competing resources. Scientists should not be promoting specific policies. Policy makers should not play scientist.

4. Should WSSAF have a presence and make appearances at the State Forest Practices Board and the State Board of Natural Resources? If so, do we have the ability to develop and present relevant testimony? Contact: Harry Bell, WSSAF Policy chair, harry@greencrow.com ♦

WSSAF Awards

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is highly respected for his patience, calmness and professional demeanor and analytical approach to problems.

- Chapter of the Year: Central Washington Chapter was cited for their efforts in hosting the 2009 annual meeting and increasing chapter vitality.

- Special Awards: Admiralty Inlet Chapter and North Puget Sound Chapter

- Past Chair Award: Doug St. John was recognized for his lead-



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North Puget Sound Chapter co-chairs Paul Wagner (left) and Ken Osborn (middle) accept a special award from John Walkowiak on behalf of their chapter for their efforts in hosting the annual meeting.



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Fifty-year SAF members were announced and honored with a Golden Member certificate during the WSSAF annual meeting. Left to right: Chris Lunde receiving award on behalf of Frank Lewis, Richard Miller and John Vosburgh; Longview Chapter Chair Patrick Allen on behalf of Dick Woods and David Jay; Charles Heimbigner; Frank Shirley; Jim O'Donnell; and Tom Hanson accepting for Bruce Mateer and John McMahon.

ership and efforts as chair of WSSAF in 2009.

- Golden Member Awards: Bruce Mateer, Kirkland; John McMahon, Normandy Park; Jim O'Donnell, Gig Harbor; Frank Shirley, Vaughn; Charles Heimbigner, Olympia; Frank Lewis, Shelton; Richard Miller,

Olympia; John Vosburgh, Olympia; David Jay, La Center; and Richard Woods, Kelso. ♦



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Frank Shirley issues a fundraising challenge during the annual meeting.

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