2016 Fall Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar for FTF’s Annual Meeting
January 27, 8am-9:30am, Valley River Inn

An event to thank our 2016 sponsors, donors, and volunteers, and an opportunity to share our accomplishments. Expect a delicious buffet breakfast, a keynote address you will not want to miss, and a visit by Forest Field Day students!

Invitation & RSVP information to follow by email!

Thank You
Thank you to W.E. McArthur & Associates, Inc., Dave Edwards Land Surveying, Olsson Electric, O & S Contractors, and Steve Bowers for becoming sponsors of FTF! Your commitment to forestry education will help maintain the high quality of our programs.

How Can YOU Support FTF?
One way is to turn your shopping at Fred Meyer and Amazon.com into charitable giving to Forests Today & Forever. It’s easy! To learn how, visit:
http://foreststodayandforever.org/shop-support/
The annual ‘Seedling to Sawmill’ Teacher Tour, offered in partnership with the Summer Institute, an international organization for teacher education. FTF’s goal is to give local teachers information and perspective on forest management in a format where participants see and experience firsthand. Teachers take information back to the classroom so students can learn about forests, as well!

The day was an educational whirlwind, beginning at Oregon Department of Forestry, where teachers learned about wildfire and forest fire prevention. Next, to Swan-son Bros. Mill where teachers saw the milling process in real-life. For many of the teachers, this was their first time at a sawmill! Next, they were guided by FTF Educator, Lindsay Reaves, on a walking tour of Bauman Tree Farm. Here, teachers learned about forest management goals for a small woodland and were able to see a working tree farm firsthand. Toward the end of the tour, Cary Hart of Giustina Land & Timber joined to discuss forestry on industry lands and to take questions about forest practices. The day concluded with a give-away of teaching materials by Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

One teacher, when asked about the take-away message, stated, “Sustainability is important to foresters, loggers, and tree farm owners”. Another teacher shared his take-away that, “Natural resources are important and complex to manage”. Several teachers suggested that they would be incorporating forestry into their classrooms this year, and one might even be visiting us with her students for Forest Field Days this spring!

Thank you to Les Schwab for providing funding for this year’s ‘Seedling to Sawmill’ Teacher Tour. Thanks to John Deegan of ODF for sharing about wildfire, to Jayme Dumford for coordinating the tour at Swanson Bros. Mill, to Cary Hart of Giustina Land & Timber for adding the industry perspective, and to Tom Bauman & Lindsay Reaves for use of their tree farm.
Wood is to Build With For these Future Architects

From the image, it seems that Forests Today & Forever reached all the way to the midwest! University of Nebraska partnered with Bauman Tree Farm for a design intensive to learn about wood as a building material. Guided by their instructor, Jason Griffiths, 12 students engaged in a ‘design to build’ project using cross laminated timber. Bauman tree farm owners, Lindsay Reaves and Tom Bauman, hosted the project itself, while Forests Today & Forever coordinated educational programs for the students, including a mill tour, a tree farm tour, and a lesson on certification by Mike Cloughesy of OFRI. The structure, which is designed and built by the students, is positioned adjacent to the Forest Field Days Recreation Trail on the Bauman property. This fall and into the future volunteers and students will be able to appreciate wood as an amazing building material.

Soiree & Silent Auction Recap

The Third Annual Annual Soiree & Silent Auction, which took place on September 15 at Sweet Cheeks Winery was a successful fundraiser in support of our forestry education programs. Guests mingled, enjoyed the company of friends and colleagues, bid on great silent auction items, drank delicious wine, and had a general good time at a beautiful venue. Seventy-seven supporters attended the event, which raised $4,200. Auction items were generously donated, and included a Mount Hood ski package, a OSU football tickets, gift certificates to local merchants, artisan crafts, and much more. The event is a great way to celebrate forestry education and a fun way to connect with friends and colleagues.

Thanks to Silent Auction and Raffle Donors!

Individuals: Mike & Connie Atkinson, Anonymous, Stephanie Harris, Kay & Bobby King, Pieter Karlik, George McCully, Dick Powell


FTF Board & Staff: Wylda Cafferata, Dwight Dziezek, Beth Krisko, Denise Lindly, Jonathan Powell, Lindsay Reaves, Tiffany Roddy, and Bill Wynkoop

Top: bidding on great auction items; Middle: the band, Keltocalypse, rocking the night away; Bottom: Mingling with friends and colleagues over drinks and food.
Forests Today & Forever’s Board of Directors is a diverse and enthusiastic group of individuals who believe in the vital role of forestry education in the community. Representing timber companies, associated businesses, and public education, our board offers vision and provides continuity to the organization. Of the twelve-member board, half have served the organization for over five years. The rest are new in the past three years, bringing fresh perspective and ideas that help drive the organization forward in programs and fundraising.

The past three years have been a very active time for the board. The first Executive Director was hired, FTF’s mission, vision, and values were reviewed, our bylaws updated, new grants secured for projects, and the kick-off of our now annual Soiree fundraising event. The work of FTF is only possible with active board participation and strong oversight. Thanks FTF Board of Directors for your time, energy and perspectives! If you have an interest in serving on the FTF Board of Directors, please reach out to board president, Dwight Dzierzek.

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**EXHIBIT & EDUCATION Opening** Oct. 21, reception 6-8pm; Lane County Historical Society and Museum, Eugene

The exhibit, Lost Towns: Revisiting Logging Communities, shows what life was like in the communities that sprang up around the logging industry. LCHM will be partnering with FTF on a series of educational programs to show forestry skills and practices of today. Look out for forthcoming program announcements.

**WOODLAND MANAGEMENT COURSE Tuesdays, Oct. 4-25, Junction City** OSU Extension offers a forestry shortcourse ideal for anyone just starting out taking care of a woodland property. The course covers property assessment, tree biology, forest ecology, tree planting, weed control, safety, timber sale logistics, and laws and regulations. Register at: [https://secure.oregonstate.edu/osuext/register/1071](https://secure.oregonstate.edu/osuext/register/1071)

**FOREST TOUR November 5, 12-4:30pm, Dexter Area** FTF and Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council (MFWWC) are hosting a forest tour of Giustina Land & Timber land to share about the forest industry. The tour explores many topics such as harvest planning, reforestation, business aspects, and regulations. Both industry and ODF foresters are participating. Please email education@mfwwc.org for more information and registration.

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**Educator: Lindsay Reaves**

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