2019 Summer Newsletter

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6th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction

Registration is now open. This event is not to be missed!
Come, bring a friend, and enjoy live music, delicious hors d’oeuvres, and tasty wine (beer available, too!).

Event Details

Thursday, September 19th, 6-9pm
Noble Estates, Urban

Tickets are $25/ person; $40/couple
one raffle ticket/person included with registration

Music by Keltocalypse
A combination of Old Time Traditional and Celtic, and returning from previous years!

Register on-line by visiting our web site at
www.foreststodayandforever.org
Promoting Forest Stewardship through Education

Summer 2019

2019 Spring Forest Field Days

This spring, 891 students and 110 teachers and chaperones from six school districts visited Bauman Tree Farm to learn about forest stewardship. Thank you to the 110 volunteers who generously gave a combined 654 volunteer hours to share knowledge and expertise from their diverse experiences within natural resources. Thank you to Oregon Forest Resources Institute for providing the transportation funding that allows our program to remain free to any school in the area that wishes to participate. Finally, thank you to our sponsors and donors who provide the funding essential for organizing, coordinating, and equipping this great program.

Thank You, Spring 2019 Forest Field Day Volunteers!

American Forest Resources Council: Amanda Astor
Baker Surveying: Dan Baker
BLM: Teresa Coble, Perry Castelli, Weston Miller, Jan Robbins, Emily Timoshevskiy, Sarah Werneke
Cafferata Family Forests: Steve Cafferata, Wylda Cafferata
Century Forest Management: Ethan Fielder, Garren Hitner
General Trailer: Danny Bivens
Giustina Land & Timber:
Giustina Resources: Austin Larson
Gleaves Swearingen:
International Paper: Kristin Headlee, Marge Huseman, Matt Jones, Bill McMahon, Josh Roll, Michelle Winetrout
NRCS: Taylor Cullum- Muyres, Jason Martin, Kevin Macquoid
Nancy Geyer Consulting: Nancy Geyer
Northwest Community Credit Union: Dwight Dzierzek
Northwest Timberland Consulting & Surveying, Inc.: Harvey Christensen
ODF: Eric Breakstad, Paul Clements, Quincy Coons, Dan Menk
OSU Extension: Lauren Grand
PRT Growing Services: Tiffany Roddy
Roseburg Resources Co.: Matt Bliss, Jason Colter, Cody Kievit, Lawrence Martin
Seneca Jones: Addie Campbell, Jill Florence, Kayla Healy, Ashley Jones, Jesse Kennedy, Ted Reiss, Kevin Teurs, Julie Vandeburg, Bill Wynkoop
Starker Forests: Dick Powell
Talk About Trees: Leslie Bradner, Mary Loftin
Thompson Timber: Jayme Dumford
Timber Analytic: Tyler Claxton
Triad Machinery: Susan McClure
Weyerhaeuser: Josh McCafferty, Robin Studdard, Jeff Yost
Other: Rita Adams, Michael Atkinson, Tom Bauman, Sue Bowers, Bob Johnson, Val Kime, Stephanie Kinnaman, Ron Leonard, Mike McDowell, Jordan Ryder, Angela Seydel, Denis VanWinkle, Jessica

We apologize for misspellings, or if we have left off a name. Please do contact us so we may correct!
Engaging Younger Audiences

Opportunity for learning and engagement in the forest is endless! Recently Forests Today & Forever broadened field-based programs to accommodate elementary classes. Just this spring, we had the opportunity to host 25 third graders from Coburg Charter School in Eugene. Students rotated through learned stations at Bauman Tree Farm, where the program took place. One station was designed for discovery and exploration, where students observed and collected specimens. Another station highlighted how trees grow and their importance to providing the products we use every day. The final station was hosted by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and highlighted fire prevention. Students got to see a water tender and some tools used to fight forest fires. It was a great day of engaged learning and enthusiasm for the forest. We look forward to continuing our work with elementary students.

Thank You International Paper

Forests Today & Forever was recently granted $5,000 from International Paper to support the Forest Field Day program! This funding is essential to keep our Forest Field Day program going strong from year to year. In addition to their on-going financial support, IP enthusiastically supports volunteerism with FTF. This spring, six IP employees gave a total of 41 hours to our Forest Field Days program, teaching students about the many benefits of our forests. Thanks to IP and to IP employees for they do!

Several FTF Board members with the “big check” from International Paper. From Left to Right: Bill Wynkoop, Jonathan Powell, Jason Colter, Michelle Winetrout, Wylda Cafferata, Ethan Fielder, Tiffany Roddy.

Director: Beth Krisko
Educator: Lindsay Reaves

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For more information, see our website: www.ForestsTodayAndForever.org

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Service Learning

Thank you to O’Hara Catholic School eighth graders for helping prepare for spring Forest Field Days at Bauman Tree Farm! These 48 students visited the tree farm as seventh graders for Forest Field Days and were eager to give back to the program with their hard work and energy. Students cleared walking paths in the Wildlife and Water stations, cut back invasive plants in the Timber Station, and spread wood chips on the Recreation Trail to help make the site welcoming for the hundreds of students that participated in Forest Field Days this spring. Thank you, O’Hara for your service and commitment to our program.

Photo: O’Hara Catholic School 8th graders posing with buckets and tools during a service-learning day at Bauman Tree Farm, where they helped prepare the site for spring Forest Field Days.

Engaging Landowners in Education

This spring Forests Today & Forever partnered with Oregon State University’s Natural Resources Education Program, Lane County Extension, and Bauman Tree Farm on a program funded by the American Tree Farm System. Together we taught landowners how to facilitate education programs on their property with the goal of expanding forestry education throughout the state. During the interactive workshop, participants learned about the logistical details of bringing K-12 audiences onto their forest property, and how to engage students in education using the award-winning Project Learning Tree curriculum. The workshop took place at Bauman Tree Farm, whose owners, in collaboration with FTF, have hosted over 10,000 students in educational events. Participants left the workshop with ideas about how they can join the effort to engage local students in learning about forests outside of the classroom. Thank you to our partnering organizations and the enthusiastic participants for making it a great day!

Susan Sahnow of the Oregon Natural Resources Education Program, introduces participants to Project Learning Tree and the many resources available for teaching about Oregon’s forests.

Call for Silent Auction Donations

Help us create our best silent auction yet! We are accepting donations for the 2019 Soiree & Silent Auction. We are in need of items that will bring in big bids... vacation rentals, tours, tickets to sporting events, and experiences, like rafting or fishing excursions. Please contact us!