FTF’s annual ‘Seedling-to-Sawmill’ Teacher Tour this July was a great success. Over twenty local K-12 educators learned about forests and wood products in a format where they saw and experienced firsthand. The day begins at the mill, and this year, teachers had the opportunity to tour two different operations. At Swanson Bros., teachers observed how timber is processed into dimensional lumber. Then, at Rosboro, teachers saw the manufacturing of glulam beams, in which individual pieces of lumber are bonded together with an adhesive to form a single beam.

After the mills, the tour moved on to Bauman Tree Farm. At the tree farm, FTF Educator and woodland owner, Lindsay Reaves, toured teachers through management units, using them as examples to discuss forest practices. Teachers learned how stands of various ages are managed and also about the operations, and corresponding rules, that move trees off the farm and to the mills. As in previous years, the day ended with a give-away of teaching materials, many of which are provided by Oregon Forest Resources Institute. One teacher, when asked how she benefited from the tour stated, “A lot of forestry misconceptions have been cleared up.” Another teacher shared her take-away that, “Timber/logging is renewable. You can have a balance of nature and milling.” Thank you to the Summer Teacher Institute for making this tour available to participating teachers.

“Timber/logging is renewable. You can have a balance of nature and milling.” - teacher participant

PHOTOS: Top: K-12 teachers tour Rosboro Glulam Plant; Middle: K-12 teachers ask questions of Swanson Bros. Foresters; Bottom: K-12 teachers touring management units at Bauman Tree Farm.
Over 80 people attended the 6th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction held at Noble Estates Urban Tasting Room. Guests gathered with friends and colleagues, bid on silent auction items, drank wine, and listened to the great tunes played by Keltocalypse. The event is a great opportunity to celebrate forestry education and rally people around the work of FTF. Thank you to silent auction donors, Weyerhaeuser for the food, Noble Estates for the venue, Marché Catering for the food service, Keltocalypse for the music, and to everyone who came out to celebrate!

Thank You Auction Donors!

**Individuals:** Michael Atkinson, Tom Bauman, Sue Bowers, Wylde & Steve Cafferata, Linda de Caccia, George Drouin, Dwight Dzierzek, Stephanie Harris, Kay & Bobby King, Beth Krisko, Denise Krisko, Trixy Moser, Danny Poppen, Dick Powell, Joel & Deanna Powell, Lindsay Reaves, Tiffany Roddy, Jennifer & Dan Waggoner, Bill Wynkoop


**Left:** Soiree guests mingling over wine and bidding on the silent auction; **Right:** Soiree guests enjoying the live music on the outdoor patio.

And the winner is...

**Colin Atchison of International Paper** is the winner of a gift card to REI! As part of our initiative to grow our volunteer pool, we entered the names of first-time Forest Field Day volunteers and the people who recruited them into a raffle. Colin’s name was drawn for his participation this fall. Volunteers make our work possible, and this is one way for us to show our appreciation.
Tribute To Darrel Spiesschaert

Forests Today & Forever mourns the passing of Darrel Spiesschaert. Darrel was a dedicated Forest Field Day volunteer who gave several days each season to teach students during our program. Hundreds of middle schoolers met Darrel at the Timber Station, where he taught them how to measure trees, use a clinometer, and calculate board feet. It was obvious that Darrel loved being a forester and sharing his skills and expertise with others – the students picked up on that, too. When asked in 2016 why he volunteered at Forest Field Days, Darrel said, “I strongly believe in the program because it gives the students a small glimpse of real world forestry, teaches them about some of the complexities of managing the many and differing resources in our forests, and gives them a chance to apply some of the math and science that they are learning in school.” Before becoming a FTF volunteer, Darrel had a long and distinguished career in forestry, retiring as Western Lane District Forester in 1998. In retirement he became a small woodland owner, which gave him great joy and satisfaction. In fact, part of his property bordered a portion of the Bauman Tree Farm, where Forest Field Days takes place. We are grateful to Darrel for his dedicated commitment to our program. It was a privilege to know him and work alongside him to educate the next generation about forestry. FTF offers sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Mark Your Calendar for FTF’s Annual Meeting

January 17, 8am-9:30am, Valley River Inn

An event to thank our 2019 sponsors, donors, and volunteers, and an opportunity to share our accomplishments. The keynote address is by Casey Roscoe, Seneca’s Senior Vice President of Public Relations. Expect a delicious buffet breakfast and networking opportunities.

Invitation & RSVP information to follow by email.

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FTF Unrolls Career Education!

This fall, Forests Today & Forever presents “Wood is Good: Forest Sector Career Learning.” This program is a free, 45-minute to one-hour long interactive classroom presentation for high school students that provides a survey of forest jobs and careers, highlighting the breadth and diversity of employment in the forest sector. Stay tuned to learn more about whom we are reaching with this new program! Grant funding is provided by the Oregon Community Foundation and the Giustina Family Foundation.

Thank You, Les Schwab!

We appreciate the support of Les Schwab, who has provided funding for the Seedling-to-Sawmill Teacher Tour for the past three years. Read about this great event inside!

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