



# Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association

an Oregon Small Woodlands Association Chapter

Chapter Newsletter

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## Small Woodlands Tour Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

You are invited join us for a small woodlands tour of Elk Creek Ranch located southeast of Brookings. This small woodlands property has been in the Grover family for 59 years.

During the tour you'll have a chance to see areas of natural reproduction on former pasture land, areas of 5 - 7 year old trees planted after three clear cut operations, old growth and second growth redwood, and clear cuts from the 1940's which have been partially commercially thinned. Among the options are viewing the old growth redwood, a tour of the plantation with attention to bear and elk damage, some study of the natural reproduction with a discussion about pre-commercial thinning, and viewing wildlife habitat.



*Aerial view of Elk Creek Ranch, showing homestead, fields, recent clearcuts and standing timber*

**Please arrive around 11:30 am and join us for a barbeque lunch.** If you have a folding chair, bring it with you. Following lunch, we'll tour various parts of the property and discuss past, current and future management plans.

Plan on spending about 3-4 hours and wear shoes suitable for walking in the woods. Bring your swimsuit if it is a warm day - the Winchuck never gets very warm but it is a refreshing swim.

**Please let us know if you can come so we can plan lunch.**

**RSVP to: Cilde Grover (541) 412-8388 / cilde@nwtec.com**

**Driving directions:** Hwy 101 South, 7 miles past Brookings, turn left on Winchuck River Rd. There is a sign and left turn lane. If you go over the Winchuck River Bridge or go into California, you've gone too far. Take Winchuck River Road for about 7.5 miles. There will be signs directing you to the house. Address is 01521 Winchuck River Rd.

For those planning to come from Coos County, car pooling will be available. If you want to participate in a car pool as a driver to rider, please contact Tristan Huff at OSU extension (Tristan.Huff@oregonstate.edu or 541-572-5263 ext. 294).

## Roy Hendrick Retires from the Board

After many years of dedicated service to the Coos Curry Small Woodlands chapter, Roy Hendrick has retired from the board.

During his tenure on the board and as a Past President, he was instrumental in the establishment and continuance of this chapter. His passion for small woodlands and the many hours of time he shared with both the chapter and the state office have been greatly appreciated.

We look forward to his continued participation as a member while he focuses on personal matters and managing his property in Curry County.

## Seedling Committee

A new committee has been established to look into the feasibility of the Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association contracting for tree seedlings on behalf of members and/or non-members and for resale by the Association.

The committee will be surveying current members and local small woodland owners about their seedling needs and interest in participating with CCSWA for seedling purchases.

In addition, the committee will research seedling contract programs instituted by other OSWA chapters and gather any other information.

The committee will make a recommendation to the Board by September 30, 2011.

Current Committee members are Marie Gale, Tristan Huff and Cilde Grover.

Interested in working on the committee or helping out? please contact Marie Gale, 541-572-4039 / [president@cooscurrysmallwoodlands.org](mailto:president@cooscurrysmallwoodlands.org).

## Annual Meeting & Dinner

The 2011 Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at the Red Lion Inn in Coos Bay on February 18th and was attended by over 35 members.

**Jim James**, Executive Director OSWA, gave a presentation on Forest Planning 101, which included a very extensive handout containing guidelines and suggestions for writing a Small Woodlands Plan.

**Mary Sisock**, from the OSU Austin Family Business Program's *Ties to the Land*, spoke on the subject of inter-generational transfer and how to avoid potential pitfalls and difficulties often encountered when trying to keep family property in the family.

Fantastic prizes were donated to the raffle, including: two custom hand-made quilt hangings from **Country Keepsakes Quilt Shop** in Brookings, Stihl protective gear from **Curry Equipment**, 2 bundles of 1,000 Red Cedar seedlings from **Menasha**, a handmade birdhouse and walking stick from **Bob Beers**, OSWA gear, a bottle of Oregon Wine and a bottle of Old Forester Bourbon from **Kent Tressider**, tools from **Farr's in Coquille**, and a gift basket with lots of goodies from **Oregon First Community Credit Union**. If you have a chance, please visit these donors and thank them for their support.

**Marie Gale**, President of the Coos-Curry Small Woodlands chapter, presided over the meeting and gave a report on the activities of the Chapter over the past year. The Tree Sale held in March 2010 was quite successful. Due to the tree shortages in 2011, no Tree Sale was held in 2011.

**Jayson Wartnik**, Vice-President and Chair of the Scholarship Committee, reported on the 2010 Scholarship awarded to Rebekah Wagner of Langlois. She received a \$1,000 scholarship to Cornish College of the Arts,



a private arts conservatory in Seattle. The Scholarship Committee moved to continue the Scholarship Program, which was approved. (See article on page 3.)

A new committee to look into the feasibility of the chapter contracting for seedling was also established (see article to right).

Prior to the election, **Roy Hendrick** and **Ryan Mahaffey** stepped down from the Board. Both Roy and Ryan are thanked for the time and effort they put into their terms on the Board of the Coos Curry Small Woodlands chapter.

At the Annual Meeting, **Marie Gale** and **Jayson Wartnik** were re-elected and **Bob Mahaffey** and **Jim Boniface** were elected to the Board, replacing Roy and Ryan. All four will serve two year terms.

The full minutes of the Annual Meeting are available online at: <http://www.cooscurrysmallwoodlands.org/docs/2011-AnnualMeeting.pdf>

## 2011 Scholarship Winner Kelsey Karl

Kelsey Karl, of Agness, a recent graduate of Gold Beach High School, is the 2011 winner of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association.



Kelsey will be attending Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon, and will be working toward a Rangeland Ecology and Management Degree. In her application, Kelsey said, "I want to be able to have a job that allows me to go outside instead of being stuck in an office all day. I always have been an outdoorsy person, and I would like to help keep that way."

When informed she had won the CCSWA scholarship, Kelsey said, "It means a lot to get this scholarship. My family doesn't have much money and my parents never went to college so they are really excited for me to go. This scholarship helps me further my education and make my difference in the world."

## Southport Lumber Tour

About 15 Coos Curry Small Woodlands members and friends attended a tour of Southport Lumber Company in North Bend on April 26th. The tour was very interesting and covered both the milling and planing of wood received at the mill.

Built in 2005, the Southport Lumber mill is state-of-the-art; all aspects of the process - from bucking the logs to planing the finished dimensional wood - is calculated and controlled by a sophisticated computer system.



## Culinary Use for Wild-Crafted Myrtlewood Leaves

Gypsy Bay Laurel, Inc. began supplying fresh, wild, locally picked California bay leaves to the organic markets in San Francisco in late 1999, evolving out of a family owned and run organic row crop farm in Sonoma County." In 2005 the company moved from the fresh herb market into drying the wild-crafted leaves in small batches, sorting by hand for quality and selling the final product wholesale.

Having developed the market, Gypsy Bay Laurel is now looking for small woodland owners in Coastal Oregon - the perfect climate for growing healthy, strong Myrtle trees - who would be interested in managing Myrtle trees on their property for production of Myrtlewood leaves for culinary use through Gypsy Bay Laurel.

Young, healthy Myrtlewood produces the best leaves. Possible scenarios include managing existing trees, including regrowth in recently logged areas, or even planting Myrtle to managed harvest.

Anyone interested can contact Kelly Collins, owner of Gypsy Bay Laurel, at (707-332-5633 (M-F 10 - 5) or by email at [gypsybaylaurel@gmail.com](mailto:gypsybaylaurel@gmail.com).

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# **Upcoming Events**

**July 9**

Tour of Elk Creek Ranch, Brookings  
(See inside for details)

**July 26 - 30**

Coos County Fair

Visit the Coos Curry Small Woodlands in the Natural Resources Tent

**August 13**

Howdy Neighbor Tour  
Chandler Family Ranch, Broadbent

**Mark Your Calendar!**