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Oregon Agriculture in the [Virtual] Classroom

By Jessica Jansen

Looking back at my last column, I had to smile at my positivity in hoping we'd have school return in-person this school year! It's clear none of us knew what was coming!

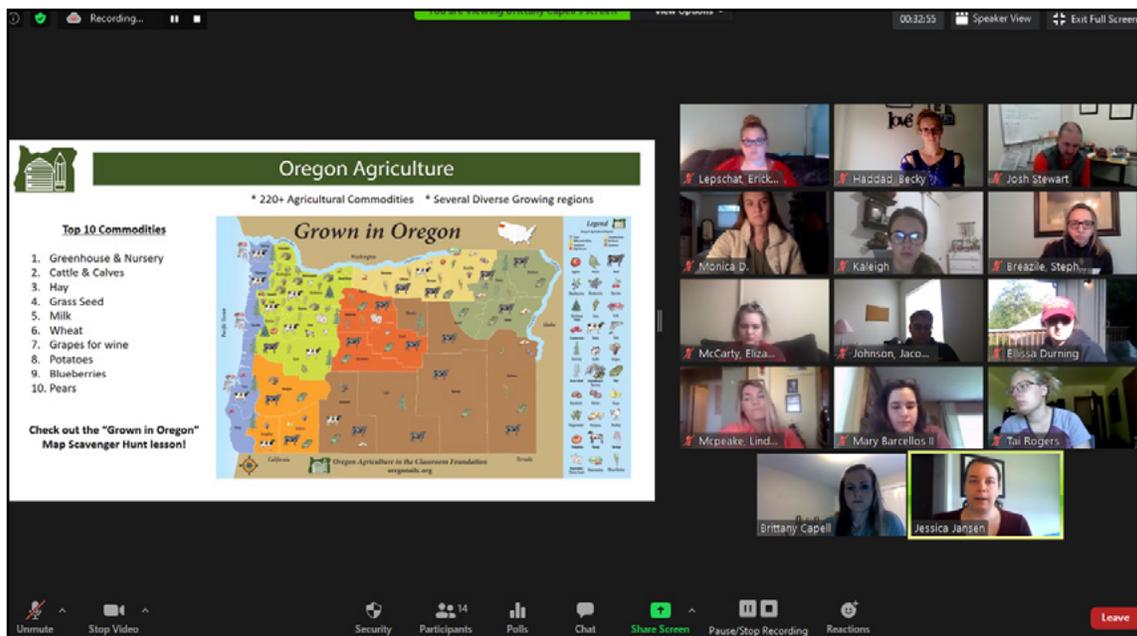
Despite the deviation from our "normal" spring activities - cancelation of events, conventions and pausing our annual Agricultural Literacy Project, we were able to provide educators with resources despite the circumstances. Our team was creative and swift in developing and transitioning resources for the virtual environment.

Our website and social media channels both had record-breaking engagement as parents and teachers scrambled to find resources to

engage students. We hosted three Virtual Farm Field Trips each with over 100 students participating, developed an eLearning portal on our website and offered Get Oregonized virtually for the first time in the book's history.

Teachers and project providers

worked to creatively provide students with resources via mail, drop-off, and meal pick-up sites! Despite the closures, we still distributed over 200 materials to teachers across the state, reaching over 7,000 students.



AITC conducted several virtual teacher trainings, including this one to future ag teachers!

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While the past few months seem to be filled with disruptions, one thing that isn't cancelled - harvest! It's that time of year all across the state when hours worked double or triple hours slept, meals are eaten in the field, and so much work is dictated by when crops need to be harvested. Yet, all of this feels welcome in a time when there is a lot that still isn't normal outside the world of farming.

That certainly isn't to say that harvest looks the same as it ever has before. Many OWA members and their neighboring farmers picked up extra masks and hand sanitizer from the Oregon Department of Agriculture in May to help protect employees working in close quarters from COVID-19. Farms housing seasonal workers have scrambled to comply with OR-OSHA's temporary additional rules to keep everyone safe through harvest. We've seen food processing facilities from the Willamette Valley and the Oregon Coast to the Columbia Gorge and Eastern Oregon all have coronavirus outbreaks. While compliance has cost many farms thousands of dollars, there is \$16 million in relief available through Oregon's Food Security and Farmworker Safety Program. Your operation is eligible for funds if it has complied with COVID-19 emergency OR-OSHA requirements for housing, transportation, and field sanitation. Applications will be accepted through October 25, 2020 and are processed in the order in which they are received.

So, harvest is still happening - even if it looks a little different. Another thing that hasn't changed? The need to participate and stay involved. Whether it's locally with your school board or conservation

district, city or county, at the state, regional, or national level, or by industry, there are so many places farmers, ranchers, fishers, foresters, and those involved in these industries whose voices need to be heard. There are local political campaigns to give your time and resources to that support Oregon's natural resource industry. Industry organizations (including OWA!) also still need you - arguably now more than ever. Find your spot and participate, even if it means adding another Zoom meeting to your calendar. The more we engage and participate, the more effective our collective voice is in supporting Oregon's natural resource industry.

One more thing that isn't canceled? Listening and learning. While I'd argue that these are things we can all always work on, it feels even more necessary at this point in time when division seems in abundance. Be quicker to consider and slower to react. An excellent opportunity to engage with different viewpoints, different industries, and learn is by participating in REAL Oregon. I was part of Class 2 of this statewide leadership program bringing together people from all parts of Oregon's natural resource industry. Applications for Class 4 are due July 24th.

Even with an added layer of so many things not feeling normal, this is quite possibly my favorite time of the year - Oregon berry season can't be beat, wheat turning its beautiful golden hue is just the best, and swathed fields full of Oregon's seed crops just make me happy. I love everything that happens during these long days and cool nights. While my family's small vineyard is still months away from harvest, we are getting ready to



MALLORY PHELAN
STATE PRESIDENT

follow those combined fields with rakes and balers for straw harvest! I'm making sure to stay plugged in to organizations that matter to me, even if I am feeling Zoom-fatigued, and continuing to listen before I speak and learn before I assume. I wish you all the safest and most productive harvest this year!

~MALLORY

OWA WELCOMED 10 NEW MEMBERS DURING THE LAST QUARTER. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THESE WOMEN IN THE ORGANIZATION!

EASTERN OREGON

Lynn Epley
Rachel McWilliams
Cherry Moore

LINN-BENTON

Joslyn Bryant
Mollie Donner
Delani Herb

MARION CLACKAMAS

Tom Hoffert
Rebecca Turner

POLK

Tammy Dennee
Judith Pope

"Thank you so much for sending these even though we are not physically in our school. We decided to give our science unit on plants and pollination as enrichment for families during our distance learning. I included the garden in a glove activity. I planted mine last week and the kids picked up their new packets on Monday. As I have conferenced with them this week I have shown them my seeds have sprouted. My first-grade students and their families are so excited! I just got a message from a young lady, "Mrs. Lang this was so fun!" and she included a picture of her glove. Thank you for helping bring normalcy to the lives of my students. I am grateful!"

We quickly transitioned our calendar contest to be more virtual friendly and, while our calendar entries for our **2020 Calendar Art Contest** certainly didn't break any records, we did receive over 650

entries from students all over the state. We've selected 13 winners and 30 honorable mentions and are eager to release the art and our school-year calendar at the end of the August as usual.

Our board and staff are working to determine the best steps for our Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction. Please be sure to save the date, October 3, 2020! This year's fundraising dinner will be more important than ever to generate funds to support our program's work!

Looking forward, we are working to meeting the continually changing needs of our educators. This likely will require ongoing creativity and flexibility as we work to meet the needs of a wide range of district requirements.

While we don't know what this school year will hold, we do know the need for hands-on agricultural education is constant and we will

work tirelessly to provide resources for educators to bring agriculture to their classrooms, no matter what form!

Thank you for your continued support in this important work!

Together for agriculture,

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Due to Oregon's Stay Home, Stay Safe guidelines and the ever changing circumstances we are facing, please contact your chapter president for the most up to date information on upcoming chapter meetings.

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What's Happening Around the State?

LANE

Hello from Lane County,

Our chapter has not met for a few months due to COVID-19, so I was excited to host our annual end of year BBQ/Potluck on June 20th. We had tri-tip, hamburgers, and some pretty yummy salads and desserts. Thank you to the 11 members who attended with their families. We had a wonderful afternoon playing some corn hole and the face to face conversations were deeply missed, so we enjoyed catching up.

Lane County has 40 members. (36 current and 4 still needing to renew)

With all the spring and summer activities canceled this year, our chapter has been pretty quiet. We are now off for the summer and our next meeting will be October 2nd at 8:15 am at Citizen's Bank in Junction City.

Happy Harvest from Lane County.

Mary Howarth
Lane County OWA President

LINN BENTON

We had our chapter meeting on 06/09 via Zoom and welcomed a new member, Joslyn Bryant. It was mentioned that long time OWA supporter and friend, Mary Beach, passed away earlier this month. A recap of the OWA state board meeting from May was provided and lots of discussion followed. I

am proud to report that Margaret Henderson will be taking on the role of our 5th chapter Director for the state. We do have several alternate

Director positions that remain open. We discussed the OWA Service to Agriculture Award and the OWA Leaven Award and will be working on our nominations for both of those awards. We will have an open Treasurer position that we will be looking to fill and are starting to plan our fall social event.

Mary Hood
Linn-Benton President

MARION CLACKAMAS

The Marion/Clackamas chapter met virtually through Zoom meetings in April, May, and June. We were able to continue our projects and finished the annual Oregon Trail Farm guide, which connects local farm stands with the public interested in local, fresh produce. You can check out the guide and farm stand updates at <https://oregontrailfarms.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/oregontrailfarms/>. Please support your local farm stands!

We also continued our annual scholarship program which we extended to June 1st, due to school cancellations and other restrictions. We have received applications and will be announcing the winner of the scholarship soon.

As we head into summer, we take a break for July and August and will join back together in September to start on our fall fundraiser project. We will continue virtual meeting options in the fall if social distancing

is still needed and provide a way for those that may be unable to travel so we can continue to have more members join us.

Wishing everyone a safe and productive summer!

Lauren Olson
Marion Clackamas President

POLK

COVID-19 has definitely shaped our chapter activities this spring! Our last in-person meeting was March 9th. In April we attempted our first Zoom meeting, with the minutes stating, "it's okay, we will get better at this!" and because of the virus we have had lots of practice! Staying connected with each other has been our focus during these trying times.

The Polk County Fair has been cancelled along with the Oregon State Fair, but we hope to participate in the Youth Livestock Auction August 15th. Polk County is looking for volunteers to help with the auction and, depending on if it's COVID safe for our members, we may help in person or by proxy as a buyer to lend financial support. We hear that buyers may be limited to 100 people.

We have had many discussions on how to stay engaged in our community. We are working on consistently posting to our Facebook page with crop photos and fun ag facts. We will partner again with the Polk County Farm Bureau for another winter class of "Stop the Bleed" and another idea we have is to work with the new owners of our local paper to submit regular articles for a Women in Agriculture column. We plan to approach them later this fall.

We welcome two new members, Judith Pope and Tammy Dennee! Our next meeting will be Monday, July 13th at 10:00 AM at my home. We have decided to take a break from our Zoom meetings and practice social distancing outside! Our meetings are typically the second Monday of the month. All are welcome to join! Contact me for more details – diann@ofsonline.org

Have a great summer,

*Diann Washburn,
Polk President*

YAMHILL

Greetings from Yamhill County. Mid-June finds us still waiting patiently

for the rain to abate as we approach summer solstice.

After muddling through approval of our budget at our April chapter meeting by telephone, we decided to try a Zoom meeting for our final meeting prior to the summer break. On June 3rd our chapter held its first ever Zoom meeting to determine the recipient of our annual community college scholarship. We really enjoyed seeing one another virtually!

Please join us in congratulating our 2020 community college scholarship winner, Emily Hembree, from Willamina High School. She plans to attend Chemeketa

Community College where she will study agricultural business and sciences and hopes to eventually pursue a career in beef production or agriculture education. Emily has contributed a great deal to the local agricultural community and we are excited to support her to reach her future goals.

Our chapter will resume regular meetings in September, when we hope to be able to meet in person! Wishing all our fellow members a joyous and productive summer.

*Tara Jackson,
Yamhill County Chapter, President*

American Agri-Women Happenings

By Mallory Phelan

After new officers were elected at the 40th Annual American Agri-Women National Convention hosted by OWA at the Embassy Suites in Tigard last fall, next up was the annual Mid-Year Meeting held at the beginning of April. While it was scheduled to happen in Phoenix, Arizona, the coronavirus caused it to be held by teleconference for the first time. This meeting is to discuss current agricultural issues, AAW's policies, and then vote to create AAW's Position Statements for the year, which is the basis for the annual Legislative Fly-In in June. I attended for the first time and served as a director voting on behalf of OWA as an affiliate. There seemed to be a solid turnout and while I have no other basis to compare to years past,

other OWA members in attendance said it was way more efficient this year than before!

As you could probably have guessed, the Legislative Fly-In to Washington D.C. was cancelled as well. This trip is for those interested in speaking to legislators, agencies, and other professionals in our nation's capital about current agricultural issues and policies while relying upon your own opinions as well as AAW's Position Statements.

Up next for the organization? Well, the mountains are calling! The Montana Agri-Women are the host for the national convention, which was scheduled to happen November 5-8th in Bozeman. However, the

convention will be going virtual due to COVID-19.

Stay tuned for more information on what the virtual conference will look like and how you can register to participate.



REAL Oregon – A Great Experience!

By Diann Washburn

I am so grateful for the wonderful opportunity to participate in Class 3 of the REAL Oregon Leadership Program! REAL stands for Resource Education & Agricultural Leadership. Each participant has a sponsor. Mine were Oregonians for Food & Shelter, Oregon Women in Timber, Oregon Women for Agriculture, and Polk County Chapter Women for Ag. I was very honored to have so much support!

The Program met at five different locations across the state over a five-month period, starting in November and ending in March. Participation was mandatory with each session lasting approximately 2.5-3 days. Sessions included a “local focus” with the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the local natural resource sector, interaction with local government, and or a highlighted local natural resource concern. Curriculum included professional dress and dining etiquette, board governance, communication skills, conflict

resolution, government interaction and public policy, media relations, public speaking, strategic planning, and personal strength assessments. The sessions were jam packed and I always ended up going home exhilarated from the experience and exhausted! We traveled to Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Newport, and Salem. Boardman would have been our last stop, but COVID-19 changed those plans.

Class 3 was a mix of ag, forestry and agency participants, giving us a chance to get to know people we would normally not associate with. We had lot of opportunities to network and learn from each other. My first roommate, in Klamath Falls was Andrea Sonnen, pesticide enforcement case reviewer for Oregon Department of Agriculture. We ended up having a lot in common personally and she was able to provide me a new perspective of her job and the challenges she works with daily.



All the tours were great, but my favorites were in Newport and Salem. We watched crab being processed at Pacific Seafood and precision fileting of fish with a laser saw that reminded me of precision cutting in a sawmill. In Salem, I was surprised to find the tour of the Oregon State Penitentiary as interesting as it was. It was positive to see the work programs that they provide to the inmates and to hear the officers talk about their role in helping them return to society. Barb Iverson showed us how CBD oil is processed, and we had a great evening at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm.

I learned a lot about myself through the personal growth classes and appreciated hearing from my classmates about their challenges. REAL Oregon gave me the opportunity to reach beyond my comfort level, to learn how to effectively interact and network with others. The program provided several impressive professional presentations and challenging activities that were set in a safe and inviting atmosphere. I enjoyed immensely, getting to know my classmates and teachers and would highly recommend this program for anyone striving to improve.



Building a Legacy at Ioka Farms

By Allison Cloo

Dave and Rita Doerfler of Ioka Farms received the Agriculturist of the Year award as a pair on November 22nd in Salem at the annual Denim and Diamonds Award Dinner and Auction presented by Oregon Aglink and sponsored by Wilco. As the president and chief financial officer of Ioka Farms, respectively, the couple were nominated by a community member for their role in elevating their industry and Oregon agriculture as a whole.

“They have been ideal role models for the next and future generations of family farmers in the valley,” says Phil Lavine of Chemeketa Community College. He and Dave Sunderland have known the Doerflers for years, through national and international tours of agriculture, and have seen the pair give back time and again. According to Sunderland, “They continue to work hard and work smart, foster the development of others in the family business and industry, and have unselfishly helped others succeed.”

Former director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture Katy Coba is unequivocal with her praise of Dave and Rita: “Those are the kinds of people you want in your community, the ones who are giving of their time and knowledge.”

THE BEGINNINGS

The farm itself goes back to 1877, when Dave’s grandfather and great-grandfather began growing small grain crops on the land outside of Silverton. The next generation



Dave and Rita after receiving their award at the 2019 Denim and Diamonds Award Dinner.

brought on turkeys, hogs, and Hereford cattle. As farm transitions go, some elements remained and others were adopted as newer generations found their place and responded to changing national and international markets.

A ten-year-old Dave encouraged his father to buy their first combine to begin farming bent-grass on a portion of the family land, starting their venture in the grass seed industry. They still raised turkeys for a good while, well into years when Dave and Rita had their own children after marrying in 1961. Dave’s sister Shirly and her husband John Duerst joined the farm in 1968 and the name Ioka Farms, Inc. was formally adopted.

Although the animals are largely gone and the farm is known most widely for its grass seed varieties,

the pieces of that early legacy endure: diversification works, change with the times, and above all, cooperation is key.

THE STRENGTH OF SUCCESSION

Ioka Farms is in its sixth generation now, with Dave and Rita joined by siblings, children, and nephews. Keeping track of the Doerfler and Duerst clans from the outside can be a little tricky, but the main strategy is finding a place for everyone’s contribution.

According to Dave, “It’s important that each one have their own area so that not everyone does the same thing.” Sometimes it’s a matter of finding out whether a family member would rather be in the office or the warehouse. Other times someone will come in with their own ideas about diversifying services or crops. Where Dave

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Legislative Committee Update

By Tami Kerr

Tami Kerr, Chair, Linn-Benton

Lane County – Marie Bowers Stagg and Jenny Hitner

Linn-Benton – Shelbie Coon

Marion/Clackamas – Dianne Wood

Polk – Diann Washburn and Kathy Hadley

Yamhill – Tara Jackson and Maren Davis

At Large – Abby Fitts

Executive Committee Representative – Helle Ruddenklau

Open Positions for Central Oregon, Eastern Oregon and the Columbia Gorge

Decisions are often time sensitive. Committee members need to be responsive and decisive. Different points of view are welcome however, decisions must be based on OWA's Approved Policy Positions.

The OWA Legislative Committee continues to be active at both the state and federal level. I really appreciate the time and thought members invest into this committee. We don't always agree and have declined to sign onto letters when our research leads us in that direction.

We did sign onto a coalition letter with more than 20 organizations in early April and sent a letter to Governor Brown respectfully asking for relief from her recent executive order 20-04 (carbon cap). As expected, it was strongly opposed by Governor Brown.

We signed onto two letters underscoring the need to address Western water infrastructure, if any future COVID-19 stimulus package is built around infrastructure. One letter was directed to Members of Congress and the second to the White House.

OWA joined a coalition letter that was sent to the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket at Environmental Protection Agency. The comments were to support the registration review of neonicotinoid insecticides that provide Oregon's agricultural sector and urban areas with significant benefits in managing pests. Neonicotinoids have been in use for more than 15 years and have been widely adopted by growers and urban applicators because of their performance, lower toxicity to mammals, including humans, and relatively favorable environmental profile over the older products they replaced. They are also often used as a seed treatment, reducing the number of insecticide sprays needed to protect a crop.

Congratulations to three OWA members that won their legislative primary races – Representative Shelly Boshart Davis, HD 15, Representative Boshart Davis is completing her first term; Katie Boshart Glaser is running for HD 11; and Jami Cate is running for HD 17. Best of luck, ladies, with your campaigns!

OWA does not endorse candidates but you can make personal contributions to their PAC funds if you support their positions.

In Memory of Mary Beach

March 24, 1921 – May 17, 2020

Mary Louise Beach passed away May 17th at 99 years old. Mary was a long-time member of Oregon Women for Agriculture and the Linn Benton chapter, paying her dues faithfully. She often commented how she looked forward to receiving the newsletter and staying informed about what projects OWA was involved in. Her family owned a 600 acre farm near Oakville and Mary spent many years managing the rental of the farm.



originally started with bent-grass, the farm now has over 5,000 acres of contracted varieties of perennial ryegrass, hard, fine, and tall fescues, meadowfoam, small grains, brassica forage, hazelnuts, timber, and Christmas trees.

While family is important, Dave is quick to remind people that it's not just Doerflers or Duersts helping Ioka run smoothly. "You know," he says, "we have some wonderful employees who are very dedicated too."

Family members may have been raised with some of the same goals and surnames, but as with succession planning, the strength comes from reaching out and building connections, whether that's with employees, extension agents, fellow members of agricultural organizations, or farms across the world.

LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

One reason Ioka Farms looks the way it does today is that the Doerflers have been willing to take on new ideas from a variety of places. While all farms respond to external challenges, like concerns over field-burning or water quality issues, the attitude at Ioka is to be proactive rather than reactive. That involves taking some risks, certainly, but their strong connections with other organizations have helped them find what works for their land and their business.

At Marion Ag Service, Gale Gingerich remembers Ioka Farms from the early seventies, when he was an extension agent with Marion County. "There were lots of research

trials on Ioka Farms," says Gingerich. What does he remember about Dave and Rita? "They were always very cooperative," he says. Their involvement with the industry in terms of development was matched by their active presence in organizations, such as the Highland Bentgrass Commission, Fine Fescue Growers Commission, Cascade Foothills Seed Growers Association, and Rita's involvement with Oregon Women for Agriculture as a founding member of the organization in 1969.

As Gingerich puts it, the Doerflers have "a commitment to seeing that it continues, that it stays successful." He clarifies, adding, "the industry, not just their own operation."

At Chemeketa Community College in the Agribusiness Management Program, Phil Lavine and David Sunderland paint a similar picture of the Doerflers, who have been joining them on national and international tours of agriculture for over thirty years. "The world is our classroom," says Lavine of the program. And what about the Doerflers? "They're life-long learners."

Lavine and Sunderland seem to have endless pictures of Dave and Rita all around the world: Thailand, Italy, Spain, Australia, New Zealand. The trips offer more than sight-seeing, though, since they're a chance to see how other countries have dealt with issues familiar to agriculture all over the world: labor shortages, language barriers, crop treatments, regulations and more.

POSITIVE PERSPECTIVE

The Doerflers conduct similar tours at Ioka Farms, sharing their own

experience and knowledge. While they haven't hung on to every new variety or practice tested on their operation, they've had success with several and are willing to share what works for them.

They lean toward perennial crops and rotating annuals as needed, all with an interest in maintaining soil health and root structure where possible. Practices like minimum-till or no-till take extra equipment and planning, but mesh well with other conservation efforts that make good sense for their farm, such as drip irrigation and cover cropping for erosion control.

Just like Oregon's practices don't always match up with what goes on in the rest of the world, the Doerflers seem to understand that not everyone is going to adopt something that doesn't fit a particular operation. When asked if he considers Ioka forward-thinking, Dave Doerfler suggests that "Forward-thinking or trying new things depends upon how much research you've done. Something that may be new to some people, you've thought about for a while."

Keeping up with the industry and the larger community, including consumers and voters who may not necessarily live on a farm, means that Ioka Farms has been tuned in to new developments as well as coming changes. The field-burning and water quality issues were chances to show Oregon how agriculture could respond to challenges.

Phil Ward, formerly at Oregon Department of Agriculture and Farm Services Agency, recalls the role

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Ioka Farms played during both periods. When a fatality on I-5 brought field burning under scrutiny, “Dave and Rita helped lead the industry through that process.” When questions of water quality were on the horizon, they stepped up again.

“[Dave] was part of the group of ag leaders that said it’s better for us to get out in front of this issue as an industry, and we want to guide this whole process into the department of agriculture instead of leaving it with DEQ and EPA. I think that the decisions those folks made in those days set Oregon agriculture up for success in this water quality arena that other states don’t really enjoy.”

Knowing that agriculture will always have new challenges to face, Dave keeps his advice simple: “You need to stay involved with your commodity people and the industry people. You know, you need to stay positive that things will work out. Sometimes it makes it more difficult than you thought it should be, but if you enjoy what you’re doing you stick with that and survive.”

BONDED TOGETHER

When people share photos of the Doerflers at events or on trips, there are hardly ever pictures of Dave or Rita on their own. They are together, Dave with his arm around her shoulders, and Rita leaning in close. For all the connections they have forged with others at their farm, their local Silverton community, the grass seed industry, and Oregon agricultural organizations, there doesn’t seem to be any more enduring or memorable than their bond with each other.

“They’re committed to each other,” says Katy Coba of the pair. “They support each other, they’re together—they’re just Dave and Rita.”

Even if Dave and Rita Doerfler are getting the Agriculturist of the Year Award, you know they’ll be the first to tell you that they wouldn’t be there without the rest of the community.

Like Dave says, Ioka Farms owes its success to more people than just him and Rita alone. There are family members, and employees, and supporting organizations, commissions, and agencies. Even the grass seed industry doesn’t stand on its own, or Oregon for that matter.

And it’s true, no one stands alone. We can, however, honor the people who help represent our best.

Pendleton Blankets Coming Soon



OWA State Officers pose with the first commemorative blanket off the production line

A Pendleton representative has told Oregon Women for Agriculture that the commemorative blankets are expected to be ready for pickup in early September.

The distribution process will be communicated through email as the date gets closer. Stay tuned!

Blankets are still available for order through the OWA website (<https://www.owaonline.org/product/custom-pendleton-blanket>), or by using the order form on page 14.

In order to cover the credit card processing fees, there is a small fee associated with an online order. To avoid this fee, you can print the order form located on page 14 and mail it along with a check payable to OWA, 630 NW Hickory Street Suite 120; PMB 50 Albany, OR 97321.

If you have questions you can contact Katie Boshart Glaser • 541-936-0688 or katieboshartglaser@gmail.com.



OWIT chapter meetings were canceled for March and April. We hoped, like many, that the pandemic would be a short duration. By April 30th, we gave up and decided to host a Zoom statewide meeting to get back in touch. It was good to “see” each other and find out how everyone was coping with the virus. We had about 15 participate from around the state. Chapter meetings resumed in May, all via Zoom. We added new chapters in June with a Salem area zoom (for the Polk, Marion and Yamhill county ladies) and in Coos County. This brings our chapter count to six total chapters! Clatsop, Coos, Douglas, Lane, Salem Area, and Union counties.

The Douglas county chapter was asked to meet with Senator Kim Thatcher on June 5th, while she was visiting with county officials and the Douglas Timber Operators. Her two-day visit included a tour of the Elliot forest and local sawmills. Our 30-minute meeting with her went over an hour, with the DC ladies using the opportunity to share their concerns about wildfires this summer and the need for forest management. It was a

great visit. She was very personable and knowledgeable about forestry. Senator Thatcher is running for the Secretary of State’s office this November.

The Lane and Douglas county chapters both hosted an outdoor social for their members in June. The other chapters hope to resume in person meetings, as allowed, going into the summer.

Our Talk About Trees forestry education programs were also dramatically affected this spring. We were only able to serve a little over 75,000 participants this year compared to last year’s 141,087. We are currently working with the Oregon Forest Resources Institute to secure a contract for the next school year. We anticipate participation numbers to go even lower than this year with social distancing requirements and limited class sizes. We have spent the last few months adapting the education programs into 30-minute Zoom topics that can be presented in the classroom with multiple visits. We also hope to provide Tree Walks and School Visits this summer, fall, and spring in school yards, treed fields and wide openings where social distancing can be practiced with small groups. It will be a challenging school year for the program, but we will do our best to adapt!

For more information about OWIT, follow us on Facebook or our website www.orwit.org

*Diann Washburn,
OWIT State Treasurer*

Member Spotlight



KRISTI MILLER

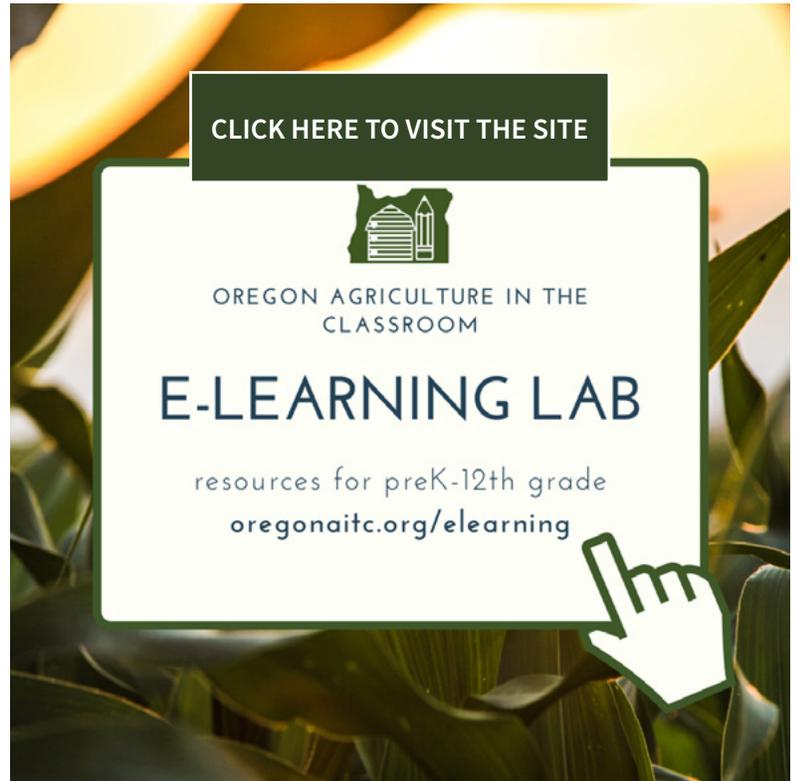
Kristi Miller has been an OWA member since 2008. Currently she serves as the Linn/Benton Chapter Secretary and State Director, Co-Chair of the silent auction portion of the annual OWA auction and dinner, Chair of the OWA Education Committee and she even works on education projects on a national level through AAW. She works hard to coordinate one of our chapter’s annual fundraisers through Points for Profit and volunteers countless hours on behalf of our chapter and the state. She spent many years as a teacher and loves being a literacy project volunteer for Oregon Ag in the Classroom. Kristi is a do’er and can always be counted on for her input, her time and her endless dedication and support. We are so lucky to have her as part of our chapter. Kristi is married to husband, Glenn, and they live out between Albany and Lebanon on their grass seed farm, close to their grandkids. In her spare time, Kristi loves sewing and does beautiful quilt work. Thank you, Kristi, for all you do for OWA and for LBWA!

REAL OREGON

Resource Education & Agricultural Leadership Program

REAL Oregon is currently accepting applications for their 4th class. The class will begin in early November and conclude in mid-March (weather dependent). If you are interested in being part of this natural resource professional development program, recommended by multiple past OWA participants, it's time to apply.

The application can be found by visiting the REAL Oregon website, realoregon.net, and clicking the "2020 - 21 Application" link. Applications are due July 24th, 2020.



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American Agri-Women National Convention

Due to COVID-19, the in-person National Convention, meant to take place in Bozeman, Montana has been canceled.

A July 21st email from President Karolyn Zurn shared that the in-person meeting will be replaced by a virtual one. Both Zoom and phone dial-in options will be provided.

More information will be coming, but for now, if you had booked any lodging or travel for Montana, you will need to begin the cancellation process.



PR Supplies Available

2020 has not provided many of the usual opportunities for OWA to share the message of agriculture with the public. However, if you do have an event or activity coming up that could use some OWA giveaways, the organization's storage unit might have what you need.

Currently on hand are: OWA pencils, Almost Everything Starts on a Farm or Ranch stickers, table banners that may be borrowed and returned, and plant-able seed papers. The papers are in the shape of Oregon and stamped with the OWA logo and Almost Everything Starts on a Farm. Each chapter can get up to 500 to hand out.

There are also window Oregon Women for Agriculture window clings available for members.

You can contact Dona Coon at dona@owawomen.org to find out more about what is available and to request supplies. She can ship things across the state, as needed.



Table banners available

Seeking: Member Spotlights

Do you know of an OWA member who deserves to be highlighted in The Cultivator? Every quarter there will be space to shine a light on members who are representing OWA in an outstanding way, doing great things in their communities, or otherwise deserve to have attention shown to their accomplishments.

If you have someone in mind, please send an article on the member to jordyn.coon@gmail.com, along with a photo.

Have you renewed your Oregon Women for Agriculture membership this year?

IF NOT, USE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE OR VISIT THE OWA WEBSITE (OWAONLINE.ORG) AND CLICK "JOIN" TO BE DIRECTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FORM.

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