



THE CULTIVATOR

Working together to communicate the story of today's agriculture

A Tribute to Frances Hendricks

By Tami Kerr

Each year, the American Agri-Women honor up to three members with the LEAVEN award. They are members who demonstrate loyalty and enthusiasm, are anticipatory, valiant, show effectiveness, and are nurturing. In 2013, one of those recipients was Frances (Fran) Hendricks, a member who gave of her time and talents to OWA for more than 25 years. Fran passed away on December 6th, 2020.

Fran grew up on an Oregon farm with seven brothers and sisters, picking berries and beans to earn money. She married her husband, Francis, and moved to his farm in Sublimity to raise their family. They grew a variety of crops for seed, including grasses, brassicas, and flowers. Along with the seed crops, the Hendricks family grew strawberries, corn, and pole beans. Fran spent time as the bookkeeper, irrigation pipe mover, hoeing crew member, planter, hay hauler, and more throughout her years on the farm.

As evidenced by her LEAVEN award, Fran was incredibly dedicated to communicating the story of agriculture. During her time with OWA, she served as a State Corresponding Secretary, a member of the Executive Board, and chapter secretary. She generously donated her time and energy to many of the activities of our organization. Fran volunteered for the auction and for Ag Fest, read to children for Ag in the Classroom, and could be found at her county's fair booth, our state fair display, serving breakfast at ag events, helping at the Willamette Valley Ag Expo and a local Safety Day for students, among many other events.

Fran's life was a tribute to hard work. Her love of family and farm served as an inspiration to younger members. She was one to always treat people kindly and fairly, encouraging others to share in what she was doing, showing by example and welcoming them into the group. She



was positive about people's efforts, which encouraged them to do even more.

At the state level, when asked about Fran, the words repeated were reliable and engaged. Her natural warmth, willingness to share her time, and her heartfelt compassion for agriculture were genuine. We were blessed by her presence and the sweet smile she so generously shared. Fran truly acted as LEAVEN to the organization.

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The President's Corner

Short on daylight, heavy on rain or snow this time of year - depending on which side of the Cascades you live, most equipment is cleaned up, stored, or in the shop being worked on in preparation for the spring. Hazelnuts are pollinating while fruit orchards and vineyards around the state will soon be pruned to get ready for new growth. These are the days of preparation that payoff when the hustle and bustle of spraying, planting, and harvesting arrives.

This time of year also feels like meeting season for Oregon agriculture. Associations and commissions have their annual conferences and governmental bodies reconvene. It's a time when your calendar can easily fill up with off-farm meetings and time spent catching up with others in the industry over a meal and a guest speaker. This time together in-person, chatting at trade show booths and in the hallways will certainly be missed, but I hope you'll continue to register and log on to the virtual versions of the events you typically attend.

Our organization is no different than many others this time of year, as we typically hold our annual convention at the end of February. With the uncertainty of what the state regulations will be by that time, we will hold our annual meeting on Saturday, February 27th via Zoom. By now, most folks are used to logging into a meeting virtually and we hope you'll join us to tend to the annual business of OWA, including the election of state officers. Watch

your email and our website for more details.

Another virtual event to note? OWA's annual auction! In just a few short months, we'll bring back the fun of bidding on auction items to benefit our organization's mission of working together to share the story of today's agriculture. The Auction Committee is hard at work planning and procuring for an online event, which will take place April 12th through 17th. If you'd like to volunteer to help plan or you have items you'd like to donate, please email info@owaonline.org and we will make sure to get you connected.

While there's almost always something to do on the farm, I hope you've been able to take time to rest over the holidays and reflect on this past year. Sure, it was unlike any other in recent memory and rolling from one calendar year to another doesn't reset everything, as much as we wish it would. However, I do think there's always some good to find in the communities we live and work in. If you're struggling to find the good, reach out to a friend. Who haven't you heard from in a while? Dial their number or shoot them a text. Working in agriculture can be isolating and it's amazing what a conversation with a friend can do to remind us of all the good - and that we're all in this together, never alone.

As I wrap up my fourth 'President's Corner' I want to say thank you to each and every one of you who reached out to support or to voice



MALLORY PHELAN
STATE PRESIDENT

your concern over the past year, my first as President of this organization. I've greatly appreciated everyone's care and passion for OWA and am looking forward to working with you all as we navigate 2021 together!

~MALLORY

OWA WELCOMED 3 NEW MEMBERS DURING THE LAST QUARTER. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THESE WOMEN IN THE ORGANIZATION!

LANE COUNTY
Hanna McMartin

MARION CLACKAMAS
Michelle Palacios

YAMHILL
Braylie Stevens

American Agri-Women Update

By Mallory Phelan

Pivoting from being held in-person in Montana this year, American Agri-Women held a virtual annual convention over Zoom November 9-14, 2020. The business portions of the meeting included a Trade Session Discussion with Lia Biondo, an AAW Foundation Board Meeting, Executive Committee Meeting, Foundation & Executive Committee Joint Meeting, an AAW Board of Directors Meeting, and then a full Annual Membership Meeting which was attended by a handful of OWA members.

The full Annual Membership meeting was cut short due to time constraints and will reconvene to finish the agenda reconvening on January 23, 2021 at noon EST. If you've already registered and attended in November, you do not need to

register again. Registration deadline: January 15. No late registrations will be accepted. Please email Mallory if you want to attend but didn't register before at president@owaonline.org.



We'd like to recognize Arwen McGilvra from the Linn-Benton chapter, as she has served as AAW's Social Media Chair since 2010 and helped initiate many of the social media tools they continue to use.

The dedication she put into the numerous posts highlighting AAW affiliates, awards, member accomplishments, and #agday365 is unmatched. She has worked with a handful of AAW Presidents and VPs of Communications. We're so lucky to have her sharing her talents on a national level and at the state level. Thank you Arwen for a job well done!

If anyone is looking to take on a larger volunteer position within AAW to help fill this role, please contact VP of Communications Carie Marshall-Moore at carie.marshallmoore@americanagriwomen.org.

Chapter Meetings

Due to 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?

COLUMBIA RIVER

The Columbia Gorge chapter is currently not meeting, as our usual gathering place is a restaurant in The Dalles. Member Lisa Perry, a pear farmer from "Out on a Limb" farm in Parkdale, was recently featured in a KOIN 6 special "Oregon's Harvest 2020" segment about farmers. This year included 2 dairies, one very large and one small, potato farmers in Hermiston, a winery in the Rogue Valley, and they interviewed Lisa Perry for the pear industry. Her piece starts at 20:00 and watch for the OWA crop ID sign at 23:50! The video can be found by searching "Oregon's Harvest 2020" on YouTube and selecting the video by KOIN 6.

*Cindy Brown,
Columbia River Chapter, President*

LANE

Greetings from Lane County!

On November 17th we held our 5th annual Lane County Social and Membership Drive. It was the day before Governor Brown put a statewide freeze on everything, so we were still able to meet. The evening was spent catching up and enjoying great food, wine, and excellent conversation. We went around the room and introduced ourselves and shared what relationship we have with agriculture. Jessica Jansen spoke about the challenges Ag in the Classroom is facing and what we are going to do this next year to make sure we get our faces in classrooms.

We talked about what we thought 2021 would look like and how that affects our chapter. We also had a Limited Edition OWA blanket on display. We

had 14 attendees (12 members and 2 guests) and one has already signed up. Thank you to all that attended and a special thank you to Stefanie Monroe, for cooking our Italian feast and for hosting the event, and to Stefanie Sues for the yummy desserts.

Lane Chapter has 41 paid members going into 2021.

Thank you to all the Lane County members for your hard work in 2020 and I look forward to what we can achieve in 2021.

*Mary Howarth
Lane Chapter President*

LINN-BENTON

The ladies of Linn-Benton gathered together in November to make Christmas tree decorations and hold our last chapter meeting of the year. Every year as a fundraiser for our chapter, we make decorations to adorn a Christmas tree in the lobby at Papé in Tangent and Harrisburg. This year was dairy themed, so we painted cows, barns, and little glass milk jugs. Carrie Jackson-Corrado is the master mind behind this project each year and does a wonderful job creating and organizing our decorations and all of us as well. The Christmas trees were decorated in early December and looked beautiful as always.

Our chapter will be putting together welcome baskets for the 17 new SigmaAlpha pledges and we continue to listen to and support Ag in the

Classroom. We are so lucky to have Jessica Jansen as a member of our chapter and to get regular updates from her on the new and creative ways they are finding to engage and educate students in the era of a pandemic. Chapter officer elections are on the horizon as we look to fill our Treasurer and Secretary positions. Nominations are being accepted until our January meeting, with voting for those positions set to occur in February.

I would like to give a special shout out to our LBWA officer team: Dona Coon – VP, Lori Boshart – Treasurer, Kristi Miller – Secretary, and Laurie Schrock – Corresponding Secretary. You ladies are simply amazing – thank you for serving with me!

We wish you all health and happiness and look forward to all the great things in store for OWA, LBWA, and all of us in 2021.

*Mary Hood
Linn-Benton Chapter President*

MARION-CLACKAMAS

The Marion-Clackamas chapter ran a raffle for an OWA Pendleton blanket in November and we are happy to announce the winner of the blanket is Tricia Chastain! We are thankful for everyone who participated in the raffle to support our chapter and OWA. In December we met for a virtual holiday party where we had a contest for most festive, played some games, and gave away holiday door prizes. It was a nice time to catch up with each other, even though not in person, and we look forward to a time we can meet in person again.

*Lauren Olson,
Marion-Clackamas Chapter President*

POLK

We were able to meet (in person) in October and November at our local spot, Rock n Rogers Restaurant in Rickreall. Most projects are on hold due to COVID, but we enjoyed our time together catching up.

We hope to get back to meeting at the restaurant later this spring. We typically meet the second Monday of the month.

Our current projects include sending out more social media posts on Facebook and co-sponsoring a YouTube training video with the Polk County Farm Bureau on “Stop the Bleed” first aid training. We also plan to procure items for the OWA auction.

Happy New Year!

*Diann Washburn,
Polk Chapter President*

YAMHILL

Greetings from Yamhill County. We wrap up 2020 feeling grateful for the bonds and friendships nurtured within our chapter throughout the year. Despite Zoom being a poor substitute for in person meetings, we still appreciate the ability to stay connected this year. We were sad to learn of the sudden passing of Stephani Lougher in November from a blood clot. Stephani was one of our chapter’s newer members and we will miss her kind bright presence. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our annual gift pack fundraiser was extremely successful this year. In what has been a tough year for everyone, we were humbled by the generosity of Yamhill County’s wonderful producers. 100% of the

products featured in our 2020 gift packs were donated! Special thanks to McKee Family Farms for donating walnut meats, Meduri Farms for donating dried blueberries, Oregon Honey Farm for donating honey sticks, Durant Olive Mill for donating bottles of estate milled extra virgin olive oil, and Hazelnut Growers of Oregon for donating dry roasted hazelnuts. Additional thanks to WILCO for featuring our gift packs in their Newberg and McMinnville stores, as well as those of you that purchased gift packs. We sold out early this year! We are looking forward to spreading the generosity to our community through our grant and scholarship programs.

We awarded a \$500 grant to the Perrydale FFA to fund the electrical installation for their greenhouse project. We are also sponsoring chapter member Maren Davis in her REAL Oregon participation with a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations Maren! We are excited to have you participating in the program to represent Yamhill County and know you will do a great job sharing what you learn with your community.

Our chapter will continue regular meetings at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month, remotely or otherwise. Please check out our Facebook page for details in advance of each meeting until we resume regular in-person meetings at Citizen’s Bank in McMinnville.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Tara Jackson,
Yamhill Chapter, President*

Ladies of the Land: An Update

In the October issue of the *Cultivator*, Shelly Boshart Davis wrote an article about the “Farming Five,” five members of OWA who were running for the Oregon House of Representatives, Bobby Levy, Jami Cate, Katie Boshart Glaser, Shelly herself, and Vikki Breese-Iverson. Shelly and Vikki were each running for reelection, while Jami, Bobby, and Katie ran their first House campaigns. The fact that these women, all with strong ties to agriculture and natural resources, sought to use their knowledge and experience at the state capital is something their districts and our organization can appreciate.

Bobby, Jami, Shelly, and Vikki each won the race for their seat and were sworn in to office on January 11th. While the outcome of Katie’s election did not go her way, she continues to use her voice to share about the policies that impact her district and state.



Jami, Vikki, Bobby, and Shelly at the State Capitol together.

***The Girl who Thought in Pictures* continues as 2020-2021 Literacy Project Featured Book**

By Jessica Jansen

As Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom continues to support educators and students in a variety of learning environments, we are excited to transition our annual literacy project to a virtual-friendly format. We will continue with the 2020 selected book, *The Girl who Thought in Pictures* featuring renowned animal scientist, Dr. Temple Grandin, and her innovative contributions to animal agriculture while navigating the challenges of living with autism.

HOW THE VIRTUAL LITERACY PROJECT WORKS

Just like the traditional format, Oregon AITC will connect volunteers with kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms that have requested a volunteer or a classroom in the volunteer's own community. After being connected, Oregon AITC will provide the volunteer with a digital version of the book and mail the teacher a copy of the book and bookmarks for each student.

Then, volunteers will connect with the class on Google Meets or Zoom at a mutually agreed upon time. During the meeting, volunteers introduce themselves and their connection to agriculture, define agriculture with the students, and read the book. Following the reading, volunteers will guide the students in a brief discussion to help further emphasize the key concepts. The entire virtual

visit takes about 30 minutes and can be done from the comfort of the volunteer's home or office!

Oregon AITC staff are happy to host an individual practice/training session or coordinate a shadow of another volunteer or staff member, if desired. The complete lesson, a list of requesting classrooms, and a sign-up form are available on the Oregon AITC website:

oregonaitc.org/literacy-project

To date, staff and volunteers have visited over 25 classrooms virtually. Each time, teachers have been so grateful and volunteers have enjoyed the visit.

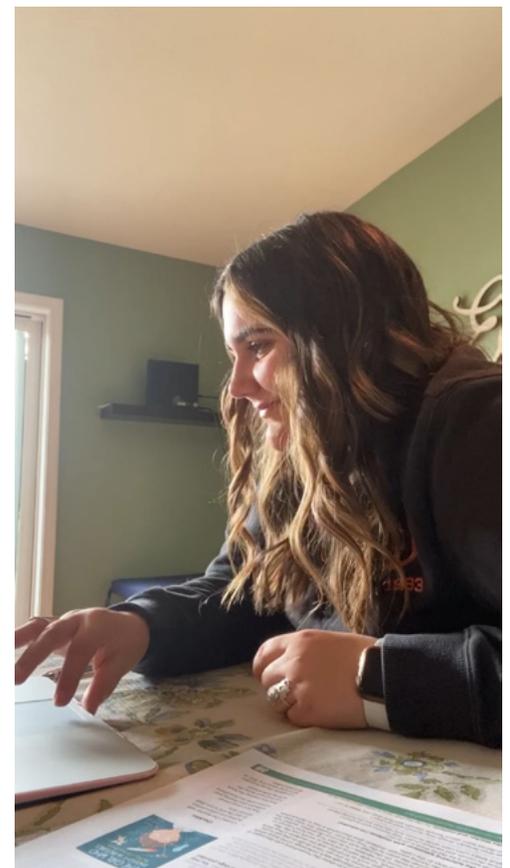
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Please consider spreading agricultural knowledge this year by volunteering your time for this important project!



A teacher from Steins Pillar Elementary in Prineville shows her copy of this year's book.



Bella Giraud, a college student at OSU and member of Sigma Alpha, presenting to a group of students virtually.

Auction Donations Needed

By Debbie Crocker

The annual auction is vital to the success of OWA and can't take place without generous donations and those who collect them. Though last year's auction went differently than expected, it is because of you that it was a success. It helps when you collect donations early and send your donation forms to Emily Duerst emily.duerst@northwestfcs.com. If you want a list of items you collected last year or if you have any questions please contact Debbie Crocker at debbie@clfamilyfarm.com.

Donation Suggestions

SALON & SPA

CERTIFICATES

OREGON GROWN

PRODUCTS

PET PRODUCTS

FISHING TRIPS

OSU GEAR & TICKETS

CHILDREN'S ITEMS

PLANTS

WINE

GIFT CERTIFICATES

CASH



**2021
VIRTUAL
AUCTION**

**SILENT AUCTION
APRIL 12TH - 17TH**

**LIVE EVENT
APRIL 17TH**

Pendleton Blanket
Raffle Tickets
\$25 each

Photo: Maddie Neuschwander

More information to come regarding the 2021 OWA Auction

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE AUCTION?

Join the upcoming auction planning
meeting on January 14th at 7 PM

EMAIL INFO@OWAONLINE.ORG FOR THE ZOOM MEETING LINK



Blanket Update

By Jordyn Coon

This Fall, OWA members picked up the highly anticipated Pendleton blankets and began to distribute them to those who had pre ordered. Since then, many more people have purchased them for themselves or to be given as gifts. They've been bought by OWA members, friends and family, and ag companies. There are blankets representing Oregon agriculture across the world at this point, even as far as Norway, Denmark, and England.

While the blankets were created to celebrate 50 years of Oregon Women for Agriculture, they were also meant to raise monetary support for the organization. In addition to OWA earning money from sales, they have also been of benefit to other groups. The Marion Clackamas chapter raffled off a blanket in November and OWA donated one to Oregon Aglink for their Denim and Diamonds auction, also in November. The blanket sold for \$700!

Legislative Committee Update

By 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 on the federal level and is getting ready for a busy and likely challenging long session in 2021. The session will start on Tuesday, January 19th.

We submitted a request of \$500 for the 2021 OWA budget. That would provide funds for at least one Legislative Training or activity in 2021. At this point we don't know what the long session will look like – if we will be allowed into the Capitol or not. I understand the Capitol isn't subject to the same rules as Marion County. If the Auction next spring is successful and OWA funds are healthy, we would like to rejoin AG PAC. Annual membership dues are

\$3,000. OWA has been a member of AG PAC for many years and relinquished our membership due to COVID's impact on our auction.

OWA signed onto a coalition letter with more than 200 organizations in early December supporting broadband in rural areas. Congress recently approved a bipartisan spending deal that includes a down payment of \$7 billion for broadband. Providing the funding required to implement the Broadband DATA Act will allow for urgently needed improvements to the nation's broadband mapping data to better direct public and private investments.

Thank you to those who have supported Oregon Women for Agriculture by purchasing a blanket! Special thanks to Nutrien and JB Instant Lawn who purchased 23 and 5 blankets, respectively. The support is greatly appreciated!

288 blankets were made and few remain left to be purchased. If you haven't purchased a blanket yet, and intend to do so, see the order form on page 14 for more information.

A Tribute to Stephani Lougher

By Laura Lehman

Our friend Stephanie Lougher passed away in November at the age of 49. She was a 2 year member of Yamhill County Women for Agriculture. She was a big help with sourcing new products and behind the scenes activities for our annual gift pack fundraiser. Stephanie was extremely generous in all aspects of her life. Her top priorities were her 24 year marriage to Aaron, her son Brad, her family, caring for all animals, and supporting people in need. She gave her time to friends and family endlessly. During the recent fires, she delivered much needed bedding and gas cards to displaced horse families. Stephanie had so much love for her animals. She had recently lost her long time friend, a corgi named Teegan. We all take

comfort knowing Teegan greeted her in heaven. Please consider donating to one of Stephanie's favorite charities, YC Community Pet Heroes, to continue her support of rescued animals - <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/82-2201669>.

Also, Stephanie would want us to not ignore opportunities to learn from others. She died from a pulmonary embolism. She would now say to us "Please don't ignore signs of blood clots or unusual pain after a hard day's work." Not just in you, but in others as well. If someone is ignoring pain, speak up! Be an advocate for them even if it's forced with a smile. Take your health seriously and don't suffer in silence. Listen to your body.



On a personal note, Stephanie taught me to hug. It was forced on me at first, but I grew as a person because of it. She shared her family with me and taught me so much about horses. Her many friends will always remember her love for laughter, her compassion, and her version of "sparkly farm glamour".

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2021 OWA ANNUAL MEETING

9 am on Saturday, February 27th via Zoom

Join the meeting to attend to the business of the organization, including voting on proposed bylaw changes and electing new state officers.

More information to come via email.



Photo: Maddie Neuschwander

OWA Annual Meeting Business

The annual meeting will take place Saturday, February 27th over Zoom. Stay tuned for more information.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A STATE OFFICER?

Three officer positions are up for election. The members who fill these openings will each serve the organization for two years, performing the duties listed below. Elections will take place during the February 27th Zoom meeting. For each position, nominations will be taken and each nominee will have an opportunity to share why they want to serve as an officer for OWA with members in attendance. If you are interested in serving the organization as an officer, or want more information about the roles or process, please email president@owaonline.org.

2nd Vice President: Assists the President and 1st Vice President in representing OWA and assumes the duty of membership chair, which includes maintaining an up to date membership roll.

Recording Secretary: Keeps the minutes of each board meeting and sends copies of the minutes to each member of the Board of Directors. Also notifies board members of meetings.

Treasurer: Receives and disburses funds, reconciles financial records, generates a report for each board meeting, and prepares and presents a budget at each annual meeting.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Proposals for changes to the bylaws were made at the November board meeting and will be voted on during the annual meeting. The proposed changes are below. If you would like to read the bylaws further, they can be found in the Members Only section of the OWA website. Each bylaw change will require a motion, a second, discussion, and a vote to take place.

Two changes to Article III, section 1, regarding membership, have been proposed.

The section currently reads:

1. Any individual interested in the future of agriculture in Oregon, or any group of individuals so interested, shall be qualified for membership in the Corporation, subject to approval by the State Board of Directors.

A. Active members shall consist of all those members whose dues are current. Dues that have not been paid by the start of the subsequent fiscal year shall cause the member to be removed from all active membership lists and removed from all members only communications, internet sites and/or activities.

B. Honorary members shall consist of any person so designated by the State Board of Directors. They shall not vote or pay dues.

The proposed change:

1B becomes 1C
1B becomes "Student members shall consist of members enrolled in school."

Two changes to Article V, regarding the state Board of Directors, have been proposed.

The sections currently read:

5. Each chapter will arrange for Alternate Directors. Such Alternates shall have all the powers of the Director, except that the powers can only be exercised when the Director is absent.

6. The Board of Directors and/or chapters shall consider replacing any regular Director or Executive Officer who fails to appear at each of three consecutive Board of Directors' meetings, and whose Alternate does not appear at said meetings.

Proposed changes:

Section 5: change "...except that the powers can only be exercised when the Director is absent." to "...except that the powers can only be exercised when a Director is absent."

Section 6: change "...and whose Alternate does not appear at said meetings." to "...and when an Alternate does not appear at said meetings."



Most OWIT members took a break from monthly meetings during November and December but continued working on projects. We have created a YouTube channel that holds video clips of our radio ads from October, Forest Products month activities, and spotlights OWIT members “Women Who Know the Woods” talking about their careers. You can view them by visiting www.YouTube.com and searching Oregon Women in Timber in the search bar and then selecting our channel.

We actively engaged in the planning of a multi-state video contest for high school students (ages 14-18) called Thru the Trees Video Contest. High school students created a video that provided information about the value of a career in the forest products sector. There were

five entries. First place was Jordan Neilson from Post Falls Idaho, second place was a team from Pleasant Hill Oregon, Tressa Geyer and Zoey Brott, and there was a tie for third place, Aiden Shamek from Sweet Home and Alicia Gordon and Lucas Forshee from Waldport. You can see the videos at www.thruTheTrees.org. This contest was a collaboration of several forestry organizations in Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho. OWIT plans to partner with this group again for next year’s contest.

Coni-Fir had lots of fun developing a holiday-themed “Coni Fir Connections” newsletter for Adventurers (4-7 years old) and Questers (8-13 years old). The activity kits cost \$10 and went out the first week of December to 77 children. A great success for Coni’s first newsletter! She plans to put together a spring issue around Arbor Day in April. You can learn more about Coni and watch her talk about the newsletter on OWIT’s website <https://orwit.org/projects/coni-fir-connections/>

Talk About Trees continues to provide 30-minute online, interactive, engaging lessons on tree identification, forest health, renewability, careers, and more. In person lessons for small groups

outdoors are also offered in socially distanced environments. TAT will partner with Forests Today and Forever to provide 4th and 5th graders a virtual Logging Conference Tour this winter during the month of February. For details about how to schedule live instruction and gain access to the virtual lesson, contact coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org

January and February 2021 will be focused on OWIT’s annual auction. The virtual event will be held on Wednesday, February 24th with the silent auction open from Saturday, February 20th to Saturday, February 27th and the live auction open from Wednesday, February 24th to Saturday February 27th. The virtual event will be about an hour, showcasing OWIT’s work and Talk About Trees program. We hope you can join us for this fun event! Registration is free. Encourage friends and associates to check us out! For more information visit our auction website <https://orwit.ejoinme.org/2021auction>

We appreciate your support!

Happy New Year!

*Diann Washburn,
OWIT State Treasurer*

Oregon is looking to fill two producer positions on the State Board of Agriculture

If you are a producer and interested in being part of a 10-member board that advises the Oregon Department of Ag on policy issues, develops recommendations on key agricultural issues, and provides advocacy for the state’s agriculture industry in general, this could be a great opportunity. See more information at <https://odanews.wpengine.com/> Applications are due January 20th.



30TH ANNUAL TALK ABOUT TREES AUCTION

All Virtual Event!

Silent Auction:

February 20-27, 2021

Live Auction:

February 24-27, 2021

orwit.org



A student at Steins Pillar Elementary in Prineville builds a corral out of play dough.



Students at Seven Peaks School in Bend work on a socially distant development planning activity provided by Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom.



Louie and Nate Kazemier of Rickreall Dairy show the students the calf barn, virtually. This year, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom has hosted 10 virtual farm field trips including hazelnuts, Christmas trees, berries and even to Arizona for a citrus nursery.

Upcoming OWA State Board Meetings

JANUARY 15TH AT 9 AM

FEBRUARY 27TH AT 9 AM (ANNUAL MEETING)

APRIL 2ND AT 9 AM - LOCATION TBA

Contact info@owaonline.org to request a Zoom link for each meeting



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.

Members from the Linn-Benton Chapter decorate the 2020 "Fishing" Christmas tree at the Harrisburg Pape Machinery branch.

Do you have photos to share of your chapter events or your Oregon agriculture experience?

Send them to jordyn.coon@gmail.com

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.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS? EMAIL MEMBERS@OWAONLINE.ORG

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OWA Membership Form

Name: _____

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