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Remembering a Firebrand for Oregon Agriculture

By Arwen McGilvra and Dona Coon

Liz VanLeeuwen passed away at home on her farm November 27th, 2022.

Liz, the granddaughter of Lake County pioneers, was born in Lakeview, Oregon in November 1925. While attending Oregon Agricultural College (OSU) she was hired by Geo. VanLeeuwen as a field hand to weed his onion fields.

Shortly after graduation in 1947, she and Geo. were married. They had four children and eventually moved back to the VanLeeuwen home farm, west of Halsey, in 1956. Liz taught adult education classes and substituted to help make ends meet.

She was a founding member of Oregon Women for Agriculture and American Agri-Women. She served as our first secretary, a state president, and state newsletter editor. Her passion for agriculture was reflected

in her receiving the AAW LEAVEN Award, the highest honor in the national organization. She was also honored by OSU School of Agriculture with the Diamond Pioneer Award for her many contributions to the history of agriculture in the state of Oregon.

The field burning controversy and the state's attempts to forcibly take land from farmers along the Willamette River for the Greenway project in the late 60's and early 70's eventually compelled her to run for office. She spent nine terms, from 1981 to 1999, as a State Representative for then District 37 representing rural parts



Liz, 89, after picking strawberries at Horse Creek Farms.

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STATE CONVENTION

Convention is coming soon! View the agenda and attendance details.

The President's Corner

It's the time of year to carefully tuck away the memories from 2022 and look forward to the coming year with a sense of wide-eyed optimism. I've always been an eternal optimist - I always see the glass as half full. Over the past few years, that has served me more than you could possibly know.

Looking back on 2022, I began my term as OWA President, we returned to in-person school, got used to life with COVID, lost some wonderful long-time OWA members, and gained some great new ones. My husband, Jeff, went through chemo treatment as his team of doctors tried to gain control of the blood cancer which snuck into our lives in mid-2021. In May of 2022, we were told his cancer was chemo resistant and to go home and enjoy the 'months' he had left. We planned trips and adventures and time away, trying to create lasting memories together with our family while we could.

As I write this today, Jeff is still battling, with no treatment. His numbers have actually gotten better since he left the hospital in May and a tumor in his chest has actually resolved itself. His doctors call him a miracle and have no scientific explanation for us. While the cancer is still in his body, it is sort of 'sleeping' right now. For how long, no one knows.

What this past year has reminded me of is to stay optimistic, no matter what life throws your way. Your attitude impacts everyone and everything around you. Stay

organized. Running a full-time job, a household with three kids, an aging mother and a husband battling cancer felt monumental most days. Being organized allowed me to keep my sanity and take care of everything that needed to be done. Be kind - always. We never know what someone else is going through and a smile, eye contact, or a simple hello can have a meaningful impact to someone whose life is falling apart. None of this is new, it's just with a renewed awareness that I want to remind you, especially as we embark on a new year.

For now, my family has settled into a new sense of normalcy. Believe me, I'm thankful for that. I will take our daily routines today over the other alternatives. We don't know what life has in store for us. Heck, none of us do. Be thankful for the life you have, always. Don't take anyone or anything for granted. Say I love you often and forgive easily. Step bravely into 2023 with me and, together, we'll get through anything that comes our way.

Thanks for letting me serve as your President. I am constantly amazed at all the wonderful things OWA does and I'm in awe of all the incredible women who are part of our organization. We have some great OWA events on the horizon. Our annual convention is in February in Springfield and our auction is in April! Hoping to see you at one or both.

~MARY



MARY HOOD

STATE PRESIDENT

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OWA WELCOMED 12 NEW MEMBERS DURING THE LAST QUARTER. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THESE WOMEN IN THE ORGANIZATION!

EASTERN OREGON

Christina Hagerty Gaebner

LANE

Annaquot Hayes
Erin Damon
Kayla Reber
Lisa Johnson

LINN-BENTON

Autumn Swafford
Debbie Prouty
Joni Neel

MARION-CLACKAMAS

Andrea Krahmer
Jennifer Fullerton
Steph Lamphere
Taylor Harding

of Linn County. Her research into issues and her drive never faltered. She always considered herself a stateswoman, not a politician.

In 1999 she was elected to the Linn County Soil and Water board, a position she held until her death. She was also serving on the board of the Linn County Farm Bureau at the time of her passing.

She was an active participant in her church and felt her faith played a direct role in her life. Liz actively supported 4-H as an alumni, leader, and teacher.

Among many awards and accolades she received over her lifetime were the 1983 Oregon Farm Bureau and Linn County Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year awards and the 1997 Oregon Seed Council Seedsman

of the Year. She has been inducted into the OSU Ag Hall of Fame and the Oregon Farm Bureau Hall of Fame. She was preceded in death by her husband George (Geo.)

A celebration of her life and legacy will be held on January 22nd, 2023. In lieu of flowers her wishes were

for donations to be sent to the Willamette Valley Campus of Adult and Teen Challenge PO Box 108, Shedd, OR 97377.

Liz was a firebrand, a catalyst, a true Oregonian, and will be greatly missed.



Pictured:
Liz with Arwen McGilvra in 2011, working the OWA booth together at the Klamath Falls Ag Show.

Chapter Meetings

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

Happy New Year from Lane County OWA. We are busy convention planning for all of you great women. If you haven't yet, please register for this year's 2023 OWA Convention Farm to Forest and Everything in Between! You can find all the details on the OWA website. You can register online or download a printable, fillable PDF and mail in your form.

www.owaonline.org/2023-owa-convention

In November we presented one of our Lane County FFA Chapters with a \$500 chapter scholarship. The lucky chapter this year was Mohawk FFA. This great FFA chapter organizes Ag in the Classroom at their local elementary schools and engages the community with ag related projects at local events. Their scholarship will help them defer the cost of these programs. We look forward to continuing this tradition of supporting local FFA chapters and their students.

Our next chapter meeting will be Wednesday, January 11th at 6:00 pm at Callie Smith's house in Coburg. You are invited to join us at our regular chapter meetings. For more details, check us out on Facebook or send us an email. We will be discussing the upcoming OWA state convention and all the great and exciting plans we have going on for this fun event.

Have an amazing new year!

Sarah Puls
Lane Chapter President

LINN-BENTON

Linn-Benton members met in November at Lisa Goracke's home in Shedd to assemble Christmas tree ornaments organized by Carrie Corrado for the Papé Christmas tree. The theme was old and new farm implements. Decorating the tree in early December took the place of a regular monthly meeting. We have done this project for many years and receive a donation to the chapter from Papé.

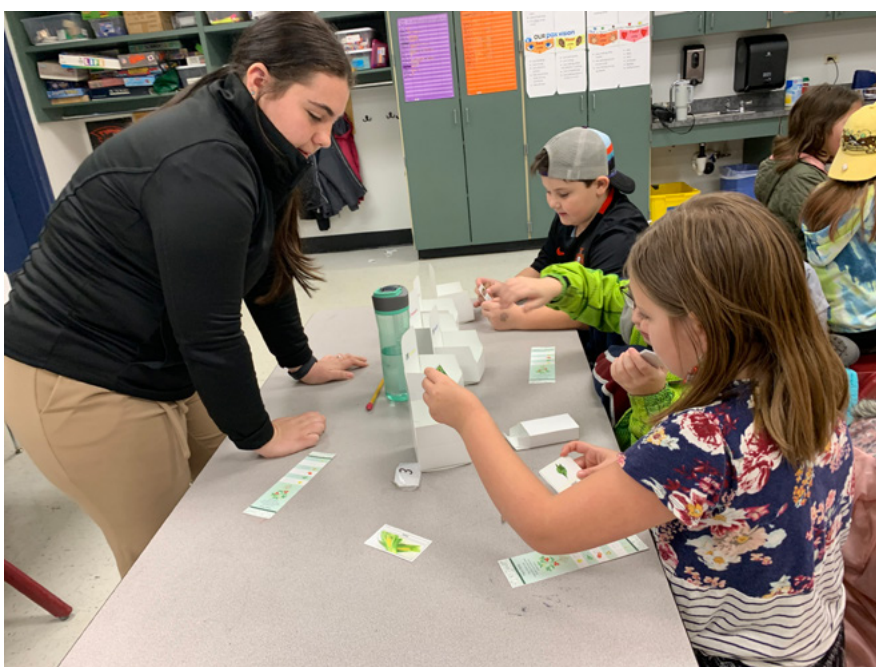
Members were challenged to find locations for crop ID signs in their area. Those that reported a location were given a rose! 17 signs were identified! They are currently being placed and signs damaged from the wind storm in the valley are being replaced.

Members volunteered at the Willamette Valley Ag Expo, set up and removed the "One Farmer Feeds..." table display. A huge thank you to Jessica Jansen for organizing this and making it look good and run smoothly!

Kristi Miller is organizing activities for a Science Night at Takena Elementary in Albany on January 19th that members will help with.

Members will be putting together the OWA Scrapbook pages for 2022 at the January meeting held at V.S.I. in Tangent. We are looking forward to attending the State Convention in Springfield in February and organizing for the FFA State Convention in Redmond in March.

Dona Coon
Linn-Benton Chapter President



Lisie Luttrell, Sigma Alpha member and OSU student, helps students sort their cards, a part of this year's AITC activity.

POLK

The Polk OWA Chapter met in September and December. We cancelled meetings in October and November due to sickness. Several Polk County members were able to attend the AAW meeting in Montana.

We ordered a box of Get Oregonized books from Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom and have contacted a couple of local schools to see if they would be interested in using the books in their school. We plan to provide a handmade quilt for the OWA auction and will work together

this winter to put together several items for the auction from our chapter.

We plan to provide an Ag & Timber booth at the Career Expo for Central High School on March 22nd.

We meet monthly on the second Monday of the month at 11:30 AM at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant in Rickreall. (Formally known as Rock n Rogers) Join us anytime. All are welcome!

Diann Washburn
Polk Chapter President

Seeking: Wine Donations

The Auction Committee is looking for donations of wine to be used for the Wine Wall and silent auction. If you are willing to donate a bottle or bottles of wine, please contact Auction Chair Sarah Puls for more information at sawade@hotmail.com.



OWIT chapters wrapped up the year with wreath making events in Lane and Douglas County. Tillamook members helped Associated Oregon Loggers with a Career Day event at Tillamook High School. The Sweet Home High School chapter held Elementary Ed Day, where they taught tree identification at the event. Union County held their first "Jobs in the Woods," with local forest landowners and state and federal agencies to bring 22 students and chaperones out to an active logging site. After lunch they saw a demonstration from the

Oregon Department of Forestry on fire equipment and learned about fire management jobs available locally. They ended their day with a tour of a log yard where they got to see the trucks from the morning logging site weighed, unloaded, and had a live and in person scaling lesson!

The new year shifts OWIT's focus to fundraising opportunities. The Clatsop chapter is collaborating with local natural resource partners to raise funds to benefit all Clatsop High School youth pursuing a natural resource career. Funds support agriculture programs such as FFA, forestry, and fisheries, as well as career & technical education in the trades. The event is January 19th at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria. Their fundraising website is orwit.ejoinme.org/CWWC.

On February 22nd, statewide OWIT members will join forces to host our annual auction at the Graduate

Hotel in Eugene to benefit OWIT's forest education program, Talk About Trees. The auction is the kickoff event for the three-day Oregon Logging Conference at the Lane County Fairgrounds. OWIT also manages a booth during the conference and helps with elementary school tours for local Lane County students to learn about forestry and tour equipment at the conference. Coni Fir will be around to visit too! You might see her at the Career Day event with high schoolers on Friday or with families making bird feeders in the Pavilion on Saturday. OWIT's auction website is orwit.ejoinme.org/2023.

For more information about OWIT and TAT please visit OWIT's website at www.orwit.org, or Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you,

Diann Washburn
OWIT State Treasurer

Legislative Committee Report

By Tami Kerr, Chair, Linn-Benton

Lane County – Marie Bowers and Jenny Hitner
Marion-Clackamas – Tricia Chastain
Polk – Diann Washburn and Kathy Hadley
Yamhill – Tara Lomacz and Helle Ruddenklau
At Large – Abby Fitts

Open Positions for Central Oregon, Eastern Oregon, Columbia Gorge, Linn-Benton, Marion-Clackamas chapters and an OWA Executive Committee Representative.

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 Statements.

The Legislative Session started January 9th with the swearing in of the new governor and legislators. Hearings and work on bills will commence January 17th and the constitutional Sine Die is scheduled for June 25th.

With a new governor, numerous retirements and resignations over the last few months from state agency leaders, and a nearly 25% turnover in legislative membership, there are opportunities to build relationships and educate new membership and leaders on our priorities. There are changes to legislative committees and some new committee chairs.

The Capitol is still under construction, with a seismic retrofit and ongoing renovations, but the session will be conducted in-person and is open to the public. The legislative committee intends to have an event for our membership but needs time to determine the best path forward as

the public gathering space is limited and there are no rooms available for meetings in the Capitol building.

Last fall the OWA Legislative Committee reviewed our current Position Statements, made updates, and presented recommendations to the State Board in October. Special thanks to Jenny Hitner, Marie Bowers, and Diann Washburn for their participation. The majority of the recommendations were well received, with a few items needing additional attention. The newly updated Position Statements will be presented to the State Board in January for a final review. The Position Statements will be presented to the membership at our State Convention on Saturday, February 11th. We will have a larger conversation about our membership in AG-PAC and if we want to endorse candidates going forward. Plan to attend. We have important decisions to make.

Annual Meeting Business

By Mary Hood

During the business meeting that will be held during convention we have several big items on our agenda. Our Legislative Committee has been working on our Position Statements which will be presented for review and approval. We will also be having a conversation surrounding OWA's involvement in AGPAC and we need you to be part of that conversation.

There is one proposed bylaw change on Page 1, Article II/Purpose, item #2:

Currently reads:
To engage all phases of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns

Proposed change:
To engage all facets of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns.

Also – we are seeking nominations for Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let me know!

As a reminder – annual reports are due from each Chapter President, Standing Committee Chair, and each Executive Officer which will be included in the convention packets. Please get those to Sarah Puls before the end of January.

See you all in Springfield!

Try It!: How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat selected as 2023 Agricultural Literacy Project Featured Book

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom is excited to announce the 2023 featured book, *Try It!: How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat* by Maria Rockliff. Meet a remarkable woman in agriculture, Frieda Caplan – a produce pioneer who changed the way Americans eat by introducing exciting new fruits and vegetables, from baby carrots to blood oranges to kiwis – more in this brightly illustrated nonfiction picture book!

In 1956, Frieda Caplan started working at the Seventh Street Produce Market in Los Angeles. Instead of competing with the men in the business with their apples, potatoes, and tomatoes, Frieda thought, why not try something new? Starting with mushrooms, Frieda began introducing fresh and unusual foods to her customers—snap peas, seedless watermelon, mangos, and more!

This groundbreaking woman brought a whole world of delicious foods to the United States, forever changing the way we eat. This book helps students learn about a variety of fruits and vegetables and consider trying something new!

How the Literacy Project Works
Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom provides training to volunteers who connect with local kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms and set up time to visit, read, and lead a short activity with students.

All materials are prepared for volunteers and following the visit each classroom receives a copy of the book. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and grants, this program is available at no cost to volunteers or classrooms. Start to finish, the program takes 30-45 minutes. Reading sessions may start any time after March 1st, and continue through the end of the school year!

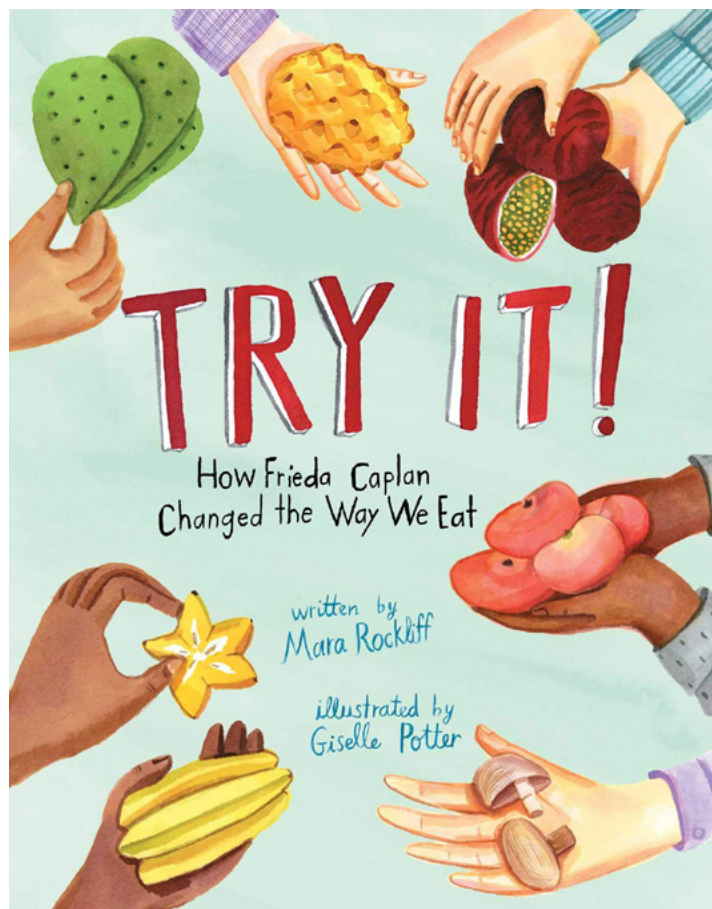
We are excited for more volunteers to return to classrooms in person with restrictions lifting! Consider taking a few hours this spring to bring the message of agriculture to students in your community- you won't regret it!

Spring Volunteer Training – Oregon AITC staff will host a training session for volunteers at this year's annual Oregon Women for Agriculture Convention. All members are invited to attend and learn more about the project. If you are interested in signing up to become a volunteer, visit the Oregon AITC website, give

us a call, or send Brittany Capell or Jessica Jansen an email. Videos and volunteer information will be posted by mid-February!

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American Agri-Women National Convention Recap

By Mary Hood

A 16 member contingent from Oregon traveled to the American Agri-Women Convention held in Bozeman, Montana in early November – joining other agri-women from around the country. This year's theme was, appropriately, "The Mountains are Calling." The wonderful ladies from Montana Agri-Women did an excellent job on content, hospitality, tours, personal development, networking, and FUN! One of the convention's highlights was the presentation of the

prestigious Veritas Award to Forrest Lucas for his public witness to the "pursuit of truth" through his Protect the Harvest organization. Theresa Lucas McMahan accepted the award on behalf of her grandfather.

AAW presented the LEAVEN Award to Rose Tryon VanCott of California Women in Agriculture. The LEAVEN Award goes to members who, to an extraordinary degree, have acted as "leaven" by exhibiting the qualities of loyalty, enthusiasm, anticipation,

valiance, effectiveness, and are nurturing.

Members elected and installed officers for 2023:

President

Heather Hampton-Knodle, Illinois

First Vice President

Rose Tryon Vancott, California

Secretary

Arlene Kovash, Oregon

Treasurer

Kathy Goodyke, Minnesota

Vice President of Education

Jean Goslin, Kansas

Vice President of Communications

Laura Hart, Texas

Past President

Karolyn Zurn, Minnesota

This year's convention speakers were simply a fantastic lineup!

Stuart Ellis-Myers, Mental Health for Life; Gary Sides, The Myths About Beef; Kristin Juras, Montana Lieutenant Governor; Urban Cowgirls Panel featuring Anna Kobza, Briann Grimshaw, Cheyenne Wilson, and Emma Lou Slivka; Kerri Seekins-Crowe, Montana Representative, Get Their Attention and Keep it; Natural Resource Panel featuring Hannah Downey, George Edwards, and John Helle; and The Ninja Cowboy, Lance Pekus.

The 2023 American Agri-Women Convention will be held in Sacramento, California.

APRIL 15, 2023

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4:30 PM - Silent Auction
6:00 PM - Dinner
7:15 PM - Oral Auction

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2022 Photo Contest Winners

By Kristi Miller

“What a nice surprise!” Tami Kerr exclaimed when I let her know that her photo was first place in the annual OWA Photo Contest. She took the picture in late July at her family’s Tillamook dairy farm. She was on a 4-wheeler, bringing their cows from the field up to the barns to be milked. It was a beautiful afternoon, the cows looked content, their bellies were full, and she wanted to remember the day. The Coast Range is in the background and it’s about seven miles inland from the Pacific Ocean. The pasture is from Oregon seed, but she didn’t know the variety or source. Milk from these cows is made into Tillamook Cheese.

Tami's photo will be mounted on canvas and included in the auction for someone to win.

Margaret Henderson was our second place winner with the honeybee

on the flower photo. Margaret says “The photo was taken in our u-pick flower patch. It is fascinating to just stand and watch all the different varieties of bees and insects go from flower to flower, eating and pollinating.” Peoria Road Farm Market business is a hopping and buzzing place to be spring through fall.

Betty Jo Smith’s beautiful sunset picture was the third place photo. It was taken by McLagen Drive in the Tangent area, looking west toward Mary’s Peak.



Tami Kerr's winning photo

Thank you all that entered. We’ll do this contest again this year. Keep sending your favorite ag pictures to millerk@dswebnet.com to be entered by November 2023. I’ll send more details in the next Cultivator issue for picture quality needed.



Pictured Left: Margaret Henderson's bee photo.
Pictured Above: Betty Jo Smith's sunset photo.

Reflecting on National Convention

By AshlyAnn Lemhouse

"In order to make people understand agriculture, you need to include them in it." This was a quote from keynote speaker Emma Lou Slivka, FFA President of Winifred High School in Montana. To say I was enthralled and blown away by this junior would be an understatement. In fact, all four speakers on the Urban Cowgirls Panel were incredibly smart, well versed, and insightful women who I could have listened to for hours. Every one of these panelists talked about how they "include" the public in their events, Instagram posts, and other activities in hopes that by allowing a glimpse into their lives, people outside of the agriculture realm can gain a better understanding of the industry and how vital it is to our world.

The urban cowgirls panel was just a small part of the four days I spent with a group of amazing women from all over the US. We all met the first evening in the hotel atrium for Ladies Night. With drinks in our hands and stories on our hearts, we gushed over Montana Silver jewelry while also discussing the seriousness of the latest flooding incidents. Every woman I encountered was friendly and eager to know where I was from and how I was involved in agriculture. Many of my fellow American Agri-Women members had been attending National Conventions for years. They said that they looked forward to this all year. A chance to see old friends and meet the new ones coming in. I could tell from that first night, that this would truly be a special weekend.

The next day, with the beautiful whitecapped Montana mountains around us, we loaded up on the tour buses and ventured out all over Gallatin County. We checked out a \$200,000 Hereford heifer at the Churchill Cattle Company while munching on Mrs. Venhuizen's delicious brownies, watched the careful tooling of a leathercrafter at Three Forks Saddlery, and listened to Jennie Miller Montana tell the story of how she acquires, tans, and transforms bison hides into yarns and pelts. No matter what we did, laughter and learning were the two consistencies throughout the day. We took in quite a bit of this area and were fortunate to have several of the Montana Agri-Women take the time to tell us all about the local environment and geological features as we bused from stop to stop.

As a first time conference attendee, I had no idea what to expect. I knew I would meet other women with the commonality of agriculture, but my week was so much more than this. The depth and drive of each of these women is very motivating and it encouraged me to get more involved in not only my county chapter, but my state organization as well. I encourage all of my fellow American Agri-Women and affiliates to attend National Convention, not only for the fun and



AshlyAnn speaks at AAW National Convention in November.

friendship gained, but for the insight into our industry and its expanse. We are important and we are making a difference!

State Convention

State Convention is February 9th through 11th in Springfield. This year's theme is Farm to Forest - and everything in between!

Thursday February 9, 2023

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Check in-Foyer, Holiday Inn Ballroom, pick up your goody bags!

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wine tasting, appetizers, and guest speakers!

Friday February 10, 2023

9:00 am - 10:00 am State Budget Meeting - Holiday Inn Ballroom

10:00 am - 4:00 pm Tours - Camas Country Mill, Rock'n D Ranch,
Long Tom Grange, Spring Creek Gardens

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Break/Back to Hotels

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm Farm to Table Dinner by Mishjacks Catering - Holiday Inn Ballroom

7:30 pm Keynote Speaker - Staci Simonich, Dean of Agricultural Sciences at OSU

Saturday February 11, 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm State Annual Meeting - Holiday Inn Ballroom

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch in Ballroom

What's Included and Tips for Convention:

Swag bag, transportation to/from tours, refreshments and food Thursday evening, lunch and served dinner Friday, morning refreshments and lunch Saturday. Each attendee will be given two drink tickets on Thursday and Friday. A special Farm to Table Dinner is scheduled for Friday evening with locally sourced food by Mishjacks Catering of Eugene, featuring Anderson Ranches grass fed Oregon lamb, local chicken from Longs Meat Market and Oregon Wild Rice.

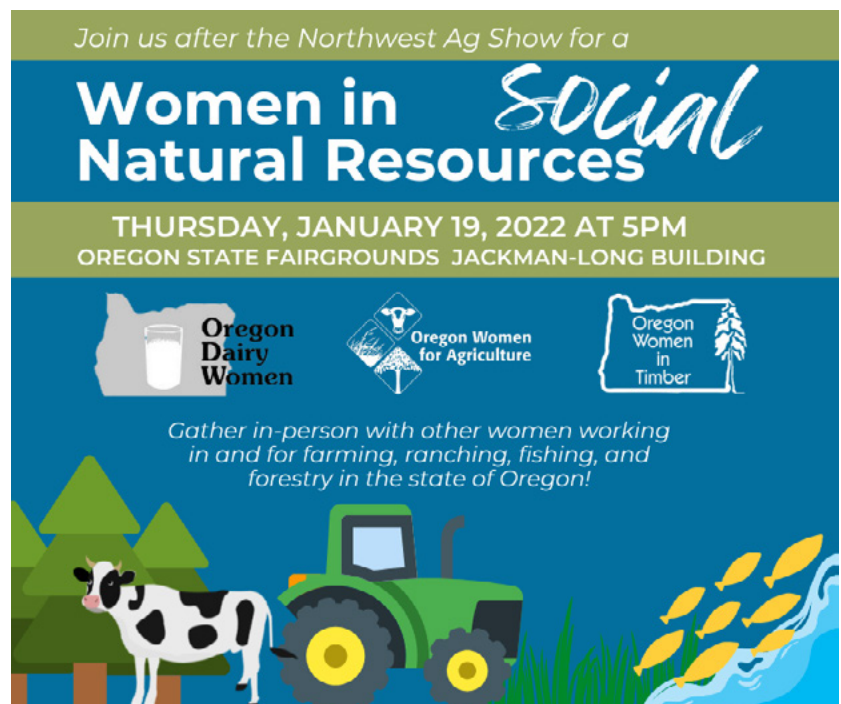
If you plan to only attend the OWA State Board and Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, there is no cost. Please come and see what our State Board is all about!

We will be raffling off one of our OWA Pendleton Blankets, each person can earn a raffle ticket if they stay for the Saturday State Board Meeting. Tickets will also be for purchase during the duration of the convention. Raffle winner will be drawn Saturday at the end of convention.

We are asking each convention attendee to bring 2 non-perishable food items for donation to Food for Lane County, our local food bank! Each person who brings a donation will receive an additional raffle ticket.

Tour Tips: Weather in February can be tricky. Please prepare for being outdoors at times during the tours, we recommend boots and jackets.

Pictured Below:
OWA members enjoy Stuart Ellis-Myers' "Mental Health for Life" segment during National Convention.





2023 State Convention Registration

Farm to Forest - and everything in between!
February 9th-11th, 2023 – Springfield, Oregon

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Chapter: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Regular Registration: received by 02/01/2023 - \$100

Late Registration - \$150

Registration must be received by Monday, February 6, 2023.

Please make checks payable to Lane OWA and mail with this form to:
Lane County Oregon Women for Ag
P.O. Box 371
Junction City, OR 97448

You can also register and pay online! Visit our website for online registration:
<https://owaonline.org/2023-owa-convention/>

Lodging Options

Holiday Inn Express
919 Kruse Way
Springfield, OR 97477
Phone: (541) 284-0707

*Convention venue, breakfast included
\$125+ tax (king and double queens available)

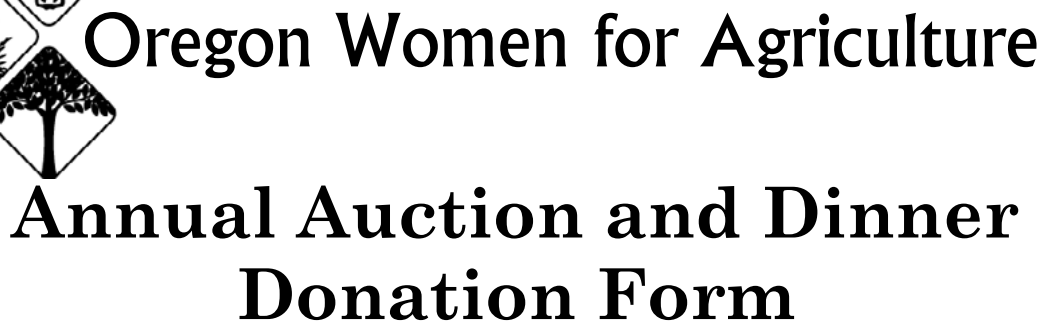
[Holiday Inn Booking Link](#)

Courtyard by Marriott
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Phone: (541) 726-2121

*Hotel next to convention venue, \$125+ tax
(king and double queens available)

[Marriott Booking Link](#)

Please make your reservations by **January 10th, 2023** through the online booking link. After this date you may call and ask for the discount room block direct with the hotel. The blocks are under Oregon Women for Ag at both locations, please make sure to tell them the group when you book. The Holiday Inn Express the location of the convention, the Courtyard by Marriott is across the parking lot, within walking distance to the Holiday Inn Express building where the meetings and dinners will be held.



Please use separate form for each **different item. DEADLINE FOR FORMS IS MARCH 23**

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OREGON WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE • 1969-2022

OWA seeks to help educate the public about issues critical to agriculture. We look to stay active in legislative issues important to ag and natural resources, promote OWA and agriculture through social media, involve our members in committees and events, and support ag education programs that promote awareness to both children and adults.

If you are interested in joining our membership, please see the form on the next page.

OWA PURPOSE

- To educate and inform the membership and the public about the importance of agriculture to the economy and to the environment.
- To engage all phases of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns.
- To communicate the story of today's agriculture.
- To do everything possible to see that agricultural interests are heard and dealt with fairly.
- To support and encourage research that will benefit agriculture.

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Contact info@owaonline.org to request more info for each meeting.

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.

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