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UP AND COMING AT OREGON AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

By Jade Davidson

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom has welcomed a new Executive Director, Jade Davidson, who started her role in January of this year. Jade grew up near the Twin Cities in Minnesota and received her B.S. in Coordinated Dietetics from Texas Christian University. Jade recently received her PhD in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication from the University of Georgia. She and her husband currently reside in Lebanon and look forward to hiking and getting to know all the wonderful Oregonians associated with agriculture!

garden through the seasons of planting, managing pests, and harvesting. This book showcases the many organisms that live in the garden. Beneficial organisms are used to combat garden pests as the girl and her grandmother work to grow a bountiful harvest.

How the Literacy Project Works

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom provides training for volunteers who connect with local kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms to set up time to visit, read, and lead a short activity with students. Start to finish, the program takes 30-45 minutes. Reading sessions may start any time after March 1st and



run through the end of the school year! The materials are prepared for volunteers, and following the visit, each classroom receives a copy of the book. Thanks to the generosity of

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The President's Corner

As I was looking through my 2024 calendar this morning, I flipped through so many blank pages, curiously wondering about what the year ahead holds for all of us. It's that time of year to optimistically look to the future with grand plans and clear visions of things we want to accomplish. A milestone fast approaching for me is the end of my two-year term as your president, which will occur at the end of February. I feel like I blinked and now here we are. The things we've accomplished and the fun we've had doing it are forever etched in my memory bank. Thank you to my amazing officer team, our board of directors, our members, and every one of you who have supported me and our organization during these past two years. We are only as great as we are, because of all of you!

I have a few projects to see through to the end and am ready to transition our organization to a new leadership team. That reminds me of one of my favorite sayings, 'Change is inevitable, but growth is optional'.

Change in leadership brings new ways of looking at old problems and a fresh perspective. Every organization needs this and for us that's no different. With our change in leadership comes a new energy and excitement. Our new leadership team deserves our support and our engagement to push that momentum as far forward as we can, so please join me in engaging and supporting them. That's as simple as joining a meeting with your local OWA chapter. Let's make a choice to support growth in ourselves and our organization in 2024. Let's do that together, intentionally.

We have some great OWA events on the horizon. Our annual convention, Advocating for our Future, is in February in Madras and if you haven't made it to one before, this should be the one you choose! The tours, the food, and the socializing make this a great event. Then don't forget about our auction and dinner, Bee for Agriculture!, coming up on April 20th at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center! The buzz around



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STATE PRESIDENT
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town says it will be the most fun event of the year!

Thanks for letting me serve as your President these past two years. I am constantly amazed at all the wonderful things OWA does and I'm just so lucky to get to do what I do. Having my name etched in the OWA history books following a long list of wonderful leaders is so very humbling.

Until our paths cross again,

~MARY

OWA WELCOMED 6 NEW MEMBERS DURING THE LAST QUARTER. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THESE WOMEN IN THE ORGANIZATION!

CENTRAL OREGON
Marika Sitz

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Tara Millan
Amy Williams

LINN BENTON
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Avery Herb
Jade Davidson

Seeking OWA Contractors!

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WEBMASTER

ROLES ARE VOTED UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY. REACH OUT TO MARY HOOD TO LEARN MORE.

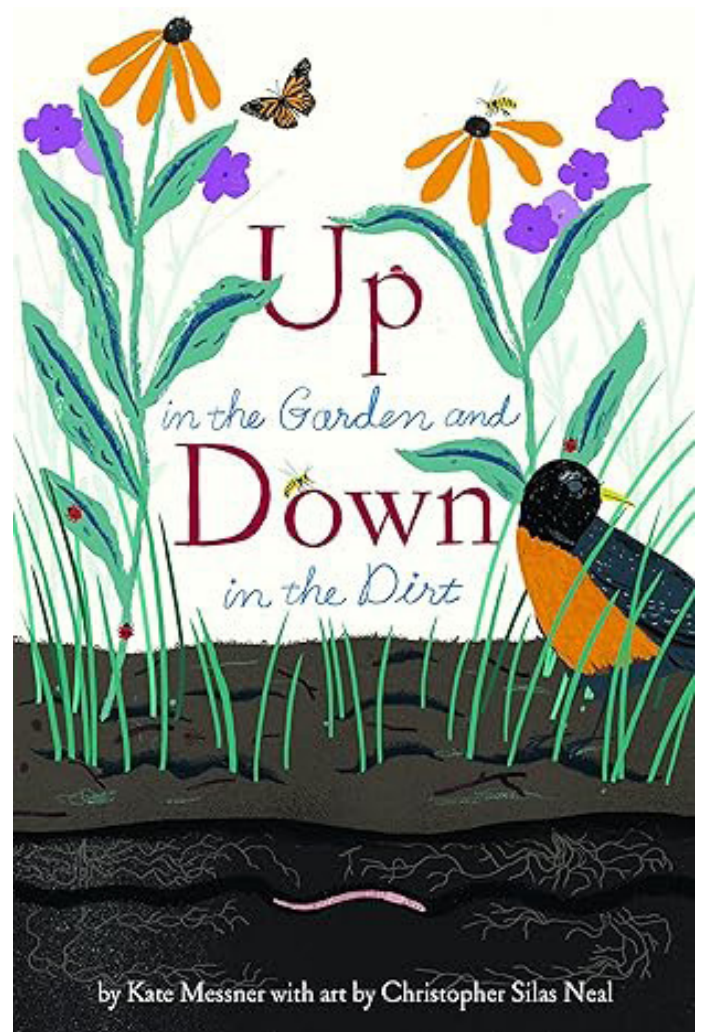
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our donors and grants, this program is available at no cost to volunteers or classrooms.

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 myself an email. We look forward to partnering with you to promote knowledge of Oregon agriculture among today’s young readers!

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What's Happening Around the State?

EASTERN OREGON

Our chapter held our annual Fall Social at the Echo Corn Maze. This is a fun event each year that we all look forward to. Our chapter Vice President, Gina Tyhuis, is the agri-woman behind this local fall treat. With movies in the maze, a sunflower maze, corn maze, delicious food, pumpkin patch, and fun around the fire pit, it was a great chance to meet potential new members and chat with friends.

Our chapter donated "Oregon Market Baskets" to the local FFA chapters' annual dinner and auctions. We filled a basket with items made or grown in Oregon and included information about our group.

In November, we drew a raffle winner for our scholarship fundraiser. We sold \$6,400 in raffle tickets and are finalizing some business donations. Our goal is to raise and award \$10,000 in scholarships each year.

We took November and December off from meetings but hit the ground running in January. We have started planning our chapter's donation to the state auction in April. Other things we started working on included a membership drive, State Convention participation, forming our chapter goals, 2024 scholarships, and our next scholarship fundraiser.

Bethany Woodall
Eastern Oregon Chapter President

LANE

For the past several years, Lane

County OWA Chapter has offered scholarshipstoourlocalFFA chapters. After reviewing the applicants and the great work these chapters are doing, Lane County awarded two local FFA chapters, Crow & Mohawk, each a \$500.00 scholarship. Crow FFA was in attendance at our December meeting and provided a wonderful presentation about the herb garden this scholarship will help fund. It was great hearing from the chapter about all the skills learned and hard work that was put in to this project.

Atour January meeting we focused on discussing and getting ready for our standing projects, such as Ag in the Classroom, as well as looking at some new opportunities for community involvement and promoting OWA and our mission of communicating the story of agriculture.

Merissa Calkins
Lane Chapter President

LINN-BENTON

Our Linn Benton Chapter was busy in December with decorating the Pape Christmas trees in Tangent and Harrisburg, as well as supplying decorations for the tree at Pape in McMinnville. The new theme was the Beef Cattle Industry in Oregon. Thanks to Carrie Corrado for organizing this educational and fun project. Thanks also to Pape for the annual donation to our chapter.

Our oral auction item is a BEE THEME and already in progress.

A quilt is in the making and ideas flowed at the last meeting for things to add to the basket/hive. Members were encouraged to participate in gathering items for both the silent and oral auction. It will be a great year.

The Scholarship Committee is being formed and will begin publicity and applications soon.

The State FFA Convention in Redmond, in March, is our upcoming focus. There are several members excited to help with the activities in the OWA booth.

Congratulations to Stephani Evers as the new coordinator for the Summer Ag Institute program. Host families for the Summer Ag Institute – West Session are being recruited and the book bags made from feed bags are being constructed for each teacher attending.

The second annual snack boxes for finals week for the Sigma Alpha ladies is in the planning stages. Linn Benton truly appreciates these young women who will influence our world in a positive way for agriculture.

We continue to hold our meetings in homes and offices around the counties. Dinner is served at 6 pm and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm with an option of Zoom.

Dona Coon
Linn-Benton Chapter President

POLK

In September we had fun creating a US Constitutional Coloring page with fun facts, that was distributed to local Polk County elementary schools and libraries throughout last fall. The contest ended on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. The winner was awarded a constitution and a \$5 McDonald's gift card.

In October we partnered with Joey Van Winckel, RN Trainer from Salem Health to provide a Stop the Bleed training class on October 26th at the Oregon State University Extension Office in Dallas. Eleven participants completed the course. We will host another class on February 8, 2024, at the same location from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. An Eventbrite webpage has been set up for registration.

In December we participated in the Dallas Arts Association and Dallas Chamber of Commerce Festival of Trees, a nonprofit event at the Dallas

Event Center. We decorated a tree with tractors and farm animals and created a coloring sheet featuring Oregon as a top producer of Christmas trees. It was printed for the craft table and distributed to children. We asked for donations to support OWA's 'Get Oregonized' book for Polk County classrooms. The tree stayed up the whole month. The chamber held several community events with live music and carolers to invite folks to view the trees. It was a great success, and we look forward to participating again next year.

Guest speakers last quarter included former Oregon State Senator Denyc Boles who shared her legislative experience and issues of concern. She is a candidate for Oregon's 6th congressional district that covers Polk and Yamhill Counties, and portions of Marion, Clackamas, and Washington Counties. Mikayla Slawosky, AgriBusiness Development Coordinator for Dallas, talked with us about revitalizing the

Dallas Farmers Market, to be on the first and third Saturday each month from May 4, 2024 through October 2024 at the Polk County Courthouse square. Potential PCWA involvement could include volunteering at the information booth, having our own booth, working Crazy Days, sharing information with potential farmer vendors, and providing OWA coloring sheets. Mikayla has continued to attend our monthly meetings. We have enjoyed getting to know her and look forward to working on this project.

Our focus for the next few months will be to collect items for the OWA auction in April.

PCWA meetings are the second Monday of each month at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant, in Rickreall, from 11:30 to 1:00 PM. All are welcome!

*Diann Washburn
Polk Chapter President*

STATE CONVENTION

AGvocating for Our Future!

February 15th-17th, 2024 – Madras, Oregon

Thursday February 15th, 2024

1:30-2:30pm - Chapter President's Gathering @ Inn at Cross Keys
3:00-5:00pm - Air Museum tours @ Ericksons Air Museum, Check in-Foyer @ Inn at Cross Keys
5:00-6:00pm - Social hour
6:00-8:00pm - Taco Bar Dinner and Guest Speaker; Jefferson Co. Historical Society

Friday February 16th, 2024

9:00am - 10:00am State Budget Meeting – Inn at Cross Keys Station, Downstairs banquet room
10:00am - 3:00pm Tours – Obsidian Seeds, Gateway Game Preserve, New Basin Distilling Co., Keith Manufacturing
3:00pm - 5:00pm Downtown Shopping/Break 6:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner by The Wandering chef - Inn at Cross Keys Station (Downstairs banquet room)
7:30pm Keynote Speaker – Samudra Kugel, Oregon State University E-Campus Professor; Women in Agriculture Course

Saturday February 17th, 2024

8:15am - 8:45am Ag in the Classroom training – Inn at Cross Keys Station (Downstairs banquet room)
9:00am - 12:00pm State Annual Meeting & LEAP presentation – Inn at Cross Keys Station (Downstairs banquet room)

Registration form on page 12

Legislative Committee Report

By Tami Kerr, Chair, Linn-Benton

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

Open Positions for Central Oregon, Eastern Oregon, and Columbia Gorge chapters.

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.

Here are some important reminders about interacting with the legislature and its process:

- Use OLIS (Oregon Legislative Information System) to find committee and bill information – olis.oregonlegislature.gov
- E-Subscribe to committee agendas and email alerts about bills – www.oregonlegislature.gov, then click the Get Involved tab near the top of the page. There are several helpful links: How to Testify, How to Submit Testimony, How to Subscribe to Email Alerts, How to Find Bills or Votes and more.
- Agenda posting deadlines:
 - 48 hours prior to a first public hearing in a House committee
 - 24 hours for all other types of meetings
- Amendment posting deadlines
 - 4 hours for House committees
 - 1 hour for Senate committees
- Register to testify on bills using the online system.
- Submit written testimony using the online testimony portal.
- Amendments and bills require fiscal and revenue statements before committee action.
- Timelines for filing minority reports are different than long session; see chamber and committee rules.
- Language Access Services are available! Call 503-986-1538 or email languageaccess@oregonlegislature.gov

SEEKING STATE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Two State Office positions will be opening in February. If you have ever considered being an officer, now could be the time.

Open positions will be 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary

Contact president@owaonline.org to learn more.

2024 SHORT SESSION SURVIVAL GUIDE



Calendar

Week 1	February 5	Day 1	First Day of Session
Week 2	February 12	Day 8	First Chamber Work Session Posting Deadline
Week 3	February 19	Day 15	First Chamber Work Session Deadline
	February 23	Day 19	Second Chamber Work Session Posting Deadline
Week 4	February 29	Day 25	Second Chamber Work Session Deadline
Week 5	March 10	Day 35	Sine Die



Short Session Timeline



BEE FOR AGRICULTURE

OWA ANNUAL AUCTION & DINNER

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20, 2024

4:30 PM - SILENT AUCTION
6:00 PM - DINNER
7:15 PM - LIVE AUCTION



LEARN MORE AT OWAONLINE.ORG/AUCTION

Our annual fundraiser **Bee for Agriculture!** will be on April 20th at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. We can't wait to see everyone as we gather together to enjoy a fabulous dinner with friends and raise money to support our mission of Working Together to Communicate the Story of Today's Agriculture.

We continue our work of engaging the public about the importance of Oregon Agriculture. Our volunteers are working hard, and we have lots to do. Some of our work includes providing the ever popular crop identification signs for farmers and ranchers to display along the roadsides, administering our new Ag Youth Mini-Grant Program, support for Summer Ag Institute, Adopt a Farmer, and Oregon Agriculture in

the Classroom, activity booths at the Oregon State fair, county fairs and Oregon AgFest along with many other informative and educational projects.

You can find more information, including sponsorship purchasing and gold table purchasing, on our website www.owaonline.org/auction also linked in the QR code to the right.

Please contact Sarah at auction@owaonline.org or 541-729-5034 with any questions.

**SCAN BELOW TO VISIT
THE AUCTION WEBSITE
AND REGISTER TODAY!**



Proposed OWA Bylaw Change

With the assistance of our attorney, OWA is converting to a 501c3, making us fully recognizable as a charitable organization under the IRS tax code! Our application has been filed with the IRS so we are in the waiting period for that to get processed. To accommodate this change, we are required to make changes to our Bylaws. Those changes are proposed below and will be up for discussion and a vote at the business meeting held on Saturday at our annual convention next month. This is an exciting and much needed change for our organization.

In addition to this important change, we are forming a new subsidiary that will be a 501c5, and will be legally formed as a new corporation known as Oregon Women for Agriculture 501c5. This entity will house our AgPac membership, our OFS membership, will collect our membership dues and pay out membership dues to American Agri-Women, plus a few other items necessary for operational purposes. To accommodate this transition, this entity will have its own set of bylaws and board of directors. The way we have chosen to operate will be mirror image, so the officer team as elected for OWA, will simultaneously serve as the officer team for OWA501c5, making the operation of both entities seamless and efficient, but strategically and separately operated. The new entity information will be shared, discussed, and voted on during the upcoming business meeting. Lots of exciting changes coming our way!

Proposed changes to OWA Bylaws:

1. Deletion and Replacement of Article II of the Bylaws

The existing Article II of the Bylaws shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language: “Oregon Women for Agriculture is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code. No part of the net earnings of Oregon Women for Agriculture shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of this purposes clause. This Corporation shall hold its primary purpose to be educating the membership and public about the importance, and story, of today’s agriculture, and to support and encourage research that will benefit agriculture.”

2. Deletion of Section 6 of Article IX of the Bylaws

The existing Section 6 of Article IX of the Bylaws shall be deleted in its entirety.

3. Deletion and Replacement of Section 9 of Article IX of the Bylaws

The existing Section 9 of Article IX of the Bylaws shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language: “Upon termination or dissolution of the Oregon Women for Agriculture, any lawfully available assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.”

4. No Further Changes

Unless specifically amended by the terms of this Amendment, the Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.

2023 OWA Photo Contest Results

By Kristi Miller

Congratulations to our three winners of the 2023 OWA Photo Contest. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place (\$50, \$40, and \$30 respectively).

Kelsy Pimm was our 1st place winner with her photo of the tractor planting at sunset.

“Woohoo!” she emailed. “In this picture, this field, located southeast of Halsey, was being fall planted to annual ryegrass with an air seeder by my husband with a little help from our 3-year-old son.” Her photo will be mounted on canvas and be included in the April 20, 2024 auction.

The 2nd place winner was Juanita Brush. This photo combines great loves of Mel and Juanita Brush. The trees are Jefferson variety hazelnuts planted in 2015 on the Brush farm in Tangent. Mel’s grandfather and father bought the property in 1939 and over the years it has been planted to a variety of grass seed, wheat, clover, and finally hazelnuts. When Juanita married Mel in 2008, she brought her

love of horses to the farm and began a boutique breeding operation of paint horses and quarter horses. The colt in the photo is a foundation bred quarter horse with excellent cow horse breeding of champion bloodlines. ChexOutMyHighbrows, aka Birdie, is the 10th foal born in their small breeding operation. Credit goes out to photographer, Elizabeth Jane Knight, from Idaho. She travels frequently, photographing a wide variety of horse competitions and, in between, takes portraits of horses, dogs, and people.

Mary Hood received 3rd place. “This picture was taken at the end of April, while we were camping in Culver. We were lucky the sky put on a show

for us every evening! The crop in the foreground is a typical Central Oregon crop - alfalfa being grown for hay!”

Thank you all that entered. We’ll do this contest again this year. Keep sending your favorite picture to millerk@dswebnet.com to be entered by November 1, 2024. I’ll send more details in a future Cultivator issue for picture quality needed.



Pictured Right: Juanita Brush's second place photo submission.



In October we focused on celebrating Forest Products Month with activities throughout the state including radio ads, pre-movie theater ads, television ads through KEZI, timber facts coffee sleeves in local coffee shops, grade school forestry tours, a trivia night in Lane County at Claim 52, social media campaigns, and four new videos for our “Women Who Know the Woods” YouTube channel. We also held our annual meeting in Central Oregon on October 7th and elected new officers. The Clatsop chapter held a spooky Halloween Woods Walk on the Trick-or-Treat Timber Trail at Hampton Lumber’s office in Knappa and we welcomed a new Portland Metro chapter!

In November, Lane County OWIT member, Anna Morrison, was asked to moderate a panel for the Treated Wood Council in Washington DC. While there she also made Hill visits to three of Oregon’s Congressional delegation. OWIT

packets were delivered to Reps Bentz and Chavez-DeRemer and she got to meet with Rep Hoyle. The new Portland Metro chapter teamed up with Hampton, Girls Build, and the Portland Timbers at Providence Park to sell noble fir trees donated by Hampton, with all sales benefitting Community Action Oregon. Coni Fir was in attendance and the new chapter had their first booth event. Coni was also on hand with the Douglas County Chapter to appear in the Veteran’s Day Parade.

In December, the Landing chapter held an event with OSU in the College of Forestry building to make wreaths and eat pizza with potential new student members. Lane County also held their annual wreath making event for chapter members and Union County had a fun wine-raiser at the Wright Sign Company where they sipped wine and made signs. They also planned a “Jobs in the Woods” career day. On December 7th, nearly 40 high school students traveled to an active logging site to watch roads be built, trucks get loaded, and equipment run, followed by a mill tour. It was a great collaborative event with the Union County Chapter, Manulife, Boise Cascade, Woodgrain, and Oregon Department of Forestry.

As 2023 ended, OWIT’s Talk About Trees program reconnected with the World Forestry Center Discovery

Museum. The museum offered a series of free Sundays where TAT provided families the opportunity to experience hands-on-forestry education. In 2024, TAT has been invited to partner with staff one weekend each month to continue outreach in the Portland metro area. Watch for TAT this winter and spring at the Farm Expo in Klamath Falls, Ag Fest in Salem, and Earth Day at the Oregon Garden in Silverton.

Winter brings auctions for OWIT. The first was Clatsop OWITs collaboration with Clatsop Working Watersheds Cooperative - Natural Resources Auction and Dinner which raises funds for Clatsop High School youth natural resource/ CTE programs. The event was on January 20th, bringing in over \$150,000. The next auction is February 21st, the kickoff event for the Oregon Logging Conference at the Graduate Eugene Hotel. Proceeds benefit Talk About Trees Programs. Tickets are still available. <https://orwit.ejoinme.org/2024>

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

*Diann Washburn
OWIT State Treasurer*

AAW National Convention

By Mary Hood

The American Agri-Women national convention was held in Sacramento during the first week of November. It was a gathering of women from across the country, coming together to learn from each other, discuss issues, and network. Engaging speakers, educational tours, and lots of great conversation rounded out the week. OWA had 12 members in attendance! Tours were to the Bayer Crop Science Vegetable R&D facility, the Center for Land Based Learning, and Turkovich Family Wines.



Oregon Women for Ag members and guests in attendance at National Convention

A big thank you to California Women for Agriculture for hosting and a big congratulations to the newly elected American Agri-Women President, Rose Tryon, from California. Rose's platform during her presidency is #AgWomenUnite. In February, Rose is

starting a series called 'Lunch with AAW'. These events will occur on the 2nd Wednesday of each month around 11:00am PST and will be a

45-minute presentation via Zoom on a topic affecting agriculture! Stay tuned, but plan on joining in!



3rd place OWA photo contest entry, submitted by Mary Hood.

Seeking 2024 Auction Oyster Chair

Contact Sarah Puls, Auction Chair, for more information at auction@owaonline.org



2024 State Convention Registration

AGvocating for Our Future!

February 15th-17th, 2024 – Madras, Oregon

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Phone #: _____ Chapter: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Regular Registration: received by 02/05/2024 - \$75 Late Registration - \$100

Extra person for Friday dinner - \$30

*Register by February 1st and receive 2 raffle tickets.

Registration must be received by Monday, February 12th, 2024.

Please make checks payable to Central Oregon OWA and mail with this form to:

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6029 SW Keeney Ln.
Culver, OR 97734

To register digitally, visit: forms.gle/Ha3YAdvykMMe7taC9

Lodging

Inn at Cross Keys Station, 66 NW Cedar St, Madras, OR 97741 Phone: (541) 475-5800 *Convention venue, breakfast included \$135.99 Double Queen, \$125.99 King+ tax

You can make reservations by calling the hotel directly and ask for the discount room block directly with the hotel. The blocks are under Oregon Women for Ag, please make sure to tell them the group when you book.

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OREGON WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE • FOUNDED IN 1969

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 becoming a member of our organization, please see the form on the next page.

OUR PURPOSE

- To educate and inform our members and the public about the importance of agriculture to the economy and to the environment.
- To engage all facets of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns.
- To do everything possible to see that agricultural interests are heard and dealt with fairly.
- To support and encourage research that will benefit agriculture.

WHO WE ARE

- Individuals from all walks of life who realize the importance of agriculture.
- Teachers, students, professionals, farmers, ranchers, business owners, and more.
- Caring farmers and farm families who manage our land wisely to contribute to America's bountiful food supply.
- Working tirelessly on the issues that concern agriculture.

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CONTENT BY: THE 15TH OF MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER.**

Upcoming OWA State Board Meetings

FEBRUARY ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 15TH AT 9 AM - LINN BENTON
APRIL 12TH AT 9 AM - POLK

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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Check any areas of interest:

- Education
- Legislative
- Marketing/PR
- Membership
- Promotional Items
- Social Media/Website
- School/Farm Tours
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