

Spring
2018

LWC Meanderings

Watershed News & Reflections



LWC MISSION:

To engage and assist land-owners and communities in the voluntary protection, restoration and enhancement of the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

WHAT WE ARE:

The Luckiamute Watershed Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit comprised of stakeholders who live or work within the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

WHO WE ARE:

Patrick Melendy, *President Independence*

Dan Farnworth, *Treasurer Monmouth*

Kathy Farnworth, *Secretary Monmouth*

Gail Oberst
Independence

Karin Stutzman
Monmouth

Dave Ehlers
Kings Valley/Hoskins

Mark Hazelton
Kings Valley/Hoskins

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Held the second Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 pm. Visit our website at: www.LuckiamuteLWC.org for location and details.

LWC, Community Helps Boy Scout Earn His Eagle Rank



On March 11, Boy Scout Troop #38 pitched in to help fellow Scout Broderick Buckholz earn his Eagle rank by planting native trees and building protective deer cages along Ash Creek.

— by Suzanne Teller, Outreach Coordinator

This spring, a local Boy Scout got a taste of what it takes to coordinate a volunteer tree planting project from start to finish. Seeking to complete his Eagle Scout badge before his 18th birthday this month, Broderick Buckholz sought out the Luckiamute Watershed Council back in November hoping he could find a way to collaborate with us on a project that met his Scouting requirements. Luckily, his timeline also happened to coincide nicely with the perfect time of year to plant native trees and shrubs!

Another coincidence was that a section of our Ash Creek Restoration Project was in need of some help after heavy deer

browsing and vigorous antler-rubbing had damaged many newly planted trees and shrubs.

“We are happy to be leaving our land in better shape than before.” - Pat Melendy

With guidance from LWC Project Manager Jean-Paul Zagarola, Broderick was able to develop a plant list, pinpoint the right planting sites for each species, and build effective deer cages for each plant. But behind every successful restoration project, there is also a flurry of phone calls, emails, meetings,

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funding requests, scheduling, coordinating and many other less visible but just as necessary activities. This ended up being the most time-consuming and educational part of Broderick's Eagle Scout project.

After several rounds of calls and emails, several local businesses and organizations came through with donations and discounts on materials — including the Central Lions Club, SOLVE Oregon, General Rental Center of Dallas, Town and Country Hardware in Independence and Beaverlake Nursery in Beavercreek. In addition, Roth's Supermarket held a fundraiser at their Independence location. Thanks to their generous support, Broderick was able to acquire 70 native trees and shrubs and all the supplies needed to build deer cages around each of them!

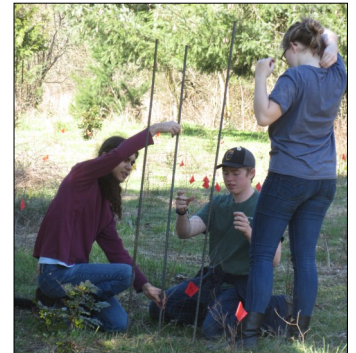
On planting day, a group of 40 Boy Scouts along with parents and troop leaders came out to help plant trees and build cages on what turned out to be a beautiful Sunday morning. "It's great to see the community come out in support of our local youth and Ash Creek," said Pat Melendy, LWC Board President and owner of part of the planting area. "We are happy to be leaving our land in better shape than before."

A portion of City property next to the Melendy's property also benefited from the project, with brand new deer netting installed around the most vulnerable young plants.

While the deer may miss out on a snack in the short term, the long term benefits of having a healthy and mature riparian zone along Ash Creek include food and shelter for resident wildlife, a safe corridor for migratory birds and animals, and much-needed shade to keep stream temperatures down. Congratulations and thank you to Broderick and Boy Scout Troop #38 for a job well done!



A Western Red Cedar is successfully planted by a Boy Scout volunteer!



Installing protective netting around each sapling helps protect them from hungry deer.

Become a FRIEND OF THE LWC!

What does it mean to be a **FRIEND OF THE LWC?**

- ◆ Regular "Behind the Scenes" Bulletins
- ◆ Early access to event registration
- ◆ Discounts on workshops
- ◆ Knowing that you are helping improve the health of your watershed!

Ready to Join?

Find out how at

www.LuckiamuteLWC/Friends.html

We also welcome donations* to support the work of the Council. All charitable donations will be used towards building the organizational resources needed to address our goals of water quality enhancement, habitat restoration and community education.

**Your contribution may be tax-deductible. The LWC will provide a letter of documentation in January 2019, following your donation.*

Upcoming Council Meetings

Join us for Council Monthly Meetings, held the second Thursday of each month from 7 — 9 p.m. Our meetings are always open to the public and discussion topics include local watershed issues and actions. For details, please visit our web site at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org.

April 12, 2018: Luckiamute State Natural Area

May 10, 2018: Happy Worker's Club, Hoskins

June 14, 2018: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

To donate, go to www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/donate or you can send a check to:

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Thank you to our supporters!

Recreation Fair Shows Off Ways to Have FUN in the Watershed!

This St. Patricks Day, we had a chance to show off how lucky we are to live near so many fantastic outdoor adventures at our first-ever Watershed Recreation Fair! Held at The Grove Coffeehouse in downtown Independence and co-sponsored by the Luckiamute Watershed Council and Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Recreation Fair was a chance for community members to find out how and where to have fun outdoors in our local area.

While Pastor Andy of The Grove Community Church and Coffeehouse expertly whipped up his signature lattes and mochas, representatives of agencies and outdoor clubs pointed out the fun outdoor activities that await local residents — in many cases just a few minutes outside of town!

“This fair is a great idea! I’ve always wanted to find out about all the outdoor activities that exist in our area.” — Independence resident

Sam Bartling and Beatrice Serrano-Martinez from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service talked about the three U.S. Wildlife Refuges located in the Willamette Valley — Ankeny, Baskett Slough, and William Finley. Around the corner, Matt Huerter from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department encouraged fair-goers to visit our local state parks and natural areas — including Sarah Helmick and Luckiamute State Natural Area. OSU Forestry student Emily Burkhart shared information about recreation opportunities at nearby OSU Research Forests., while Eileen Harder of The Chemeketans and local bird expert Joel Geier explained where to find excellent birding, hiking and climbing adventures. Also present were two additional tables full of information and take-aways about many more local recreational opportunities — from angling guides and bike trails to mushroom hunting and kayaking adventures!

It is truly amazing to see the many ways to have fun in and around the watershed all in one place. If you would like to stay up to date on upcoming events — both our own and from our partners — make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and subscribe to our event mailing list at www.luckiamutelwc.org/contact-us

We hope to be able to offer this Watershed Recreation Fair again in the future, so stay tuned for more info!



LWC Outreach Coordinator Suzanne Teller points out some of the many reasons we love our watershed!



Fair-goers tested their knowledge of Oregon peaks at a table hosted by The Chemeketans' Eileen Harder.



Emily Burkhart spreads the word about recreation opportunities at OSU Research Forests



**LOVE YOUR
WATERSHED**
Event Series



Spring Bird Walks

April 7 & 14, 2018

8am — 12pm

Western Skies Cattle Ranch & Luckiamute State Natural Area

Cost: \$10 (\$7 for Friends)

CLICK HERE TO RSVP!

2018 Master Gardener Plant Sales Coming Soon!

For gardeners, landscape artists and plant enthusiasts, the arrival of spring ranks right up there with Christmastime as the most eagerly anticipated time of the year. Not surprisingly, this means that your local Master Gardener Plant Sale in May often ends up looking and feeling a lot like a Black Friday shopping extravaganza! But with the right preparations, you can feel confident that you'll have a wonderful experience picking out the perfect plants for your yard. To help you 'master' the Master Gardener's Sale, we've compiled a handy list of all the upcoming sale dates and times below. So get your garden plots ready, your compost piles turned, and start making your plant wish list!



Benton County Master Gardener Plant Sale & Clinic

Saturday, May 5: 9am—3pm

Benton County Fairgrounds (*southwest corner*)

110 SW 53rd Street, Corvallis

2018 Marion County Master Gardener Plant & Yard Sale



Friday, May 4: 10am—7pm

Saturday, May 5: 9am—4pm

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Columbia Hall

2330 17th St. NE, Salem

2018 Polk County Master Gardener Plant Sale



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Polk County
Master Gardeners™
Plant Sale

Friday, May 11: 9am—4pm

Saturday, May 12: 9am—4pm

Polk County Fairgrounds

520 S. Pacific Hwy W (99W), Rickreall

Annual Yamhill County Plant Sale



Saturday, May 12: 9am—3pm

Sunday, May 13: 11am—2pm

Yamhill County Fairgrounds

2070 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville



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