

CCFFA Wants You!

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The Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA) is the oldest chapter, at nearly 60 years, of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and as such has a reputation for being a leader within the small woodland management community. **As with any**

organization, especially one that depends on member volunteers, active participation by its members is extremely important.

Over the years, members like you have stepped up to serve the CCFFA in various capacities and helped make our organization what it is today. To mention all those people here is not possible, but their contributions have made us what we are today and can be the basis for growing and improving the chapter.

The old forester is looking for people willing to dedicate **time** and **effort** to achieve the continued advancement of CCFFA. Did you know—

- The nominating committee is looking for people interested in serving as board members. It's a three-year commitment, about six meetings a year, and some activities that you probably would attend anyway.

- The nominating committee would also like to hear from you if you are interested in being an officer of the CCFFA; by-laws call for two- year terms as officers.

- There are a number of standing committees that need assistance and input; the program committee, membership committee, annual event programs, etc. These committees will make use of whatever time you can offer.

- Our CCFFA survey, conducted in 2009, found that the *Forest-Tree Leader* publication was important to our members and there were several suggestions on how to make the content more useful. If you have an interest, some organizational skills and some time, you could follow in the footsteps of some good people who made the Tree Leader one of the best such publications. Talk to



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Tim Dahl or a board member about being a volunteer.

- You can also contribute by passing along, either through hosting a twilight tour or submitting a *Forest-Tree Leader* article: some stewardship practices, innovations for invasive species control, use of tools and equipment, safety practices, etc. Education is what CCFFA is all about.

- You, the members, are the best recruiters. New members help CCFFA/OSWA grow. More growth means more opportunities to expand educational programs and refreshes the work force. In 2014 your challenge is to recruit a new member.

If you have an interest in becoming more active in the CCFFA, the board of directors would like to hear from you. Even a little time can be channeled to the benefit of the organization; helping at one event a year would be a benefit and who knows, you may find more time to go along with increased interest and be a part of CCFFA.

Contact the board at ccffa-oswa.org or call Jim at 503-632-3978. ■

LET'S KEEP CCFFA VIABLE!