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President's Message



by Will Austin

Greetings everyone! The First of the New Year is a few days away so I thought I would reflect on a couple of Firsts and Lasts. This was the First time I was afforded the opportunity to be the OSSS President, it will also be my Last. I enjoyed working with the other board members, but I am ready to pass the gavel. During the years that I have attended OSSS tours, this was the First time I remember using a motor coach to move people around. It won't be the Last because we are considering one for this year's winter tour field trip. This was the First time to meet and tour with our northern counterparts from Washington, but it probably won't be the Last. A Columbia Gorge tour with the Washington group would be great. This was the First year of the e-copy of the SharpShooter. The feedback I have received from the OSSS membership would indicate that this will not be the Last time we use the two e-copies and two hardcopy formats. This

will be the First and Last time that I will have not sent a copy of the SharpShooter newsletter to the rest of the board for editing and revision before publication. Sorry board members, but it's Holiday vacation time here in Beaverland and if I don't get this out today we may have to wait until mid-January to get the hardcopy out.

I want to thank Ryan Miebach, Kurt Moffitt, and James Cassidy for their valuable assistance with the winter meeting program. They had some really great ideas for speakers and field trips. I also want to thank Steve Campbell, Ron Reuter, and Dan Cressy for their insightful input with the 2007-2008 OSSS endeavors. Special thanks to Ed Horn for keeping me on my toes during my tenure as Prez.

The OSSS Winter Annual Meeting

We are heading to Newport! The venue is the Agate Beach Best Western. The theme is "*the RURAL/URBAN Interface.*" Reserve rooms by January 28, 2008 to ensure you get the room special rate. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists. You will have a choice of the hill view room for \$89 (single or double) or the ocean view room for \$109 (single or double), taxes are extra. As a courtesy to our student members, the OSSS board has authorized the reservation of two student rooms. We will reserve one room for our female students and one room for male students for Thursday night. No more than 4 students per room.



Our Banquet speaker is Doug Wilson. He is an archeologist with the National Park Service out of Fort Vancouver. The title of his presentation is "Station Camp: Archeology of a Chinook Fur Trade Site at the Mouth of the Columbia." We are fortunate to have Doug to speak at our banquet! He has not presented to soil scientists before and he is very interested in what we do with our profession.

Jay Noller has two items to share with the membership. He would like to have all those with interested in receiving information regarding a new state soil map to register on a contact list. He will have a sign-up sheet posted at the

meeting. Also, Jay wants us to participate in an interactive "soil scape" painting. Jay will present a theme for the soil scape, the panel for painting, and the soil/acrylic materials to complete the painting. We will all have an opportunity to paint a portion of the panel in your own style in your own interpretation of the theme. Use your imagination! Jay would like to display the panel in the Crop and Soil Department.



I am working with the catering people at the Best Western. We are close to an agreement of your choice of fresh tuna steak or prime rib as the banquet entrée.

We hope to have good enough weather for a beach fire/cookout down on Agate Beach State Park on Wednesday. We will plan for the beach fire but if weather fails we can meet at the Starfish Grill Sport Pub at the Best Western.

OSSS Board Election 2008

Time to vote for some new board of director officers.

Ballot for Election of Officers

Vice President – President Elect

Daniel Moreno or write –in: _____

Treasurer

Ron Reuter or write-in: _____

Westside Director

Steve Campbell or write-in: _____

Editor

none filed or write-in: _____

Vice President Brief Introduction

Daniel Moreno

Daniel has a B.S. in Environmental Science and an M.S. in Soil Science with a minor in Water Resources. He has been with the Benton County Environmental Health Service since 2003. He specializes in evaluation, permitting and construction inspections of septic systems as well as public water systems. He has developed best management practices for surface applied chemicals and effluent in tiled agricultural lands.



Dates to Remember

February 20-24, 2008: National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists Annual Meeting; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Information available at www.nscss.org.

February 28-29, 2008: Oregon Society of Soil Scientists Winter Meeting; Newport, Oregon.

May 26-30, 2008: Society of Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting; Washington, D.C. Information is available at www.sws.org/2008_meeting/.

**OSSS Annual Meeting
February 28-29, 2008
Agate Beach Best Western, Newport, Oregon**

AGENDA of Events and Speakers

Date/Time	Event
Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Weather permitting, beach fire at Agate Beach—walk down the back driveway from the BW hotel. Bad weather option: the Starfish Grill and Sports Bar in the BW hotel
Thursday 8:00 - 8:45 am	Registration
8:45 - 9:00	Opening Remarks
9:00 - 9:30	Fungai: <i>Soil Water Movement in Fragipan Soils and Fertilizer Transport</i>
9:30 - 10:00	Mike Logan: <i>Water Quality of the Upper Deschutes River</i>
10:00 - 10:30	Steve Deghetto: <i>Planning Bike Trails and Horse Trails in an Urban Environment</i>
10:30 - 10:45	BREAK
10:45 - 11:30	Daniel Moreno: <i>Soils, People, Sewage: An Overview of the Oregon DEQ Onsite Wastewater Program</i>
11:30 - 12:15pm	Mark Havel: <i>Sustainability in Oregon's Forests: Management and Expectations from a Citizen's Viewpoint</i>
12:15 - 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 - 2:30	Erin Shroll: <i>Introduction to Green Roofs and the Role of the Substrate</i>
2:30 - 3:30	Renee Stoops: <i>Urban Applications for Ecological Horticulture: Considerations for the Soil/Water Interface</i>
3:30 - 4:30	Ralph Bloemers: <i>History and Educational Opportunities of Measure 37 and 49 in Oregon</i>
4:30 - 4:45	BREAK
4:45 - 6:00	OSSS Business Meeting

<p>7:00 - 9:00</p> <p>Friday</p>	<p>Banquet</p> <p>Speaker—Doug Wilson: <i>Station Camp: Archeology of a Chinook Fur Trade Site at the Mouth of the Columbia</i></p> <p>Banquet entertainment—Violin: David Rand</p>
<p>8:00 - 9:00am</p>	<p>Registration</p>
<p>9:00 - 10:00</p>	<p>Ron Reuter: <i>Using GPR to Clarify Contamination Issues in Soils and Groundwater in the Upper Deschutes Basin</i></p>
<p>10:00 - 11:00</p>	<p>Markus Kleber: <i>Organic Carbon Speciation on Mineral Surfaces: Interference from STXM and NEXAFAS Spectroscopy</i></p>
<p>11:00 - 11:30</p>	<p>Mark Johnson: <i>Carbon Storage in the Willamette Basin</i></p>
<p>11:30 - 12:00pm</p>	<p>Melanie Malone: <i>Digital Soil Mapping in the Fremont National Forest of South-Central Oregon</i></p>
<p>12:00 - 1:00</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>1:00 - 4:30</p>	<p>Field Trip—James Cassidy, tour leader</p>
<p>Continuing Special Program during both days</p>	<p>Jay Noller: Acrylic and soil material artwork. Interactive painting. Jay will suggest a theme. Members will create a painting by using natural soil materials on a canvas.</p>



the RURAL/URBAN Interface

February 28-29, 2008

Agate Beach Best Western

Newport, Oregon

www.agatebeachinn.com

Reservations: 1.800.547.3310 Make your reservations on or before January 28, 2008 to receive OSSS rate.

Registration form for Annual Meeting:

Name: _____

Title & Organization: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone / email: _____

Fax: _____

	Regular Member	Retired Member	Member Spouse	Student Member	Non-Member	Total
Full Meeting**	\$90.00	\$75.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$100.00	
Thursday***	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	55.00	
Thursday Banquet	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	
Friday w/Field Trip****	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	55.00	

Yes, I would like to co-sponsor student attendance to the meeting with a donation of: \$ _____

Registration Deadline: February 18. Late Registration Fee after February 18: \$15.00. \$ _____

Check or cash only

Grand Total

\$ _____

** Full Meeting includes continental breakfast both days, lunch on Thursday, and Friday, the Field Trip on Friday, banquet not included.

Thursday includes breakfast and lunch only, banquet is extra. The Banquet cost is not included in the registration, but part of the meal cost is subsidized by the Society. *Friday w/field trip includes breakfast and lunch.

If you would like to join our society, please see our web site at <http://osss.peak.org/>.

Yes, I would like to take this opportunity to join the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists.

My application for _____ (indicate membership category) membership and my dues are enclosed for: _____ year. \$ _____

Completed registrations should be returned to: OSSS, c/o Will Austin, 1547 ILER Street S., Salem, OR 97302
or Fax to: 541.737.5725 **or** Email registration form to will.austin@oregonstate.edu Faxed or emailed registrations will be liable for all fees even if you are a no-show.

Sharpshooter

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All articles and advertisements submitted are subject to room available basis.

News items

Remember all articles submitted to the *Sharpshooter* can be sent on 3-1/2" disk in most any DOS, MAC or ASCII format, along with a hard copy. In doing so, the *Sharpshooter* can get to you faster.

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35.00	Sustaining member
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