

CONSERVATION QUARTERLY

FALL 2013

LANDOWNER SPOTLIGHT: OLD BARN FARM IN LEAVENWORTH

This 10 acre farm was purchased in the fall of 2009 by members of the Levesque and Newell families. The property is one mile outside of the city of Leavenworth and sits between the highway and railroad tracks. The owners thought right away that the property had great potential and appreciated its unique setting and features. The owners were very impressed by the old barn and the general layout of the property, which includes Chumstick Creek. Since they planned to farm the land, having water rights to the creek was very important. During their research of the property they found that they actually hold one of the oldest water rights in the Chumstick valley and that their barn is one of the oldest in the valley as well.

When purchased, the farm was in need of much repair and attention. Significant debris removal seemed to be the natural first choice of projects, but the new farmers were also eager to get some crops in the ground. However, they first needed to upgrade the old irrigation system, previously used for hay, so it could support the primary crop they had in mind: blueberries.

In spring 2010, the owners worked with Cascadia Conservation District to install drip irrigation for a new patch of blueberries. The owners planted 500 blueberry bushes that first year with plans to add to the field every other year. To date they have 900 bushes.



View of initial blueberry field at Old Barn Farm. Irrigation system was installed through Cascadia's Landowner Assistance Cost-Share Program.



Volunteers at the 2011 Picture the Wenatchee stream cleanup that was hosted at Old Barn Farm.

Having had a great initial experience with Cascadia, the owners continued to work with us on additional restoration and enhancement efforts on the property. Old Barn Farm is home to a horse, a donkey, two alpacas, a goat and 20 chickens. Through Cascadia's cost-share program, livestock exclusion fencing was installed along Chumstick Creek to keep the landowners' animals from accessing the creek.

In 2011, Cascadia and the Picture the Wenatchee watershed stewardship campaign conducted a volunteer clean-up of Chumstick Creek on Old Barn Farm property. Twelve volunteers worked to yield a total of three tons of garbage from the creek area plus the removal of an old building. This project was sponsored by a WA Department of Ecology grant to Cascadia Conservation District in partnership with the Adopt-A-River program conducted by Chelan County Natural Resources Department.

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2014 NATIVE PLANT SALE



See page 3 for more information and an order form.

LANDOWNER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

In the fall of 2012, a riparian restoration project was conducted at Old Barn Farm in the cleanup area. The planting included 790 native plants over 0.4 acre. The riparian planting was another partnership with Cascadia Conservation District as part of their Landowner Assistance program and a water quality grant from the WA Department of Ecology.

The barn at Old Barn Farm was built in 1898 and is on the State Historic Barn registry. It was the only barn listed in Chelan County when submitted to the registry in 2011. This historic barn is one of the oldest in the Chumstick valley and originally was part of a dairy farm that included several hundred acres. While the barn was structurally sound in general, there were definitely some issues that could be addressed in order to preserve it long-term. Earlier this year, the Old Barn Farm owners qualified for a cost-share program through the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and were able to restore their barn to much of its former glory, including painting it the traditional red that had once graced its exterior. The structural and exterior rehabilitation on the barn was finished in June.

Old Barn Farm has also worked with the Washington Water Trust to put the portion of their water rights they are not currently using into the trust. This will not only keep more water in the stream, but will also ensure that their water rights will not be subject to relinquishment due to inactivity. As their need for water for crops grows they are free to take portions of their water rights back out of the Trust.

Old Barn Farm is currently partnering with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for a farm plan, an upgraded irrigation pump and a new hoop house. As part of this contract, on going weed management will occur through 2016.



Old Barn Farm's barn prior to restoration.



Old Barn Farm's barn post restoration in June 2013.

Cascadia is seeking cooperators for streamside planting projects in the Wenatchee River basin.

The goal of this effort is to restore healthy native trees and shrubs to streambanks of the Wenatchee River and its tributaries that have been cleared of vegetation through development or past agricultural practices.

Environmental benefits of riparian (streamside) buffers include: reducing water temperatures by shading the stream, stabilizing banks and reducing sediment in the stream, providing cover for fish, and providing woody material to the channel, which enhances habitat for aquatic species. Benefits to landowners include: protection of streambanks, control of invasive weeds, increased wildlife use on the property, and improved aesthetics.

Funding for the planting projects is provided by the Washington Department of Ecology. Planting can be done on private or public land. Typically, we plant a 35-foot wide corridor along the stream. There is no cost to the landowner for installation but there are often long-term maintenance requirements and an access agreement with Cascadia for monitoring.

If you live in the Wenatchee River basin, have areas of stream bank that are devoid of native trees and shrubs, and would like more information, please contact (509) 664-9370 or cascadiacd@yahoo.com.

PICTURE THE WENACHEE : WATERSHED PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

Thank you to all the wonderful photographers who made our 2013 photo contest another huge success, and congratulations to the winners!

The winning photos are listed to the right. Please visit www.picturethewenatchee.com to see them all. Look for a selection of them in an upcoming *Wenatchee World* article. Also, three "Best in Show" photos will be featured in the November issue of *The Good Life* magazine.

Thank you to our photo galleries for displaying the entries: Anjou Bakery, Der Man Shoppe, Icicle Brewing Company, Leavenworth Mountain Sports, Lemongrass Natural Foods, and Mountain Springs Lodge.

The 2014 watershed calendar featuring the winning photos is set to come out in late November. Contact Cascadia Conservation District at (509) 664-9370 or cascadiacd@yahoo.com for additional information and to order yours!

Agriculture:

"Mamma and Baby" by Airan Mendoza
"Good Morning Sun" by Kristi Nay

Landscape:

"Majestic Valley" by Bob Burrows
"Leprechaun Lake" by Matthew Tangeman

Plants:

"First Touch of Light" by Jon Picard
"New Life Along 8 Mile Trail" by Judy West

Recreation:

"Enchantment Larch Lake" by Drew Gaylord
"8 Mile Hike" by Savannah Meiners

Water:

"Flowing Indian Creek" by Dale Blair
"Tumwater Dam" by Morgan Leech

Wildlife:

"Fish Lake Eagle" by Tim Gallagher
"A Mother's Affection" by Marcy LaGagnier



*Tumwater Dam
by Morgan Leech*



*New Life Along
8 Mile Trail
By Judy West*



ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Cascadia Conservation District is now accepting orders for our annual native plant sale. This year we will be offering 12 different plant species suitable for a variety of planting projects. Many of the plants are also considered fire-resistant and make excellent choices for your FireWise landscape.

The plants are available as bare-root stock, meaning they do not come in pots or burlap bags. They are harvested from the field in winter when the plants are dormant and arrive ready to be replanted in your landscape.

The plants are sold in bundles of 10 stems with the exception of Ponderosa pine. The Ponderosa pine are offered in either bundles of 25 stems or bags of 200 stems. An order form is included below.

A color brochure with photos and information on each of the plant species offered is available on our website at www.cascadiacd.org or by calling our office at (509) 664-9370. **All orders must be received by February 14, 2014.**

Plants are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and quantities are limited. A minimum 50% deposit is required to hold your order. Fully

prepaid orders are appreciated. We are sorry, but we are unable to accept credit cards at this time.

Plants will be distributed at the Stemilt Growers Warehouse in north Wenatchee on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10am-1pm. A map to the pick-up site will be sent to you along with a reminder as the pick-up date approaches. Please be aware that any unclaimed plants will be considered abandoned and used for conservation projects. There are *no* refunds for plant orders not picked up.

Please refer to our website, www.cascadiacd.org, for a list of commonly asked questions related to the plant sale. Inquiries should be directed to Josh Smith, AmeriCorps Member, at (509) 664-9370.

In addition to the plant sale, Cascadia Conservation District is sponsoring a free workshop titled **"Native Planting 101"**. This workshop will cover a wide variety of topics including restoration, yardscaping and creating pollinator habitat with native plants, as well as everything you ever wanted to know about weed identification and management.

The "Native Planting 101" workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 8, from 12:00-4:30pm**, at

the Chelan PUD auditorium in Wenatchee, WA. Space is limited so reserve your seat today.

For more information or to RSVP contact our office at (509) 664-9370 or visit our website at www.cascadiacd.org.

STOCK TYPES

1-0 Bareroot– Grown in seedbed for one year. They represent the smallest stock type and are easiest to plant correctly, but plan for some weed control.

2-0 Bareroot– Grown two years in seedbed. They are bigger and better able to compete with surrounding vegetation and can withstand light to moderate browsing by wildlife.

Plug– Container grown in a greenhouse for one year. Roots still encapsulated in soil. Similar to 1-0 stock in terms of planting ease, competition with surrounding vegetation, and susceptibility to browsing by wildlife.



Cascadia Conservation District 2014 Native Plant Sale

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Plant	Stock	Height	Sold As	# Bundles	Price/Bundle	Order
Conifers:						
Ponderosa Pine	2-0	12"+	200 per bag	_____	x \$120.00 each =	_____
Ponderosa Pine	2-0	12"+	25 per bundle	_____	x \$30.00 each =	_____
Deciduous Trees:						
Quaking Aspen	2-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Rocky Mountain Maple	1-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Shrubs:						
Blue Elderberry	1-0	18"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Golden Currant	1-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Mock Orange	2-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Red Osier Dogwood	1-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Serviceberry	1-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Snowberry	1-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Tall Oregon Grape	1-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Woods Rose	1-0	12"+	10 per bundle	_____	x \$15.00 each =	_____
Ground Cover:						
Kinnikinnick	plug	3-6"	10 per bundle	_____	x \$35.00 each =	_____

Minimum 50% deposit is required to guarantee order.

We do not accept credit cards at this time.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

Add 8.2% WA State Sales Tax = _____

Total = _____

For office use only: receipt # _____ paid _____ outstanding balance _____

Ordering Instructions

- Complete order form.**
- Mark your calendar for pick-up day on April 5, 2014 10am-1pm**

Plant distribution will take place at the Stemilt Growers Warehouse in north Wenatchee.

A map to the pick-up site will be mailed to you with your receipt.
- By February 14, please bring in or mail your order form with payment to:**

Cascadia Conservation District
215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Questions?
(509) 664-9370

Thanks for supporting your local conservation district!

WE NEED YOU...



...TO JOIN OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS...

Cascadia Conservation District is self-governed by a Board of Supervisors who work to establish priorities, set policy and direct the work of Cascadia staff. Registered voters residing within the Cascadia Conservation District boundary* who are interested in guiding conservation efforts in Chelan County are encouraged to run for office. Board members are unpaid volunteers who serve a three-year term and must be available to attend monthly meetings.

To announce your candidacy:

1. Obtain an information form and nominating petition by calling our office: (509) 664-9370 or visiting our website: www.cascadiacd.org.
2. Collect signatures from at least 25 registered voters in the District.
3. Submit completed information form by **December 20, 2013**. Include the nominating petition to get your name printed on the ballot.

*The Cascadia Conservation District boundary currently includes all of Chelan County except for the incorporated cities of Wenatchee and Chelan.

...AND TO VOTE !

If you don't have the time to serve on the Board, then make your voice heard by voting for your preferred candidate.

Registered voters within the District boundary are eligible to vote. The election will likely be held during the annual Pear Day conference on **January 22, 2014** in the lobby of the Wenatchee Convention Center from 8:30 am to 2 pm. The Board will set the election details at their November 21, 2013 meeting.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Cascadia is pleased to welcome our newest AmeriCorps intern, Josh Smith.

Josh graduated from Central Washington University with degrees in Biology and Political Science. He finds plant biology to be particularly interesting. Except for his years in college, he has lived all of his life in Wenatchee. Josh enjoys a multitude of activities including, but not limited to: biking, running, reading, hiking, gardening, and snowshoeing.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Cascadia Conservation Board Meetings

November 5, 4:00 PM, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee

November 21, 3:30 PM, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee

December 10, 4:00 PM, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee

December 19, 3:30 PM, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee

Please contact Cascadia's office for more information: (509) 670-9370

Entiat Watershed Planning Unit (EWPU) meeting

January 8, 2014, Entiat Grange Building

Entiat Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

November 21, 2013, 9:00 AM, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee

Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship

2013 NCW Community Success Summit—November 20, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Okanogan Middle School.

For more information visit the IRIS website at www.irisncw.org.

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Staff Work Group Meeting—

November 5, Port of Chelan County

Upper Columbia Science Conference—Nov. 13-14, Wenatchee Convention Center

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Implementation Team Meeting—Dec. 3, Rocky Reach Dam

Forest Health Collaborative Meeting—December 4, Cashmere Riverside Center

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Regional Technical Team Meeting—Dec. 11, location TBD

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Meeting and Annual Business Meeting—Dec. 12, Chelan County Commissioners Hearing Room

Wenatchee River Institute

North of Hope: A Daughter's Arctic Journey—Nov. 8, 7:00 PM, Barn Beach Reserve

Ecology of Dam Removal—Nov. 15, 7:00 PM, Barn Beach Reserve

Create a Native Garden—Sundays, Oct. 20-Nov.10, 12-4 PM, Barn Beach Reserve

Global Youth Village—Dec. 6, 7:00 PM, Barn Beach Reserve

Wolves in the Land of Salmon—Jan. 17, 7:00 PM, Barn Beach Reserve

Wildlife Tracking and Winter Wildlife Ecology—Jan. 18

For more information visit www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Cascadia Conservation District has launched a blog: Cascadia's Conservation Conversation!

Please check it out at: <http://ccdconservationconversation.blogspot.com/>



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