

ONRC Staff Receive College Awards



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Each spring the UW College of Forest Resources recognizes outstanding contribution made by staff throughout the last year. This year two Olympic Natural Resources Center employees received awards.

Ellen Matheny, Director of Education & Outreach at ONRC was recognized for exemplary performance by a professional staff for outreach activities. John Calhoun, Director at ONRC, received the College Staff Research Productivity award in recognition of acquiring the most new research dollars over the last year.

The awards recognize those staff who display the following characteristics:

- Excel in their work
- Provide extraordinary service beyond their basic job description
- Demonstrate unusual resourcefulness, initiative, teamwork and problem solving skills

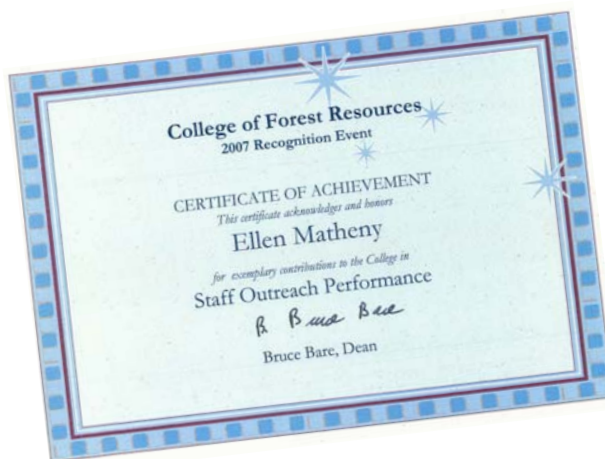
It is sometimes difficult for staff stationed at remote sites to be recognized in the wider College and University community. For that reason, these awards are especially gratifying. We are proud of the contributions we make in support of not only the



John Calhoun

mission of ONRC, but to the wider mission of the College of Forest Resources and the University of Washington.

Ellen Matheny



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A Personal Perspective: Celebrating Fred Rosmond and Rosmond Forestry Education Fund

Ellen Matheny, Director, Education & Outreach

Ninety-two people gathered at ONRC on a pleasant summer afternoon on July 28, 2007, to celebrate the life work of Fred Rosmond and honor him with the establishment of an endowment fund in his memory. Fred & Mary Rosmond's three daughters – Martha "Marti", Julie, and Polly – joined the community gathering along with members of their family and friends to commemorate the founding of the Rosmond Forestry Education Fund.

I was unaware of Fred's influence in our town until I became involved in the development of this Fund. For me, it all began when I returned from a well-attended Denman Forestry Issues Series lecture at UW in Seattle. I wondered how we too could have substantive programs on forestry issues out here in Forks, so the local community could benefit from the latest in forestry research and issue considerations. I observed Fred & Mary Rosmond's picture dis-

played on the ONRC lobby wall; John Calhoun explained to me Fred & Mary's importance to both the Forks community and in local forestry.

I also discovered what a good friend Fred has been to ONRC. In April 1996, not long after ONRC was constructed, Fred planted two Oregon white oak (*Quercus garrynna*) seedlings next to our administration building. Those trees now stand nearly 20 feet tall.

John shared, in his comments during our celebration, that Fred & Mary joined a group of 100 community members in 1989 to attend a meeting of the Commission on Old Growth Alternatives for Washington's Forest Trust Lands in Forks. The meeting was not planned to be public, but Fred and this group of passionate foresters and friends expressed the importance of community involvement in the rec-

ommendations that were being formed. From that influential dialogue with the Commission came the idea of building ONRC as a research facility where "evenhanded science could be applied to the issues," and it posi-



Fred Rosmond with one of the two Oregon white oaks he planted at ONRC; the tree shown here in 1998 with robust growth

tively affected its placement in Forks.

What I have experienced, so far, in getting to know Fred and now his family is that Fred was one of the true heroes of the West End. He and his brothers ran a very successful and innovative mill operation for almost 40 years. His family was a pillar of our community and helped it become the place it is today. One of the guests at our gathering commented that it is getting too easy to forget people who made a difference, after they leave Forks. Fred is worth keeping close in our memory. His ethics for quality, diligent work, and his passion for learning about trees shine out after all these years and reflect in the lovely grove of trees that still stand in his honor.

Knowing all of this makes the Fund more meaningful and important to me. The Fund is really a living memorial to Fred and his passion for instilling in others the joy of learning about trees and forestry.



Fred & Mary Rosmond's Daughters: Marti Rainey, Julie Rosmond, and Polly Rosmond

Director's Message

John Calhoun

Director, Olympic Natural Resources Center



Bringing the resources of the University of Washington to Forks and other rural resource dependent communities in coastal Washington is a powerful function of Olympic Natural Resources Center. I know of no other installation of the University that combines a first class facility, outstanding professional staff, and a wide array of funding sources, all focused on enhancing the sustainability of relatively isolated rural communities such as Forks.

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The idea of the Rosmond Forestry Education Fund was conceived locally after a well known forester highlighted the personal accomplishments of Fred Rosmond with some photos of trees that Fred had grown from seed he collected and germinated. Fred's love of trees and forestry was well known in the Forks community as was his im-

mense integrity. Ellen Matheny, ONRC's Director of Education & Outreach, wondered if Fred's surviving family would be interested in dedicating a fund in his name to support forestry education in Forks and other communities.

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The response was overwhelming. Fred's three daughters asked just how such a fund could be set up. Fortunately, the University of Washington is prepared to support such an effort. Creating an endowment was suggested and quickly accepted by Fred's daughters. An endowment at the University of Washington is a powerful way to enhance giving for such a program. The funds are invested in the University pool of investments which, because in total the investments approach two billion dollars, the returns can be

substantial. A portion of the return on the initial contribution is used annually to support the forestry education program and the remainder adds to the principle of the endowment, ensuring an ever growing fund.

Once the Rosmond Forestry Education Fund endowment was established by Fred's three daughters, others were eager to contribute to a program that had value to them and in memory of someone they knew and respected. This is where the partnership between the University, with its ability to create and grow a permanent endowment, and the local community identifying and contributing to a program that reflects their values, really pays off.

The first programs supported by the Rosmond Forestry Education Fund are being planned for next year. As the endowment grows through additional contributions and investment earnings, the scope and scale of the forestry education programs will grow as well. Local communities and Universities, working together, can accomplish wonderful things.



Photo Courtesy of Forks Forum

ENCORE Tour of Fred Rosmond's Arboretum!

The Forks Forum mentioned to ONRC that community members called them, wondering if they could tour the arboretum. Jon & Debbie Preston, the current owners and humble stewards of Fred's arboretum, will give us that opportunity during Heritage Days.

WHEN: Saturday, September 29th

TIME: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

WHERE: 571 7th Avenue, Forks

Images from the Celebration



Clockwise, from top: Center Director John Calhoun converses with Oscar "Pete" & Wilma Peterson (Pete worked over 30 years for Rosmond Brothers); Guests gather in Fred's backyard arboretum; Many people shared memories of Fred and his family; and City of Forks Attorney/Planner Rod Fleck and College of Forest Resources Dean Bruce Bare enjoy a pleasant summer afternoon in Fred's arboretum.

ROSMOND FORESTRY EDUCATION FUND

The Rosmond Forestry Education Fund endowment was established at the University of Washington on April 1, 2007. The Fund currently has a balance of ~\$42,000. ONRC's goal is to achieve a \$100,000 balance.

An endowment is unique in that the money donated to the Fund is never spent. The principle balance is invested by UW. The return on this investment is used in two ways: 1) 5% of the principle balance annually supports forestry education programs at ONRC, and 2) the remainder of the investment proceeds are reinvested back into Fund, growing the principle exponentially. The *University of Washington Endowment Report 2006* reported a 17.7% return on investment in its Consolidated Endowment Fund, where the Rosmond Forestry Education Fund principle is now invested.

Endowment funds continue benefiting the programs they support long after the giver has moved away or passed on. The money from that donation keeps giving and giving. ONRC is looking forward to providing forestry education workshops, classes, and experiences to our community members for many, many years to come.

