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Holidays  
&  
Profitable  
New Year*



**WESTERN  
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ASSOCIATION**

## **Virginia Whittier Passes Away at 76**

Virginia Whittier, wife of the founder of Whittier Wood Products, passed away at the first of December at age 76. She died peacefully in her sleep. She had just celebrated Thanksgiving in good spirits a week earlier and was not ill. This was totally unexpected.

In a memo from Jerry Haney, our representative at Whittier Wood Products, he said “It is said that behind every good man there is a good woman. For those of you who knew Ginger, you understand when I say that much of the success of Whittier Wood Products, particularly in the early years, was a result of her appreciation for style and personal drive. She was an incredible lady, she loved life and approached every day with vigor, love, energy, wisdom and vision. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was loved by everyone who knew her and she will be missed very much.”

Ginger was born on October 21, 1925 in Elizabeth, NJ. She graduated from high school in Cranford, NJ and attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. She married Gordon Whittier in Cranford, NJ on September 1, 1945. In 1952 they moved to Redmond, OR with two young daughters. Gordon started Whittier Moulding Company in Redmond with his brother Bob. Ginger and Gordon raised six children in Redmond. In 1973, they moved to Eugene, where Gordon founded Whittier Wood Products. WHP is a long-time member of the Association.

## **Washington & Oregon Private Landowners Education**

For the past five years the Association has built an education program designed to inform the private, non-industrial forest landowner about the feasibility of managing hardwoods for profit. The Association understands these thousands of landowners are the key to future hardwood timber in view of the increased regulations from the feds and states.

Many small landowners understand the management and economics of hardwoods, but the vast majority are still not informed, according to the Association’s education specialist, Roger Scott. His responsibility is to reach out to the farm forestry people to help them understand that management of existing stands and also the planting of hardwoods makes ecological and economic sense.

Recently, Scott was in Bellingham at Forest Owner’s Day, at a breakfast meeting of the Society of Ecological Restoration, in Kent at the Stewardship Class, in Silverdale at the Kitsap County Farm Forestry meeting.

Scott replaced Glenn Ahrens, who resigned to take a full time position in OSU’s extension service and positioned as the hardwood specialist in the best alder-growing region of Oregon in NW Oregon. Ahrens reports that alder is a major topic of interest that comes up in almost any discussion of forest management in his area. He is hopeful of including basic hardwood management information in other extension forester’s working knowledge. He continues to hold instruction classes in Oregon and is writing “Yield & Economic Return from Thinning Red Alder”.

## Association E-Mail

Please note that the new e-mail address for the Association is:

wha@westernhardwood.com

## Host a New Member

Win money for each new member!

Here's how it works. For every new member you bring in prior to June 22, 2002 you receive \$25, doubled if you attend the annual meeting starting that day. You get another \$50 if the new member renews for the second year. Plus, if you bring in 5 new members, your dues are waived the following year.

First year introductory membership is only \$150.

## 2002 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the June 22-25, 2002 for the Annual Meeting to be held at Sunriver, Oregon. Topics of the program will include Roger Scott on education of small woodland owners, Pat Moore of Potlatch on Hybrid Poplar, Bob Dick of American Forest Resource Council on new Forest & Fish Rules in Washington, Roger Rutain and Eric Colin of Timber Products on Hardwood Plywood, Jim Brown, Oregon State Forester, on sustained yield. Plus more information on Chain of Custody certification and British Columbia hardwoods.

Also, be ready for another auction. The one held two years ago was so well liked by all in attendance, there will be a bigger and better one at this annual meeting.

## 2002 Auction

Reference is made to the above notice of the Annual Meeting in June and the announcement of another auction. Two years ago was the last auction, and it raised over \$6000 for the education program from donated items ranging from Mariner tickets to curly maple furniture. We are in need of donations at this time with all proceeds going to the education fund. Call Dave at the office to discuss and donate.

## WHC & DNR Partnership

The Washington Hardwoods Commission and the Department of Natural Resources have initiated a partnership to analyze hardwood volumes in western Washington and assess hardwood impact due to the new Forest and Fish regulations. A similar project was conducted in 1995 that will be updated with new data.

## Chad Oliver Leaves UW

Dr. Chad Oliver, UW silviculturalist will leave for Yale University in January. Dr. Oliver has been a key figure in the tug-of-war between forest managers and forest preservationists during his tenure at the UW's College of Forest Resources. He is widely respected for his creative development of forest management methods that allow wildlife habitat development and timber production on the same landscape. He will be missed in this area and for his championing of hardwoods in the west.

## Hardwood Symposium II

Following the September 7, 2001 hardwood symposium a questionnaire was sent to all attendees to evaluate the speaker presentations and subject matter. The results were very favorable, prompting the Board of Directors to send out another questionnaire to determine what month, where and subjects for a second Symposium. The percentage of returns was very high at over 50%. Here are the results.

Which month = October 2002, 67%

Where = World Forestry Center, 56%

Subjects (top 7 of 18 submitted in order)

Inroads of Pacific Northwest hardwood on world market.

Hardwood marketing.

Alder growth & yield modeling.

Chain of Custody certification

Secondary manufacturing yield analysis.

Hardwood supplies.

Riparian management and alternate plans.

**January 16, 2002**

***Western Hardwood Association Board Meeting***

12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, Vancouver, WA

e-mail: wha@westernhardwood.com

**January 31, 2002**

***OSU Intensive Forestry Summit***

Corvallis, OR

e-mail: phyllis.casner@orst.edu

**February 13, 2002**

***Washington Hardwoods Commission Meeting***

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Office of Appeals, Olympia, WA

e-mail: washingtonhardwoods@attbi.com

**March 20-22, 2002**

***Wood technology Clinic & Show***

Portland, OR

e-mail: kwise@vnuexpo.com

**June 22 - 25, 2002**

***Western Hardwood Association Annual Meeting***

Sunriver, OR

e-mail: wha@westernhardwood.com

## *Up Coming Meetings*

The Western Hardwood Association wants this newsletter to be your source of information. If you know of any upcoming events that would be of interest to our readers, please contact the WHA office, 360/835-1600. We will be happy to list any upcoming meetings or events. Please keep in mind that this is a monthly newsletter. We will need any new meeting dates by the first of each month. Thank you for your cooperatio

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