



*To create awareness and appreciation for the value of trees, and encourage an understanding about the protection, management and conservation of the renewable forest*

Dear Friends,

Oregon Women in Timber will be hosting its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Talk About Trees Auction on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The auction will be held at the Graduate Eugene Hotel & Conference Center in connection with the 84<sup>th</sup> Oregon Logging Conference Meet & Greet festivities. OWIT will be bringing the forest to the banquet hall with a cozy, rustic theme. All are invited to celebrate with hosted beer and wine, a hearty buffet dinner, and fantastic auction items.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit OWIT's statewide education program, *Talk About Trees*. These award-winning programs provide free, hands-on education to students in preschool through eighth grade to promote awareness and appreciation for the valuable, renewable resources all around them – Oregon forests. Program topics include tree identification, forest health, renewability, careers in forestry, and more. Over 3.5 million participants have been reached by *Talk About Trees* since its inception in 1991, and educators from throughout the state consistently provide outstanding feedback about the program. OWIT's annual auction is the biggest fundraiser for *Talk About Trees*. Last year's auction brought in over \$82,000 for this important program!

Once again, Oregon Women in Timber and Oregon Logging Conference have teamed up as Partners in Education to promote this year's theme of "Family, Friends and Forestry 2.0". Commemorative lapel pins will be available for purchase for \$100, and each pin comes with the chance to win a \$500 Hotels.com gift card. Only 100 pins are available, and the winner does not have to be present to claim the prize! Every purchase will help support the education of future generations by funding the OLC Foundation Scholarship Fund and *Talk About Trees*.

Please consider donating and/or attending the auction to help support forestry education in Oregon. Your generous contributions are critical to the ongoing success of *Talk About Trees*. Oregon Women in Timber is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so all donations and purchases are tax-deductible. The volunteers of OWIT and *Talk About Trees*, plus millions of students through the state of Oregon, extend their deepest thanks for your continued support of forestry education!

For more information about OWIT and to register or donate to the auction, please visit our auction website at <https://orwit.ejoinme.org/2022auction> or fill out and return the enclosed form.

Thank you for your support!

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