



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,

We look forward to seeing you at the 33rd Annual Oregon Women in Timber Auction, Wednesday, February 21, 2024. It will be held at the Graduate Eugene Hotel & Conference Center in connection with the 86th Oregon Logging Conference Meet & Greet festivities. All are invited to celebrate with hosted beer and wine, a hearty buffet dinner, and fantastic auction items.

All proceeds 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 served by *Talk About Trees* since its inception in 1991, and educators from throughout the state consistently provide outstanding feedback about the program. The annual auction is our biggest fundraiser.

OWIT and OLC have teamed up, once again, as Partners in Education. Commemorative lapel pins will be available for purchase for \$100. Each pin purchase has a 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! Proceeds 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. Your generous contributions are critical to the ongoing success of this important program. OWIT is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, all donations are tax-deductible. OWIT volunteers and millions of students throughout the state extend our deepest thanks for your continued support!

We have sponsorship opportunities this year! For more information about OWIT and to register or donate to the auction, please visit the auction website at <https://orwit.ejoinme.org/2024> or fill out and return the enclosed form.

We appreciate your support!

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