

OCSWCD November 2018 Newsletter

During the month of November...

- **2018 Oxford County Register of Big Trees**

The new *2018 Oxford County Register of Big Trees* booklets should be available by the first week of November!

- **Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Election**

Persons wishing to vote in the election of District Supervisors can obtain a ballot by coming into the District Office, calling, or writing to request a ballot be mailed. All registered voters in Oxford County are eligible to vote. Election ballots will be accepted after Wednesday, October 31st and must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

- **The OCSWCD Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month**

in the Conference Room at 17 Olson Road. Meetings are open to the public. If you would be interested in serving as an Associate Supervisor please contact us! The following skills would be helpful: Farmer, Forester, Natural Resource Professional, Agricultural Professional, Woodland Owner, Media Professional, Education/Outreach Professional, Planner.

- **Photo Contest**

We've had many, many great entries in the photo contest this year! Judging will take place over the first week in November and the winners will be contacted by letter. Announcements will be in all area county newspapers.

- **2018 Annual Report**

We are now compiling our annual report for the year 2018. The new online report allows us to reach more people than ever. New graphics, nice color - and it's been expanded to allow us more room for coverage of our Conservation Award recipients, educational outreach, grant project highlights, updates on the Tenmile River Demonstration Forest in Brownfield/Hiram and we'll also let you know who made the *2018 Oxford County Register of Big Trees*.

- **2018 OCSWCD Annual Meeting**

The public is cordially invited to attend the 2018 OCSWCD Annual Meeting on December 1st at the First Congregational Church of Paris in South Paris. Starting at 5:30, there will be a time for visiting, followed by dinner, awards and entertainment. There will also be a Ticket Auction with lots of great items - just in time for the holidays! Guests may purchase tickets for a chance on several nice items and gift certificates. Dinner tickets are 10.00 each and seats may be reserved by contacting us at oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com or calling 744-3119. Please RSVP by November 27th to join us for an interesting and enjoyable evening.

For more information on any of these events, please email me at oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com or call me at 744-3119. Please visit our website at www.oxfordcountyswcd.org to check out the latest updates!

*Jeannie Federico, Education & Outreach Coordinator, OCSWCD
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Time
10:00 AM - Noon

Location
USDA Service
Center
17 Olson Road,
South Paris ME

Snacks!

Call for more info:



November 15, 2018

Local Working Group Meeting

Your input is important in helping us fund conservation programs for productive lands and a healthy environment in Oxford County.

Help us:

- Identify natural resource concerns
- Prioritize which resource concerns to address
- Discuss funding for local projects on private land
- Discuss 2020 fiscal year programs



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And now, a word about our sponsors...

Each year we ask a few select folks to be sponsors of our Annual Report. But many of our sponsors do much more - they also provide items for workshops, Agriculture & Conservation Day at both Waterford and Oxford Fair, support for programming and help with our Annual Meeting and Ticket Auction. This month we wanted to take the opportunity to add their stories to the monthly newsletter. We'd like you to thank them, too!

Hooker Family Farm

Located at 195 Pleasant Street in Oxford, Hooker Family Farm is a Farm to Table operation. Established many years ago by Jim & Linda Hooker, the tradition is now carried on by Linda, her son Mike and the grandchildren. Linda hosts a yearly open house and plant sale with yummy snacks!

H & R Block

Come visit Janet for all your accounting needs! The South Paris office of H & R Block has highly trained tax experts to help with payroll, bookkeeping, tax audit support, business tax, notary and year round assistance.

Weston's Farm & Markets

The Weston's have practiced sustainable agriculture since 1799 and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. They are a seventh generation family farm located in Fryeburg. No GMO seed! Visit their website (www.westonsfarm.com) for a visual treat!

J. Boyce Builders, Inc.

Established in 1987, J. Boyce, Carpentry has become the business to go to for quality craftsmanship in the Oxford Hills area. Whether it's new construction or renovations of an older dwelling you'll be pleased with the results. A beautiful example of Jim's work is the Noble House, located in Norway, Maine.

**"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.**

**With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.**

**The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."**

- Elizabeth Coatsworth



ECI Materials, South Paris

Open year round, this is your place to purchase sand and gravel, crushed stone, bark mulch, crushed gravel, stone dust, screened loam, recycled concrete, stump grindings and firewood. All items are available for pickup or delivery.

Everett Excavation Corp.

Specializing in site preparation, sewage systems, gravel, fill and demolition. Located at 1 Everett Road in West Paris, Scott is the person to see for more information and help with your excavation needs.

Everett Propane

Family owned and operated, Everett Propane offers a high level of sales and service to their residential and commercial customers. Located in West Paris, they are an active part of the surrounding community. For fast, reliable service, give them a call today!

Forest Commodities, Inc.

Whether it's your primary or back up source of heat - Maine folks burn wood! FCI, Inc. supplies firewood, provides timber harvesting and whole tree chipping. They also buy land and timber. Call or stop in at 610 Park Street in South Paris to talk with them soon.

Conant Acres

Conant Acres was established in 1936, and is still a family owned and operated dairy farm located in Canton. They currently milk 75 Registered Holsteins and focus on breeding high type cows and developing deep pedigree cow families.

Cooper Farms

We have so much to thank Chris & Sue Cooper for! The 750 +/- children who attend Agriculture & Conservation Day at Oxford Fair on a yearly basis can always count on receiving an apple from these generous folks! In addition, they donate gift certificates for Annual Meeting and we've even been known to borrow display materials on occasion... Don't forget they make amazing pies and other desserts if you'd like to pre-order for the holidays!



November 11th