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2018 Live In-Woods Show a SUCCESS



Thank you everyone for making the 8th PLC Live In-Woods Show a success.

The event took place September 13-15, 2018, at the OSU Research Forest outside Corvallis, Oregon. We had over 40 exhibitors and approximately 2,000 attendees and students pass through the PLC registration tent over the three-day period.

“Thank-you for your support and contribution to our Live in the Woods show,” says PLC President, Jeff Wimer. “It was my intent to find a spot that would allow us to showcase all of the latest in logging technology. This was the first show that included tether assist, drone and cable logging. It was fun to see the expression on the students’ faces when they first walked out and looked over the edge between the yarder and tethered assist. One even said, “It was like you were sitting on top of the world”.

Jeff was also excited to have the OR OSHA regulators attend the show. Watching the machines in action got a dialog started between them that he

hoped would continue after the show and help create more workable rules for our entire industry.

This year, the PLC focused on bringing high school students to the show to introduce them to career opportunities and pathways into our industry. This year students were not only provided talented, volunteer tour guides to take them through the show, but a photo of their class, taken by a drone, to remember the show by.

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“We all realize that this show is a major undertaking, but I heard nothing but positive feedback from everyone I saw at the show,” says Wimer. “I am very pleased with the way the show turned out and I am hopeful that you are too.



Pictorial of the PLC Live In-Woods Show

For those of you who couldn't make it to the PLC Live In-Woods show, or for those of you who want to relive some great moments, Mary Bullwinkel was able to snap some great shots. Here's a glimpse of this year's event.



PLC Auction tops \$26,000

The PLC annual dinner and auction was one of the highlights of the PLC Live In-Woods event.

On Friday evening, we hosted over 220 industry representatives at the OSU Alumni Center. Our gracious sponsors — Caterpillar, Peterson Cat, Sierra Pacific, WCLA Credit Union and Ritchie Bros — helped make it a fun evening of socializing . . . and fundraising.

The Pacific Forest Foundation Education auction grossed approximately \$26,000 with 100 percent of the funds used to provide forestry scholarships. Since 2013, PFF has awarded over \$107,000 in forestry scholarships.

Thank you all for your generous support!

Summer Meeting to be at Tigh-Na-Mara



Mark your calendars. The president's summer meeting will be held Sunday through Tuesday, July 21 - 23, 2019 at the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort and Conference Centre, located in Vancouver Island, in Parksville, B.C.

Tigh-Na-Mara has a lot of great features, one of which is a breathtaking view of the 1.8 mile sandy beach. Not only is this beach long, but it's shallow enough at low tide (and even high tide) you can walk out practically as far as the beach is long. The resort also features an award-winning spa and remodeled rooms, and two great restaurants.

You will be able to choose from a variety of rooms (<https://www.tigh-na-mara.com/en-us/rooms>) and rates:

Run-of-House Studios & Suites

\$250.00 CDN (\$192 US) per night plus taxes.

Gabriola Oceanfront Accommodations

\$290.00 CDN (\$224 US) per night plus taxes.

2 Bedroom Cottages

\$290.00 CDN (\$224 US) per night plus taxes.

Deluxe Accommodations

\$325.00 CDN (\$251 US) per night plus taxes.

You early birds can book your rooms beginning October 24, 2018. Please call 800-663-7373.

Keep checking the Pacific Logging Congress website, where we will be posting more information about the event soon.



Annual Meeting in Hawaii



After all the hard work of putting on the Live In-Woods show, it's time to relax. This year we will be holding our annual meeting at the Hilton Waikoloa Village, November 4-6, 2019, on the big Island of Hawaii. Already, President Don Banasky and VP Wayne Settle are working on a great list of speakers for the event.

For those who weren't able to make it to the resort when the meeting was held there in 2015, you're in for a treat. The Waikoloa features a four-acre ocean fed lagoon that is great for snorkeling, three pools, a Dolphin Quest where (for a fee) you can swim and play with dolphins, two championship golf courses, and more.

Continue to check on the Pacific Logging Congress website for updates. You should be able to book your rooms soon.

New PLC President – Don Banasky

At the PLC dinner and auction, the axe was passed from President Jeff Wimer to PLC's new president, Don Banasky, from Ladysmith, British Columbia. For those of you who haven't had a chance to meet Don in person, here's a little background.

Don began his career with an entrepreneurial spirit as President of Untamed Industries Inc. providing customers with a variety of labor-related services. In 1994, he joined TimberWest Forest Corp. and gained experience as a chokerman, rigging slinger, hooktender, and a mechanical processor operator. In 2002, along with Bryan Gregson he launched FallTech Logging Ltd., which provided mechanical falling and bunching services of upwards of 424 MBFT. At this time, he also began D. Banasky Logging Consultants Ltd., which focused on project management, safety and systems development, team building and training in the forest industry and still runs this company to this day providing deactivation work and consulting.

In 2011, FallTech Logging Ltd. was purchased by The Gregson Group where Don provided consulting and management services to both companies. Don acted as Operations Manager for Copcan Contracting Ltd.; involved in estimating, project and systems management, strategic business development and safety implementation.

Don also served as a Director of Practicum Placement at Vancouver Island University and sits on numerous industry committees including the Steep Slope Advisory Committee and the Incident investigation Advisory Committee. In 2013, he was awarded the BC Forest Safety Council MVP Safety Award. Don is also the recipient of the Canadian Medal of Bravery.

In 2013, Don was a guest of the Forest industry Safety Accord in the United Kingdom where he was invited to view and comment of the forest industry there, as a result of excessive injuries and deaths. Don gave safety presentations in community auditoriums and in the woods throughout the country. This



same year he was invited to speak at the Forest Industry Safety Summit in Rotorua.

Don was on the TLA Board of Directors and served as president in 2014 and 2015.

Don is currently Vice President of Western Canadian Timber Products Ltd. — a tenure holder that performs all phases of logging and forestry.

The PLC looks forward to a great year under his leadership.