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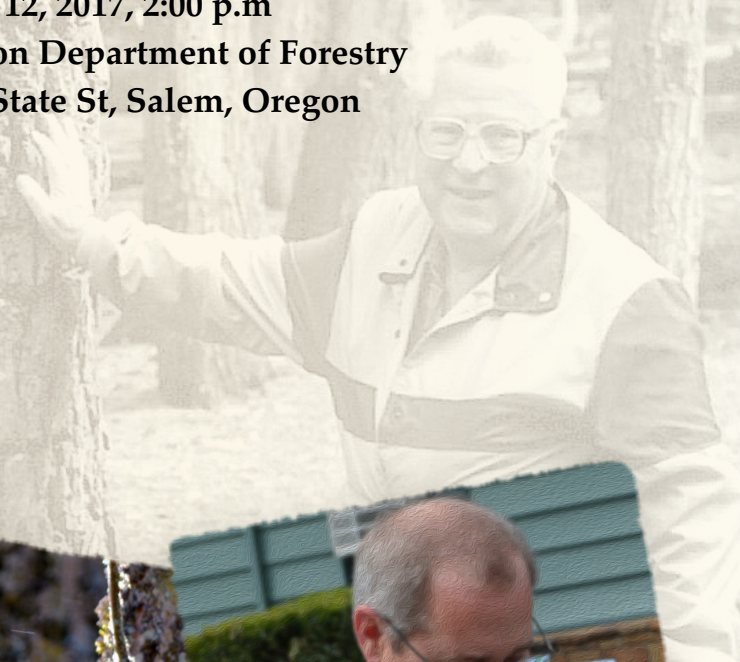
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Join us for the 2017 Maynard C. Dawson Award Ceremony

Honoring Paul Ries

April 12, 2017, 2:00 p.m

Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State St, Salem, Oregon



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It's time to celebrate the Maynard C. Drawson Memorial Award's third year. The 2017 recipient, Paul Ries, is a founding member of the Oregon Heritage Tree Program and was a friend to the program's founder, Maynard Drawson.

Jim Renner, the first Oregon Heritage Tree Committee Coordinator, praised Ries in the nomination form he submitted:

"Ries' outstanding work includes his oversight and mitigation of the Governor Withycombe Giant Sequoia during roadside construction. In addition, his advocacy for the Klootch Creek Sitka Spruce persuaded Clasp County to maintain the standing remnant of the first tree inducted into the Heritage program for its educational value. His persistence to document and nominate the Governor McCall Maple when the only remaining evidence of the governor's ceremonial planting of the tree existed as oral history and eye-witness accounts.

"Ries made countless trips to inspect and certify the eligibility of nominated heritage trees. He attended every possible tree dedication, and made innumerable presentations about the Heritage Tree Program to public groups. His foresight and commitment to the conservation of worthy trees was also extended to the efforts to save and redevelop the historic Grove of the States."

For over 25 years, Paul Ries' urban forestry experience encompassed local, state, national, international, non-profit, and academic levels. Ries is an Urban Forestry instructor and Extension Specialist in the College of Forestry at Oregon State

University (OSU) and was the manager for the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program for the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). At OSU, he teaches online urban forestry courses and is the lead curriculum developer for new undergraduate and graduate degrees in urban forestry. For ODF, he directed a statewide program that provides technical, financial, and educational urban forestry assistance to cities, community groups, and non-profit organizations.

Ries sits on the board of directors of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and has maintained ISA certification as an arborist since 1989. We hope that as our friend and mentor begins a new adventure earning his Doctor of Education at Carson-Newman University, in Jefferson City, TN, that he will carry the heartfelt gratitude from his friends on the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee that will miss him deeply.

We invite you to come help us celebrate Paul Ries' award for his tree advocacy at the site of the Maynard C. Drawson Memorial White Oak, located on the grounds of the Oregon Department of Forestry in Salem, Oregon.



Please join us. Enjoy guest speakers, visit with Paul Ries. Refreshments to follow ceremony! For more information on the location and ceremony details, contact Jessica Carbone at jessicac@oregonte.com or telephone 800-574-9397. This is a free public event.

Above left: Paul Ries. Above right: Maynard C. Drawson with tree friend.