

# LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



25th Annual Celebration at Richardson Park (Celebration photos courtesy of Dean Walton)

## ELDER FIRE: “FALL STORIES OF EARTH AND LAND”

*Featuring Marta Lu Parazoo  
Clifford*

*October 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Camp  
Lutherwood, 22960 Hwy 36, Cheshire*

The next in a seasonal series of Elder Fire Talks will be held on Wednesday, October 19th at Camp Lutherwood. These conversations center Tribal voices, and this next event has been organized by the Traditional Ecological Inquiry Program and by members of the watershed community who are committed to uplifting Indigenous perspectives. Fall’s talk, titled “Elder Fires: Fall Stories of Earth and Land” will feature Marta Lu Parazoo Clifford.

Marta will speak about Kalapuya ilih, the traditional homeland of the Kalapuya people, the importance of land acknowledgements, and how people and organizations should be expanding work beyond a land acknowledgment. Marta will provide guidance on steps beyond a land acknowledgment to honor

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the Indigenous Peoples of your homeland. Using her own lived history and her stories, she will guide you on a journey to help you to honor Indigenous land, people, and tribal sovereignty.

### Meet the Presenter

Marta Lu Parazoo Clifford is a tribal elder and member of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Chinook, Cree). She is a native of Oregon and strives to always be a good



Marta Lu  
Parazoo Clifford

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caretaker of the world we live in. Marta is an actress, a writer of stories and plays, and a storyteller. She currently serves as the Tribal Elder-In-Residence for the University of Oregon Native theater courses, under the direction of Theresa May. She also assists in coordinating public readings of Native plays at the Many Nations Longhouse on campus. She is committed to ensuring Native plays and playwrights are shown, developed, and shared in the community. Marta leads tours of the Kalapuya Talking Stones for University of Oregon students for Native Studies, History, and Theater classes. When she is not busy with Native theater and leading tours she works part time as a Procurement Counselor for the Oregon Procurement Technical Assistance Center in Springfield, OR, where she assists

and trains businesses to be government contractors. For additional information about this event, contact Jabrila Via at [Jabrila@wintergreenfarm.com](mailto:Jabrila@wintergreenfarm.com) or Rob Hoshaw at [operations@longtom.org](mailto:operations@longtom.org) at LTWC or visit our webpage at: <https://longtom.org/oct2022eldertalk>.

More information about TEIP, including a link to support the program, can be found at: <https://www.longtom.org/community/teip/>



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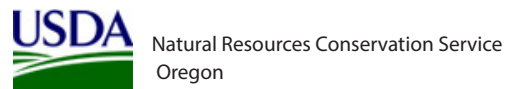
## CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES NIGHT FOR RURAL LANDOWNERS

*Bennett Vineyards, October 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.*

The Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District (UWSWCD) in conjunction with several regional partners, including LTWC, are hosting a “Conservation Opportunities Night” for **rural landowners to learn about agricultural and conservation resources available. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and hear from area technical service providers about cost-share programs, grant funding opportunities, farm equipment rentals, restoration opportunities, and sustainable land management.** Participating partners include staff from the UWSWCD, Oregon State University Extension Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network’s Working Lands Program, as well as staff from the Long Tom Watershed Council.

The event is free and open to the public, so invite your neighbors! It will be held October 25th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Bennett Vineyards, 25974 Highway 36, Cheshire. There will be a free raffle for numerous prizes including (but not limited to) a three series painting, a Jackalope, several bottles of wine and gift cards.

See the flyer on the next page for more details and contact information.



## ENJOY A GLASS WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

Join the Discussion! Learn about local agriculture & conservation opportunities for your land.

### WE'LL DISCUSS:

Cost-share programs,  
Local grant funding,  
Farm equipment rentals,  
Restoration opportunities,  
& sustainable  
land management



*Bennett Vineyards Hosts*

## CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES NIGHT

### FOR RURAL LANDOWNERS



**TUESDAY**

**OCTOBER 25TH**

PUBLIC EVENT

6:00 - 8:00 PM

**BENNETT VINEYARDS**

25974 Highway 36, Chesire, OR

**FREE RAFFLE PRIZES!**



DON'T MISS A CHANCE TO WIN!  
**Free Raffle Prizes**

Bennett Vineyards  
Oct 25th | 6-8pm

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EVENT SPONSORED BY  
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QUESTIONS?

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# 25th Anniversary Annual Celebration Recap

*A Beautiful Day, Delicious Desserts and Excellent Company!*



It was a beautiful day at Richardson Park along Fern Ridge Lake with sparkling blue skies and the most perfect weather you could expect for late September in Oregon!

We had so much fun getting together with the community for our largest in-person gathering in almost three years! Everyone enjoyed musical artist “G and the Invisibles”, who set a fun tone for the afternoon with his outstanding play. We recognized seven fabulous watershed awardees, including our first two “Lifetime in Watershed Achievement Awards” to the Family of Art Johnson and Karen Hans. Guests enjoyed several rounds of Long Tom trivia, hand-crafted beverages, and of course plenty of scrumptious desserts! There were more than 20 locally baked desserts to bid on, including pies, brownies, tarts, bars, cobbler, and even pretzels. Thanks to everyone who baked and bid on goodies in support of the Council!



We want to thank all our event sponsors and the dozens of people who contributed to our “\$25,000 for our 25th Anniversary” campaign.



## ~ Lots of fun and many memories and friendships made

And we especially appreciate everyone who came to celebrate and reflect on 25 years of accomplishments. We highlighted recent successes in bringing prescribed fire and cultural burning capacity to the Willamette valley, and looked forward to several planned burns this year and beyond.

We reflected on the farmers, foresters, and other folks from working lands who've been strong partners on so many of our habitat restoration projects.

We celebrated the expansion of the Urban Waters & Wildlife Program into the regional initiative across the entire Eugene-Springfield metro area that now includes an impressive list of partners, funders, and supporters.

There is so much to celebrate after 25 years, but most importantly, we celebrate all of *you* – the watershed community – who care deeply for the land and water and have played such a critical role in advancing the work and mission of LTWC.

There is still so much work left to do. We also look forward to creating a more equitable watershed for Indigenous people, People of Color, and people of all different lived experiences. We envision cleaner drinking water for our downstream neighbors, and we hope we may one day see Pacific lamprey and Chinook salmon swimming further upstream.

**We at the Council look forward to the next 25 years of growing this community of folks just like you for the continued improvement of the health of our watershed and its people. Thank you all for your support!**



Former Executive Directors Clinton Begley (far left) and Dana Dedrick (far right); Lifetime in Watershed Achievement awardees Derek Johnson and Karen Hans



# WE'RE NEARLY 2/3 OF THE WAY TO MEETING OUR GOAL!

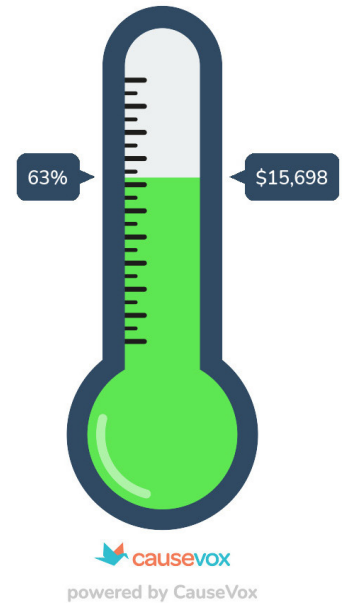
We're truly grateful to all who have donated toward our "\$25,000 for our 25th Anniversary" campaign! **So far, you've helped us get nearly 2/3 of the way there at \$15,698.** If you haven't given yet, there's still time to help us reach that goal in the next few months! Please donate an amount that is meaningful to you. **Whether that's \$1 or \$1,000 -- every gift counts and is much appreciated!** You can donate by going to our website at [longtom.org/donate](https://longtom.org/donate).

We also want to thank the following businesses who sponsored our 25th Anniversary Celebration!

Bauman Tree Farm



GOAL: \$25,000



## 2022 BOARD ELECTION

Thank you to the three volunteers who were confirmed as board members by the Council membership at the Annual Celebration! Each year, the Council recruits and recommends a slate of Board of Directors candidates for election at the Annual Meeting & Celebration that balances the diversity of perspectives and geographic and land use representation in the watershed. Anyone who attended the Annual Celebration and signs in was able to vote to affirm the 2022 board slate. The slate of board candidates included Kurt Koehler (pronounced "Court Curler"), who was confirmed for a four-year term after stepping in to fill a mid-year vacancy, while Al Hrynshyn and Pat McDowell were re-affirmed for an additional year and four years, respectively.



Kurt Koehler



Pat McDowell



Al Hrynshyn



We also want to give a heartfelt thank you to outgoing board member Lindsay Reaves, who has served two full terms over the last decade and has brought a valuable perspective in forestry and community education. Lindsay and her husband, Tom, operate a 672-acre tree farm in the Coyote Creek subwatershed where they also host an annual "Forest Field Days" to educate students about forest ecosystems and resources. Thank you, Lindsay!

# Thank You for Giving to LTWC!

AUG - OCT 2022 DONATIONS

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Jabrila & Wali Via (TEIP)  
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Anonymous

## In Kind Donations for Celebration

### Gift Baskets and Prizes:

Aranda Bowman  
Abby Colehour  
Hummingbird Wholesale  
Café Mam / Royal Blue Organics  
Mountain Rose Herbs  
Ayuthea LaPier  
McKenzie River Trust  
Lindsay Reaves

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Long Tom Watershed lies within the traditional homelands of the Tribes and Bands of the Kalapuyan peoples. Following treaties in the 1850s, the Kalapuya people were dispossessed of and forcibly removed from their Indigenous homeland by the United States government. Today, many descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. We acknowledge that we are on occupied lands, and express our respect for Kalapuya and all Tribal Nations of Oregon, and the important contributions they continue to make to their communities, including to the stewardship of this watershed.



## A Special Thank You ~

To Dean Walton for taking some really wonderful photos of the Annual Celebration this year!  
We hope you will enjoy them on pages 4 and 5.  
Thank you Dean!



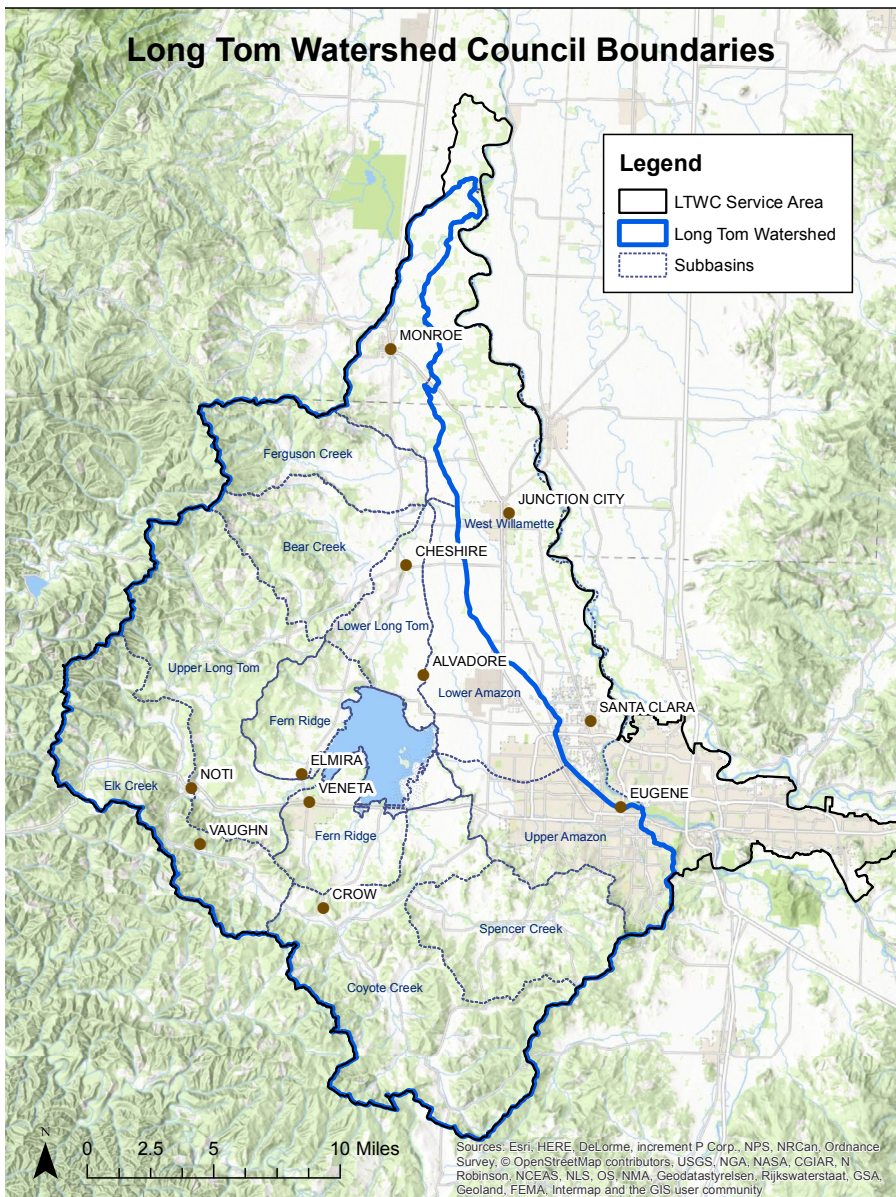
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Al Hrynshyn

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### Mission Statement



The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin and surrounding drainages through *education and collaboration* among all interests, using the *collective wisdom and voluntary action* of our community members.