



2009 NAWLA Wood Basics Course – Recap September 14 – 17 Corvallis, OR

The NAWLA Wood Basics Course returned to the Pacific Northwest in 2009 for the third consecutive year. The recent Course took place in Corvallis, Oregon from September 14 –17 and once again had solid attendance with 19 students. According to attendee comments and written evaluations, the Course was “excellent.” Hear what our attendees are saying:

From course content to presentation of course materials to speakers this was the best seminar that I have attended. It was a first class job all the way ... It was a pleasure to attend the conference and I look forward to sharing what I learned with my co-workers.

The courses offered me great exposure to a variety of topics that I would normally not encounter in my day to day job. The knowledge provided me greater depth and understanding of the industry.

The four-day program included a mix of classroom modules and off-site field trips. Modules on forest ecology and silviculture, lumber manufacturing, structural panels, engineered wood products, grading, Crow's / RISI, marketing, sales and transportation were taught by over 10 industry experts, NAWLA Members and local academics from Oregon State University (OSU).

The signature, off-site tours were expanded to include a third excursion in the Willamette River Valley! Students will begin the week with a tour of nearby Starker Forest Lands & Education Center in Philomath. The tour included a peek at a harvesting operation (off-trail), ¼- mile hike (on-trail) and species identification. For further information on Starker Forest Lands, please visit www.starkerforests.com

On Wednesday, students journeyed to Eugene to see Zip-o-Log Mills – a “specialty timbers” sawmill that produces 100 percent Douglas Fir products, including 52-footers. For further information on Zip-o-Log Mills, please visit www.zipolog.com

A final tour of Rosboro in Springfield afforded students a first-hand look at three operations – sawmill, plywood plant and engineered wood plant – all at one location. For further information on Rosboro, please visit www.rosboro.com

Congratulations go to the Graduates of the Corvallis Class of 2009! For photos from the week, please visit www.nawla.org/education/seminar.asp

Ryan	Chandler	Amerhart Ltd.
Brad	Seddon	Biewer Lumber, LLC
Kathi	Orlowski	Blue Book Services
Chuck	Curl	Blue Book Services
Hector	Dimas	Boise Cascade
Heath	Hutchison	Hutchison Lumber & Building Products
Eric	Shanahan	Hutchison Lumber & Building Products
Matthew	Yost	Intermountain-Orient Inc.
Clifford	Mullins	Klumb Lumber
Betty	Barney	Norman G. Jensen Inc.
Bill	Porter	Norman G. Jensen Inc.
George	Huihua Deng	Olympic Industries
Duncan	Vyner	Olympic Industries
Michael	McDowell	Oregon Industrial Lumber Products, Inc.
Dave	Siteman	PPG Machine Applied Coatings
Jon	Westmaas	PPG Machine Applied Coatings
Wende	Boerema	Pine Forest Lumber Company
Tonia	Tibbetts	Robbins Lumber Inc.
Mike	Norton	Skana Forest Products