



# Grouse Hollow News

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## Hopkins Has Huge Education Year

BY MIKE BONDI

Peter Matzka's year as our Forest Educator in 2014 was busy—to say the least. Besides taking on the leadership for the educational programming at the 140-acre demonstration forest outside of Oregon City, Peter had to settle in to his new workplace, get to know our woods, develop connections and relationships in the community, and learn how to operate in and around the



non-profit organization that has now been operating for nearly 25 years.

“We are a unique group here at

Hopkins,” said Ken Everett, the Executive Director and co-founder of Forests Forever, Inc. “We have an involved, dedicated and passionate volunteer Board of Directors that meets monthly to oversee the non-profit’s business. We take our primary mission seriously—that being forestry and natural resource education in the community. So, when we made the change in leadership to a new Forest Educator, this was a big move for FFI and Hopkins.”

Everett goes on to say, “The Board of Directors here at FFI is very happy with the education output and impact in the community from our program in 2014. Peter did a very nice job this past year.”

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# Foresters Have Own Work Day

BY JIM KADERA

An unusual crew of 16 volunteers helped to maintain Hopkins Demonstration Forest on October 28 last year.

The most common group work days at Hopkins usually involve a combination of skilled woodland

owners and lesser skilled public volunteers. However, most of this crew consisted of folks who work in some aspect of forest management for Weyerhaeuser Company or Oregon Department of Forestry.

The effort was organized by Mary Castle, a Weyerhaeuser senior engineer and project manager based in Molalla and a board member of non-profit Forests Forever Inc., which owns and manages the 140-acre Hopkins. Castle and fellow volunteers performed the work as part of the company's community outreach program known as Weyerhaeuser Active Volunteer Employees (WAVE)

Besides the donated labor, the forest received a cash grant of \$1,000. Castle explained the work day was in competition with similar efforts by other Weyerhaeuser employees nationwide for WAVE grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The grant monies help support education programs at Hopkins, she said.

Ten crew members were Weyerhaeuser employees; five were from the forestry department. Dave Hill, a Forests Forever board member and veteran road engineer, also helped. Their effort focused on protecting Grouse Hollow Road, one of



the forest's primary routes, from erosion.

"We put down coconut-based erosion control mats, and we used rock and concrete blocks to build a retaining wall," she said. The biodegradable matting lasts two or three years until grass has grown through to keep soil in place.

They also cleaned sediment weirs and the inlets of new road culverts before moving up to the parking lot for similar work to keep it from being damaged by storm runoff. "And we went into the pine stand to prune blister rust" Castle noted. "We got so much more work done than we thought we would."

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## Matzka Extended OSU Contract

Peter Matzka has worked at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest now for one full year as our Forest Educator and, as you can see, has been managing an active and growing program. During 2014, Peter was funded on two six-month personal services contracts with Forests Forever, Inc. Beginning on January 1, Peter's work at Hopkins was transferred to a personal services contract with Oregon State University. That contract continues through June 30.



According to Mike Bondi, OSU Extension Regional Administrator and FFI Board Member, "The Board of Directors of Forests Forever has decided they would like to establish another permanent relationship with OSU for a full-time educator position to serve the needs of the demonstration forest. We are working in that direction, but the process of hiring through the university and the required search takes time."

The goal is to be able to complete the hiring process for the permanent position by the end of June.

# Forest Hall Busy, Too

BY JIM KADERA

Weddings, retreats, educational classes, and birthday parties were among the events held at Forest Hall in Hopkins Demonstration Forest in 2014.

But the diversity didn't stop there. Throw in the baptism party, a celebration of life for a deceased one, a meeting of scrapbook enthusiasts, and two sessions of a Chinese yoga and meditation group. Such variety shows how Forest Hall has become a popular place for Portland area residents to meet, greet and celebrate.

"Our income is 180 percent more than had been estimated," Mike Daly, the building manager and a Forests Forever Inc. board member, said. Daly is in charge of keeping the hall well maintained and overseeing rentals to private, commercial, and other groups.

Success of Forest Hall is important to non-profit Forests Forever. The rentals add to the donations, grants and timber income that keep the 140-



acre demonstration forest viable. Forest Hall, with seating capacity for about 85, cost more than \$300,000 to construct and opened in 2012.

January was the only month with no rentals in 2014. One to seven rentals were booked other months. The totals exclude non-rental education sessions staged in Forest Hall throughout the year by Oregon State University Extension and Forests Forever.

The most intense use of Forest Hall came in early October at the second annual two-day Forest of Arts festival attended by more than 600 men, women and children.

Foreign visitors occasionally add to the hall crowds. For instance, a few Mongolians participated in the Chinese yoga/meditation group's session in March, Daly noted.

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Here is the summary of the educational program at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest this past year:

Contact Type	#Groups/Programs	#Students	#Adults
Indirect at Hopkins	27	612	66
Direct at Hopkins	120	2,275	1,304
Outreach—off site	7	2,552	655
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5,439</b>	<b>2,025</b>

The range of different education programs and activities is just as impressive as the numbers above. Nearly 3,000

youth and almost 1,400 adults came to Hopkins for forestry and natural resource learning experiences and included groups like: grade school, middle school and high school classes—both public and private schools; vocational forestry classes and alternative learning groups; scout groups—both boy and girl; college and university students; and monthly Community Forestry Days.

Contact Type is defined as:

- **Indirect:** Group/program out at HDF where interaction by staff was minimal and led by off-site organization—we provided a place for forestry education managed by others.

- **Direct:** Group/program out at HDF led by onsite staff or off-site organizations with significant interaction—we directed and managed the forestry education event or activity.

- **Outreach:** Group/program led by HDF staff at an off-site location.



# Calendar

**Community Forestry Work Days—2nd Saturdays each month;** everyone welcome! Start time is 8:30am. End is when you run out of steam or by 3:00pm. Lunch provided as a trade for your time and energy. Call 503-632-2150 to sign up and find out what tools to bring.

**March 14:** Hopkins Trail Resurfacing, Overflow Parking Improvements, and Forest Interpretation Signage Installation

**April 11:** Vegetation Management in Uneven-aged Forest, Invasive Species Removal, and Forest Trail Surface Maintenance and Fallen Tree Removal

**May 9:** Vegetation Management (Uneven-aged Forest, Regeneration Areas, and Poison Oak Control), and Seedling Maintenance (Check and Adjust Tube Protectors).

**Clackamas County Master Gardeners Spring Garden Fair,** Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at Clackamas County Event Center, Canby. The Hopkins Demonstration Forest will have an information booth for our programs. Volunteers are needed to staff the Hopkins booth (Hours between 10am-4pm each day in 3 hour shifts). Contact Peter at 503-632-2150 to volunteer. He will provide instructions and everything you need.

# A Special Thanks to All Who Care

BY MIKE BONDI


2014 was a landmark year for our fundraising that sustains the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Our Education Consortium—these are donors who support our education program and our forest educator's ability to do the job of teaching youth and adults—raised a record \$113,175. We certainly experienced some down years during the recession, but we have now rebounded.

Our Friends of Hopkins Campaign is our annual community focused effort to provide an opportunity for anyone interested to help support our work at Hopkins and help us bring this resource to everyone. And, the community has been very generous, indeed. During calendar year our Friends of Hopkins Campaign received \$10,200 from 55 donors.

We feel fortunate to have so many who care so much. Thank you!

## Consortium Members—Calendar Year 2014

OSU/Clackamas County Extension Service District	\$50,000
Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)	\$30,000
Key Bank	\$5,000
RSG Forest Products	\$5,000
Friends of Paul Bunyan	\$3,675
Port Blakely Tree Farms, Ltd.	\$3,000
Freres Foundation	\$2,500
Walker Family Foundation	\$2,500
Campbell Global LLC	\$2,500
Clem and Phyllis Hunter	\$2,000
AJ Frank Family Foundation	\$2,000
Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA)	\$1,500
Pacific NW Forest Service Association (Old Smokies)	\$1,000
Giustina Foundation	\$1,000
Weyerhaeuser Company	\$1,000
Beavercreek Lions Club	\$500
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