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Unique Fundraiser—an Incredible Gift to Forests Forever!

By Jim Kadera, FFI Board Member

Hopkins Demonstration Forest benefited this spring from an unexpected and unique fundraiser totaling \$21,000.

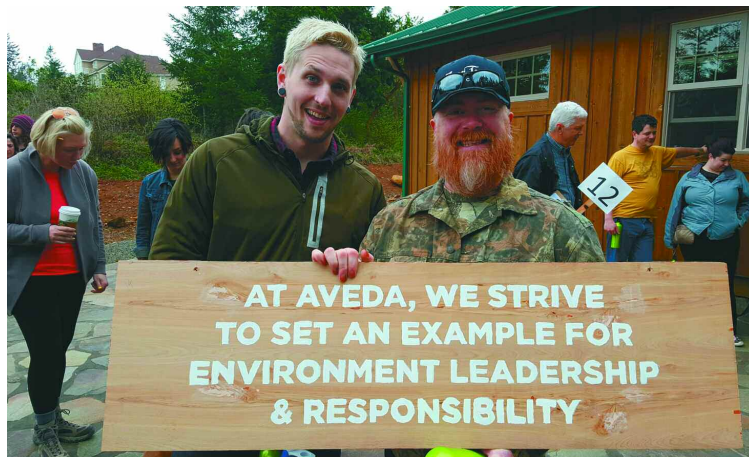
The Portland staffs of two sister companies, Aveda Institute beauty school and Dosha Salon Spa, selected Hopkins for their annual Earth Month project. Each April they raise and donate money to support an organization that contributes to environmental improvements.

The connection began from Kimberly Johnson, CEO of Aveda/Dosha, and her husband, Ray, buying 70 acres adjacent to Hopkins. Then, in 2015, they took a reforestation short-course for small woodland owners led by OSU Extension Forester in Clackamas County, Glenn Ahrens, and member of our FFI Board of Directors, the non-profit that owns and manages Hopkins.

That led to Aveda and Dosha selecting Hopkins for this spring's fundraiser, and they asked FFI to host a field day at the forest for their students and staff.

Ahrens had less than two weeks to plan the field day and solicit volunteers to help pull it off.

"I came up with 12 learning stations along a two-mile hike" for 12 groups,"



Ahrens said. "It came out well, focusing on family forestry. Some of our board member volunteers said they learned new information, too."

About 100 Aveda/Dosha employees came out to Hopkins, took the hike, and were introduced to the organization they would be raising funds for during April—Earth Month. Half of the group stayed for lunch and participated in a service project to spread wood chips to resurface a trail.

A month later, Ken Everett, Forests

Forever Executive Director, attended an Aveda student assembly in Portland and was given a large cardboard representation of the fund raising check for \$21,000. "They certainly are awesome fundraisers," reported Everett. "I told them how important their gift was to our educational program at Hopkins."

And where will the money go? The FFI board plans to use it this year for construction of the small cabin atop the historic Clatskanie Mountain fire look-

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Hopkins to Mark 25 Years—Save the Date!

By Mike Bondi, OSU Regional Extension Administrator and FFI Board Member

Everyone is invited to a public re-dedication of the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. The event will be held on Saturday, September 17. Tours and displays will be available in the afternoon beginning at 2:00pm. A re-dedication ceremony at Everett Hall will be at

4:00pm. Details for the program are being developed, “Save the Date” and plan to join the celebration!

Mike Bondi, one of FFI’s charter Board members, recalls the original dedication at Hopkins in September, 1991. “We gathered in the parking lot. It wasn’t even all graveled, then. There weren’t any buildings. But, we did have a nice new gate with incredible stonework, a very impressive entrance sign, and a beautiful cedar split-rail fence. Almost 200 people came out to support us. I guess more than anything, we had a vision.”

“It’s hard to believe it has already been 25 years,” said Ken Everett, FFI’s only other charter Board member still

involved. “But, it’s even harder to comprehend all that has occurred at Hopkins over these years—the number of people who have come to our forest for learning, all of the improvements we’ve been able to make, the countless volunteers and hours of service that have been provided, and all of the amazing financial contributors and donors that have made the Hopkins Demonstration Forest a very special place.”

Join the celebration on September 17 to re-live the memories, see the present, & help us think about the future!



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out tower, and other work needed to open the tower for public visits. The tower was moved to Hopkins in 2010, but has been never been completed due to a lack of funds.

Everett said he hopes for a similar event with Aveda/Dosha next year. In a memo to him, Aveda Portland Director, Jessica Dutton, said, “We look forward to future partnership with you.”

Everett said a plaque recognizing their fund-raising will be presented to Aveda and Dosha along with a gift certificate for use of Everett Hall (formerly Forest Hall).

For information about the Aveda/Dosha/Hopkins fundraisers, checkout: avedapdx.com or dosha.org.



Latest Learning at Hopkins

By Pater Matzka, OSU Education Program Coordinator—Hopkins Demonstration Forest

With school groups now taking a break for the summer, and looking back, the education and outreach efforts in the first half of 2016 were successful and productive.

Most of the school groups that came to Hopkins were previous participants—so, there was at least one familiar face surrounded by a new group of students. Some of these groups returned multiple times during the year and it is very rewarding to watch students grow and develop skills that they can take with them for life.

While I usually report the total number of students to highlight the successes of the season, I will briefly focus on some of these repeat school groups that Hopkins has a greater impact on and highlight groups that really connected with Hopkins during the first half of this year.

First, the Sabin Schellenberg Center (an area vocational high school forestry program) has reconnected with Hopkins and become a regular and consistent presence. Over the last 6 months they brought students from their introductory and advanced natural resources courses a combined 40 times. Working on a variety of projects (i.e. tree planting, trail construction, erosion control, fuels reduction, and forest inventory) these students made a connection with Hopkins and learned to work as a team. Safety, accountability, and good work ethic were stressed throughout their time working on the various projects.

The Oregon City Service Learning Academy (an alternative high school) is another program that called Hopkins their home for 10 days during the first half of 2016. Bringing two groups on separate days these students gained an awareness of the outdoors, worked on several service projects, and learned a thing or two about forestry and outdoor survival skills.

Also, the Clackamas Community College forestry students continue to come out once a week and use Hopkins as an outdoor field laboratory allowing

them to learn and practice their skills in forest inventory, surveying, and forest management. Many students from each of these school groups have expressed an interest in pursuing a career or furthering their education in natural resources management. A big piece to this life decision is their experience at and connection with Hopkins and the willingness of their teachers to take the time and make the effort to get them outside the walls of a school—allowing them to get their hands dirty.

Many other groups came for just a single day of learning—and, to help these students make a connection in a single visit—we, once again, had the Portland State University, Senior Capstone Students assist with select groups. As part of their graduate requirements, the PSU students work as mentors and leaders for visiting school groups here at Hopkins. We trained 9



mentors that helped out with 14 different school groups. With this extra help, we were able to have a leader to student ratio less than 6 students to 1 mentor. With such small groups we can really get to know the students and by the end of the day lots of student-driven exploring and learning was accomplished, new friends were made, and hopefully, a memory or two.

Connecting people to the forest, allowing learners to see, first-hand, the diverse ways we can manage our natural resources, and then, doing some of the work themselves, makes the saying, “Where Learning and Growing Go Hand in Hand”, very real for thousands of youth and adults here at Hopkins.

New Bus for Hopkins



FFI Board members concluded one of their monthly Board meetings with a tour of the Hopkins Demonstration Forest in our new bus—a 2005 Ford E450 Super Duty Mini Bus. The 15-passenger diesel bus will be a big upgrade and provide transportation on and off the farm. Our old bus was pretty much worn out after more than 10 years of service at Hopkins.

Calendar

July 11-August 19: Teachers in the Woods;

10 teachers participating in field-based practical forest management education.

August 13: Community Forestry Day—all volunteers welcome! Project: cleaning/staining out-buildings; re-surfacing trails. Lunch provided. Please register for food, equipment and task planning. Call 503-655-8631.

September 9: OSU Extension Service: Citizens Fire Academy, opening session of program for training community leaders in wildfire preparedness. For details, call 503-655-8631.

September 10: Community Forestry Day—all volunteers welcome! Projects: cleaning/staining Everett Hall; foot bridge maintenance; preparation for re-dedication event. Lunch provided. Please register for food, equipment and task planning. Call 503-655-8631.

September 17: 25 Years Later—Re-dedication of Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Tours begin at 2:00pm; Ceremony at 4:00pm followed by reception. Everyone invited! For more information, call 503-655-8631.

October 1: OSU Extension Service: Native Seed Propagation Workshop, 9:00am-2:00pm; Learn to propagate native plants from seed. For details, call 503-655-8631.

October 8: Community Forestry Day—all volunteers welcome! Projects: fall brush control; road inspection and winterization needs; foot bridge maintenance. Lunch provided. Please register for food, equipment and task planning. Call 503-655-8631.

For more information, call: 503-632-2150 or visit: www.demonstrationforest.org

Summer Project Leader Starts Work at Hopkins

By Glenn Ahrens, OSU Clackamas County Extension Forester and FFI Board Member

Jackson Chandler was hired as the Hopkins Project Leader for the new effort called, “Sharing Hopkins Forest Results.” The project is supported by a grant from the Clackamas County Extension Innovative Fund. Jackson’s work will focus on two major Demonstration Areas: The Uneven Aged Management Area and the Riparian Forest Demonstration Area. The goal is to take stock of what we’ve learned over the years, gather all the data, and share our story more broadly for these two major Demonstration areas at Hopkins.


After completing his first year of college studying Environmental Science at Brigham Young University, Jackson said he was looking for more experience working with trees and forests. “I like working outdoors in a natural environment and I want to learn more about



forestry”. Jackson has several years of experience in arboriculture, with good technical skills in climbing, pruning, and tree removals. This includes quite a bit of time up high in some of the large Douglas-firs at Hopkins Forest pruning branches over the native plant garden. When asked about his interest in forestry, he observed that it might be good to be an urban forester combining the disciplines of forestry and arboriculture.

Extension Forester Glenn Ahrens said, “We were fortunate to find someone with Jackson’s abilities to work on our project. He already has experience working in our Uneven Aged Management Unit as a student volunteer a few years ago while in high school. He still had some of the data on his smart phone from trees that were marked in preparing for the last selective harvest!”

Jackson started June 6 and will be on the forest through August. After a few weeks of training, orientation, and research, his Project Leader duty started in earnest with the first of ten teachers coming out to Hopkins for the Teacher in the Woods experience working on Jackson’s “Crew” in July. In the process, lessons learned from more than 20 years of selective harvest management will be revealed. And perhaps Jackson will find his path to becoming an urban forester and arborist while “Learning by Doing” at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

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