

Grouse Hollow



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Hopkins Sports a New Name!

As spring approaches, changes in the weather are accompanied by changes coming out of our Board Room. In January, our Board of Directors held a retreat to take a big picture look at our organization's growth and development and also that of our mission and vision for the future. It was a good time of renewed dedication to our responsibility for the family forest land we have in our care and for some new goals and dreams to begin taking shape.

We began reviewing our mission statement and drafting a new strategic plan for the next five to ten years. In this process we kept finding reasons to reconsider the name given the place over 15 years ago, Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm. For many of our young people and adult visitors, the "tree farm" words led them to expect trees in tight rows like on a Christmas tree farm. Others misinterpreted the word "memorial" to mean a place where trees get planted in memory of a loved one. They were not understanding our intended honor to the Hopkins family who donated the property to be used for forestry education.

We want the name to clearly identify the nature and purpose of this property to which we invite visitors.

After much discussion, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to change the name to Hopkins Demonstration Forest. With the same careful consideration the board also slightly revised our mission statement to say:

"Our mission is to help youth, family forest owners and the community learn about sustainable forestry and why it's important to all Oregonians."

Throughout such changes, and those coming with future development and growth, the Hopkins Demonstration Forest will always remain forested and be a place where future generations can see the importance of managing our forest lands. ▲



*Ken Everett, President
Forests Forever, Inc.*

Alder Plantation Plans Underway

The newest part of our forest will be planted soon in the draw on the north edge of the former Post property. This is where a mixed-species stand existed when we took ownership of that 20 acres in 2004. The site is now prepared and a planting plan is ready. The Weyerhaeuser Forest Tree Nursery at Aurora is providing the alder seedlings.

Given the strong demand for red alder in the marketplace and much interest in growing that species on family forestlands, we have decided to put in a few acres ourselves. Planting experience is offered to those who come to Community Work Day on Saturday, April 8.

Alder is a fast-growing species. It will require somewhat different management than the usual conifer plantations. We'll be planting a denser stand, at an 8 foot average spacing. We expect it to be thinned at about age 10 and maybe a second time before it is ready for harvest around age 30. Plan to track progress with us as growth happens in this newest addition to our plan for managing a diversified forest. ▲

*Join us for this Community Work Day
on April 8—for more details, see
the calendar on the back page*



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& Hopkins
Demonstration
Forest



Volunteers are a Working Example

The turn of the New Year brought a new volunteer to Hopkins Demonstration Forest—Ardith “Ardy” Johnson. Ardy wanted to work with youth and work in the woods. “I like to cut and stack brush, and burn a little fire—and it’s more fun if someone is there to visit with.” Ardy juggled her personal schedule so she would be available to work with youth during weekdays, in addition to second Saturday Workdays.

The focus of Ardy’s work is cleaning up the forest around Hopkins Hall, the Cedar Grove Picnic Shelter, and along the entrance road to the property. Ardy and the young people she works with are completing the Fire-Safe Demonstration by removing dead wood and overgrown brush from around our facilities. Work along the entrance road is part of an “improving first impressions” effort that includes slash removal, weed control and tree planting. We appreciate Ardy’s hard work in the forest



with a few kids who need a caring adult—her efforts exemplify our motto, that learning and growing go hand in hand.

If you would like to help with any

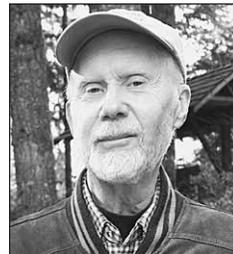
project or activity that you read about in this newsletter, please contact Tim at 503-632-2150. Many hands make light work. ▲

Kadera Joins Board

Jim Kadera, longtime reporter with *The Oregonian*, retired on December 31.

Jim’s career included more than 39 years with the newspaper mostly working on issues related to business and economy within the region. Since 1994 Jim was located at the paper’s South Metro desk in Oregon City. Jim is a resident of Oregon City, too.

“Jim has followed the development of Forests Forever and the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm since our very early days,” said Ken Everett, FFI President. “Jim has always had a strong interest in forestry and natural



resource issues, especially as it relates to the local economy.”

Following retirement, FFI approached Jim to join the Board of Directors and use his writing skills to help with communication and publicity. And, he accepted! Jim attended his first Board meeting in February and agreed to become editor of *Grouse Hollow News*.

“I’m pleased to join this board and will be learning the ropes while helping with the current issue. I look forward to getting further acquainted with the people and the place,” Jim said.

Grouse Hollow News is published three times per year and is the primary communication link between FFI and its members, supporters and friends. ▲

— Mission Statement —

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Education position
(open—could this be you?)

Youth Programs in Full Force

The trees are growing older while the average age of those using Hopkins Demonstration Forest is younger than it used to be. It is true that school groups have come to the Hopkins forest for years, but something happened since last fall: more young people are involved in more ways than ever before at Hopkins—a sampling of youth activity follows:

Two Student Interns from David Douglas High School worked 25 hours each, burning slash, maintaining ditches and planting trees. Neil Schlunegger and Brandon Foy helped pioneer an internship program that shows promise of growing—other DDHS students will visit Hopkins in mid-April.

Thanks to the Guy Miller Tree Plant Program and dozens of Boy and Girl Scouts over 500 conifer seedlings were planted and tubed at Hopkins this winter. We stretched the limits of our tools and logistics with as many as 40 Scouts and parents on-site at one time. Help with planting crews came from Abraham Kamerman, an Eagle Scout working to earn a Hornaday Award for leadership in a conservation project. Abraham supervised and trained planting crews as part of his service. Another prospective Eagle Scout, Peter Becker, installed new posts for plant identification signs along the East Loop of the Watershed Trail.

Our partnership with Clackamas County Juvenile Department continues to provide opportunities for community service, primarily on second Saturday Workdays, with some additional opportunities on weekdays as mentors are available (see end of Volunteers story p.2). These youth work on making a positive impression on their community and gain



valuable skills and self-confidence.

At the February FFI Board meeting, staff from DePaul Treatment Center presented a Community Partner Award for our work with their clients during 2005. DePaul youth have experiences at Hopkins Demonstration Forest that they get nowhere else—tours, ecologic studies, and service projects like pruning, planting trees and trail work. ▲



Electronic Color Newsletter Option

Just think what these photos would be like if you were seeing them in color. Better yet, sign up and find out! Get your copy of the next *Grouse Hollow News* on your computer where the woods' colors can be delivered in all their glory. Just email your request to info@forestsforever-or.org. ▲

WISH LIST

EQUIPMENT

We could use hand tools such as Pulaskis, fire shovels, hazel hoes, steel rakes, pruning saws and loppers.

HELP WANTED

We need a carpenter who can make a half-dozen sandwich board-easels, a welder to fabricate a sign-in station for our trailhead, and a mechanic to help maintain and sharpen our power tools.

It's time to rebuild/construct a new cook grill for the Cedar Grove Shelter. Summer season is approaching and we could host better with a better grill.

Saturday, May 13, 2006

Take
Mom
for a Walk
in the Woods



At the end of Brockway Road,
South of Beavercreek.



Join Us!

come anytime between
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call for more information
or to schedule your group of 10 or more.

(503)632-2150

COMING EVENTS...

Community Volunteer Work Day April 8 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) We are closing out Arbor Week with installation of our Red Alder Plantation—come to help us plant this new forestry demonstration. Also, we need to work on our trails in preparation for upcoming events. Lunch provided to those who call by April 6.

Sustainable Forestry Tour April 8 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Join staff for a closer look at the diversity of habitats and forest management at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, this month featuring the variety of tree species grown in our small woodland. Groups are encouraged to call in advance.

Take Mom for a Walk in the Woods May 13 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) Come anytime during the day to share the sensation of spring in honor of Mother's Day. Self-guided tours through the woodland allow guests to enjoy spring flowers and birds at their leisure. Light refreshments and skin care product sampling throughout the day; and the first 50 Moms get a flower to take home!

Sustainable Forestry Tour May 13 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Join staff for a closer look at the diversity of habitats and forest management at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, featuring our Riparian Demonstration. Groups are encouraged to call in advance.

Community Volunteer Work Day June 10 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) We begin to focus on our facilities and trails this time of year—come to help us clean and paint, or spread gravel and wood chips in preparation for the busy summer to come. Lunch provided to those who call by June 8.

Sustainable Forestry Tour June 10 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Join staff for a closer look at the diversity of habitats and forest management at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, featuring our Even-age and Uneven-age Demonstrations. Groups are encouraged to call in advance.

Community Forest Hike June 17 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) Another opportunity for seeing the forest while going for a hike. Two tracks (1.5 miles and 4 miles) will be available, with “learning stations” in the woods.

***For information about any of these events,
contact Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm at 503-632-2150***



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