

Grouse Hollow

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Memorials Help Hopkins Receive New Tractor

Lebert Lundmark was an active tree farmer managing over 100 acres in the foothills near Colton. He was often seen working in the woods, sitting on a D7 cat or pulling logs with his old Ford 8N tractor. Lebert could not have managed his tree farm without the help of his faithful old tractor. He once commented while sitting on his big old cat: "When I die, they are going to have to dig a hole deep enough for both of us." Lebert received the Clackamas County Woodland Farmer of the year award in 1980 and was awarded the Evergreen award in 1986 for continued excellence in forest management.

Because of her husband's deep love of his forest and the tractors he used to help care for them, in 2006 Lebert's widow, Elvera donated \$10,000 to Forests Forever, Inc to help purchase a new tractor for use at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Ken Everett, president of Forests Forever said, "Having a new tractor at the tree farm has exciting possibilities for what we are able to do, to manage and care for our property".

Forests Forever also received memorial donations in honor of Lynn Butts who passed away this last summer. Lynn was a well-known tree farmer who generously shared his knowledge and skills with the community at Hopkins and elsewhere in the county and state. Lynn and wife Linda were also a past Tree Farmer of the year for Linn County and were awarded the Western Regional Tree Farmer of the Year. Linda enthusiastically agreed that a new tractor for Hopkins would be an appropriate use of the memorial funds.

Ken Everett stated that, "We are very pleased and thankful that Elvera and Linda have so generously supported our activities at Hopkins. Their gifts



Elvera Lundmark and Linda Butts present a new Kubota tractor to Forests Forever, for use at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Their generosity honors their late husbands, Lebert Lundmark and Lynn Butts—and each time we use the tractor we are reminded of them.

provide a lasting memorial honoring their husbands that will also help manage resources at Hopkins Demonstration Forest."

Thank you so much Elvera and Linda! ▲



Dean Hardman puts our new Kubota to use moving slash onto a burning pile. Since receiving the tractor last fall, we've used it to move gravel, mulch and slash; yarded several small logs, and mowed some grass prior to the rainy season.



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Volunteerism Runs in the Family

On a recent Community Workday, an old friend showed up in the parking lot at Hopkins Demonstration Forest—Jack Thronson stepped out of his truck and asked: “What can I do for you today?” On that day, Jack felled some hazard trees in the forest. “Whenever we need help to accomplish a project at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Jack Thronson has always been available when asked,” says Ken Everett, president of Forests Forever, Inc.

Jack comes from a long line of volunteers and generous supporters of our mission at Hopkins Demonstration Forest: various members of Jack’s family have helped develop facilities at

Hopkins since Forests Forever took possession of the property in 1990. Roy Lay, Jack’s Uncle, ran the cat to originally clear and grade what is now our main parking lot. Roy also helped with grading the main haul road through the property. Jack’s mother, Ellen Thronson donated over \$7,000 to build the cedar grove shelter in memory of Jack’s father, Roger Thronson. Jack’s aunt and uncle, Chet and Hannah Schink, donated over \$8,000 worth of stock to help support educational programs at Hopkins.

Jack himself sawed the cedar siding used on the outside of Hopkins Hall and the shop building. He also cut the tongue and groove paneling used inside the classroom; and he cut and installed the cedar wainscoting inside the equipment storage and locker room of our shop. Jack and his son’s, Roger and Jonathan, were involved in the project to log the trees and widen the entrance road leading to the tree farm. In addition to donating materials, Jack has always provided a helping



FFI president Ken Everett (left) coaxed his old friend Jack Thronson to come dig a few post holes one day and help install new road gates at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Thronson’s the kind of friend every tree farmer needs!

hand to accomplish whatever projects we were working on each year, from falling hazard trees to installing a waterline. It seems to be in his blood. Thank you to Jack and his entire family for being such great volunteers and supporters! ▲



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Changes on the FFI Board

This winter we say goodbye to Mike Barsotti after four years of service to the Forests Forever board. Mike will retire from his position with Oregon Department of Forestry later this year to spend more time on his own family forest near Lyons, Oregon.

Mike brought different insights to our management team, even to his last day with us in February at our Board Retreat. Mike challenged us to maintain a focus on our mission. Like our conscience he reminded us to be



Mike Barsotti retired from his service on the Forests Forever Board in February, and will retire from Oregon Department of Forestry later this year—good luck, Mike! Thank you.

mindful that our programs, resource management, and future developments need to remain true to our mission: “To educate Oregonians about the value of small private forest land to our state’s economy and ecology.”

Thank you Mike for all you have done, and please bring your camera with you when you come visit us at Hopkins in the years to come.

Also on February 16 at our annual retreat, the FFI Board welcomed Keith Baldwin, Barsotti’s replacement as the representative from Oregon Department of Forestry; and Norie Dimeo-Ediger from Oregon Forest Resources Institute, one of our significant funding organizations. Readers will learn more about Keith and Norie in the next issue of *Grouse Hollow News*. ▲

Oregon City Service Learning Academy Pioneering a New Partnership at Hopkins

Four students from Oregon City Service Learning Academy (OCSLA) are learning and working at Hopkins Demonstration Forest each month through May. Since



It's a long way from Los Angeles to Hopkins Demonstration Forest, and Antonio Carney has made the transition, learning new skills along the way. Last fall OCSLA students practiced pruning young conifers, just one of the many activities these students try each month.

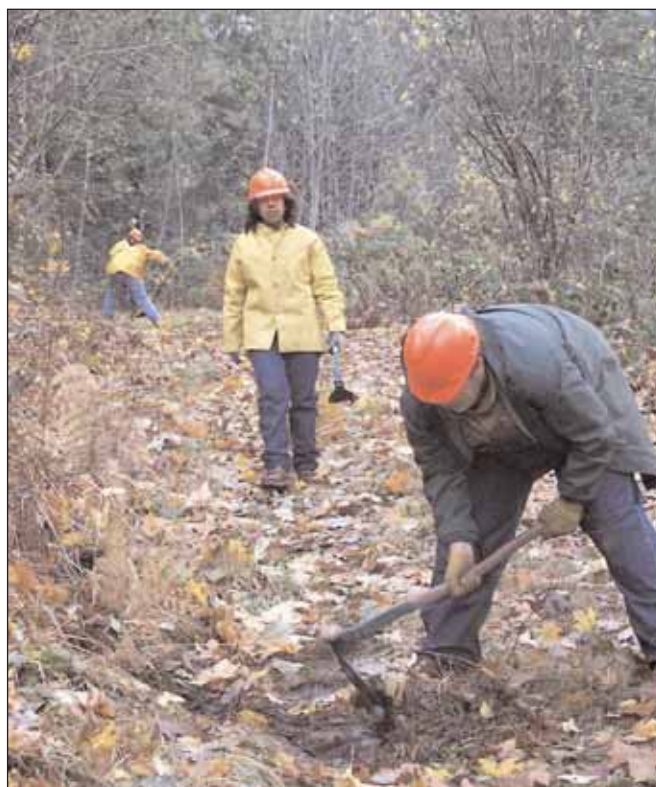


Tyler Schultz reaches in to light a slash pile during our December workday. OCSLA seniors get varied hands-on experience in the real world of forest management.

November, the seniors have come each Community Workday (2nd Saturdays) to learn by doing a variety of projects in the forest. The students have learned to measure and identify trees; they've built water bars; processed firewood, piled and burned slash; pruned young conifers, and planted seedlings.

Former FFI board member, Gilbert Shibley worked alongside the students in January, observing, "The students demonstrate a good work ethic and volunteer attitude while helping us get things done at Hopkins." Future projects will include trail maintenance and setting up trail markers and road signs in preparation for our Walk in the Woods event on May 12.

Each work project includes an element of learning so that students understand ecologic concepts and management techniques in context—their work makes sense, they know why they are doing it. Students are enjoying their time and the variety of tasks and responsibilities. "Our project with Hopkins epitomizes service-learning: team-building, leadership training, hands-on learning, and connecting young people with the broader community," says Sarah Ross, Program Assistant, with OCSLA.



Oregon City Service Learning Academy students began their work season with us helping protect the roads and water resources by installing water bars adjacent to a riparian restoration project along Little Buckner Creek.

Transportation funding provided by Oregon Forest Resources Institute is helping us explore the potential for this new school partnership. Ross finds it "amazing to see young people, outside of their comfort zone, trying new experiences and willing to make mistakes in a safe space." Come see what OCSLA students are doing at Hopkins in April or May, and look for OCSLA students to return in future years. This partnership is pioneering a new high school vocational program model for Hopkins. Ross concludes, "We hope this collaboration will continue in the coming year." ▲

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COMING EVENTS...

Community Volunteer Workday April 14 (8:30 am-4:30 pm) We are closing our tree planting season this year by completing installation of our Red Alder Plantation—come help us plant this demonstration project. We can also use help preparing our trails and facilities for upcoming events. Lunch provided to those who call by April 12.

Sustainable Forestry Tour April 14 (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 trees grown in our small woodland. Groups are encouraged to call ahead.

Take Mom for a Walk in the Woods May 12 (8:30 am-4:30 pm) Come anytime during the day to share the sensations of spring in honor of Mother's Day. Self-guided tours along one, two and three mile loops allow guests to enjoy flowers and bird songs at their leisure. Light refreshments provided throughout the day.

Community Volunteer Workday June 10 (8:30 am-4:30 pm) Join us in preparing our trails and facilities for the coming summer season. 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, this month featuring how we protect water and provide for wildlife in our small woodland. Groups are encouraged to call ahead.

For info about any of these events, contact Hopkins Demonstration Forest at 503-632-2150

Wish List

Sponsor a Field Vest—Vests include a clinometer, compass, diameter tape and hand lens. Sponsors name will be sewn onto the front of a 10-pocket cruiser vest. We can also use any of these component parts if not an entirely equipped vest.

Help Wanted—We need some help installing a retaining wall to stabilize the steep cut bank outside Hopkins Hall that is eroding. This job will likely require some engineering skills and equipment operation.

Cook Wanted—We can use some cooks to help feed our volunteers and guests on workdays and for a couple events this summer. If you have a knack for BBQ or a special recipe you want to share with the community, please call! ▲



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