



Grouse Hollow News

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Board Agrees to Provide Molalla Log House a New Home

Following several months of discussion and meetings, the Forests Forever, Inc. Board of Directors voted to take ownership of the Molalla Log House and re-locate it to the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. This rare log house, considered to be one of the oldest buildings in the Willamette Valley, has been without a home since 2007, when it was donated to the Molalla Area Historical Society by a private landowner. A group of local people, interested in the historic preservation of the Log House, dismantled and moved the building to rehabilitate the structure. The logs are currently in storage, awaiting a new home.

Pam Hayden, retired Clackamas County Historic Preservation Planner and project steward for the last 10 years, and Gregg Olson, a private contractor with Historic Building Repair, have been spearheading the effort to rehabilitate and re-locate the log house. Pam said, "We think Hopkins is a perfect site. Having the Molalla Log House back in a forest environment, much like where it was originally built, and at a place that is all about



Volunteers working on the dismantling of the Molalla Log House.

education, is just where we want to be."

The Molalla Log House is thought to be an artifact of the Canadian fur-trading era in the Willamette Valley. The house was built from native Douglas-fir using no nails. The origins of the log building are mysterious. The builders left no written documentation; their only clue is the highly crafted log house, found in the western foothills of the Cascade Mountains. It is possible that French Canadian, Iroquois and Metis hunters and trappers searching for new fur resource areas west of the Rocky Mountains, in the late 1790s, may have built it as a wintering house.

"We are excited to partner with the Molalla Area Historical Society to provide

a home for this important piece of the region's history," said Forests Forever, Inc.'s Executive Director, Ken Everett. "Our Board sees excellent possibilities for our forestry education programs at Hopkins and the Log House. Showcasing one of the oldest or original all-wood buildings in this part of the country will be a special connection when talking about how we manage our forests today and the history and importance of wood in our culture."

Be watching in the coming months as we begin developing a site location for the Molalla Log House at Hopkins and begin working with community volunteers who will be coordinating the relocation.

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Education at Hopkins Continues to Grow and Diversify

By Peter Matzka, OSU Forest Educator—
Hopkins Demonstration Forest

By the time you read this report, Hopkins' educational program will have provided over 200 field based K-12, college level, or adult field trip opportunities that will have reached over 4,000 students and 1,000 adults during 2017. This was a particularly good year, not



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Molalla students identify native plants.

because we reached so many youth and adults, but our program continues to become more diversified.

The end of 2017 marks my fourth year as the Hopkins Forest Educator and second year as an Oregon State University Extension Faculty. Over these years, our educational programming has grown year after year, but numbers aside, it has grown in diversity, too. During my early years at Hopkins, our program attracted mostly public middle school (grades 6-8) and those with a long-standing history of coming out to Hopkins. Also, we made an effort to reconnect with the North Clackamas School District's Sabin Schellenberg Center in Milwaukie—the region's largest career and technical high school program. The Center had been a partner in forestry education in years past—but, not recently. In addition to North Clackamas, other high school teachers and their classes started to become connected or engaged through our Teacher in the Woods, the new Future Natural Resource Leaders, my past connections, or looking for service learning opportunities. These school groups now fill up about 75% of the yearly schedule of our forestry and natural resource education programming at Hopkins.

More and more new schools are finding us. Starting in the fall of 2016, there has been a significant increase in primary (grades K-2) and elementary (grades 3-5) school groups coming to Hopkins from a range of areas. Some of these schools have been local—like Canby, Molalla, and



Students from Trost Elementary

Oregon City—while others have come from Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Salem. Still, others braved the traffic south on I-205 from David Douglas and Richmond. In fact, so many requests came in last spring, that we had to turn away more than 500 students and guide them to alternate programs in their area.

While having such a broad and diverse range of school groups can be problematic, the dynamics of our 140-acre working forest at Hopkins—and the learning opportunities we can offer—is attracting attention in the community and around the region. Also, having an adequately stocked supply room of field equipment for our students provides flexibility with our teaching and allows us to customize programming to the specific needs of each school or classroom.

Hopkins is excited to provide forestry learning experiences to so many. We hope we can continue to expand our programming and outreach to meet more needs in 2018 and in future years.

Dosha~Aveda Making 2018 Plans

What started as a chance connection in 2015 with local businesses, Dosha Salon Spa and Aveda Institute, has grown into an amazing relationship of learning together, fund raising, and leadership for Forests Forever, Inc. and the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. And, it was the forest that brought these organizations together!

Ray Motameni, Chief Executive Officer for Dosha and Aveda, believes Hopkins is unique. "What is happening at Hopkins is truly one of a kind. And, their education matches one of our company's core values about caring for the world we live in. This makes Hopkins Demonstration Forest the natural choice for us and what we want to support in the community."

For the past three years, now, the Hopkins Demonstration Forest has been

chosen to be the recipient for annual fundraising done by the staff and students at Dosha Salon Spa and Aveda institute Portland. During 2016 and 2017, this group has raised over \$52,000. Dosha-Aveda is already busy with fundraising plans for Hopkins in 2018—including adding a couple new twists.

Besides raising dollars for the coming year, Dosha and Aveda are also committed to raising awareness in the community about this effort on behalf of Hopkins. Be watching and listening for a major media campaign in the Portland area that will begin as early as February. April will be the month for the main fundraising activities—as in the past two years. Plan to come join all of the fun and excitement!

In addition, a new outreach for the coming fundraising effort will be introduc-

ing the Hopkins Demonstration Forest to Dosha Salon Spa guests in December. The hope is to reach over 4,000 guests in just 5 days at VIP Parties—see below. And, as a special feature at the VIP Parties will be a handmade wooden tree cookie ornament branded with the Dosha logo—a very special addition and another unique connection to the Hopkins.

What an incredible friend Forests Forever, Inc. and the Hopkins Demonstration Forest has with our partner Dosha Salon and Aveda Institute!

How You Can Get Involved?

- **Dosha VIP Parties** (see schedule www.dosha.org). Purchase a hand-made ornament for \$2 (proceeds from the ornaments go toward the 2018 fundraising goal).
- **Dosha Field day.** Join the team for an educational event at Hopkins Demonstration Forest on February 25. Dosha will MATCH dollar to dollar on donations received that day up to \$5,000!
- **Cut-a-thon.** On April 17th, all services completed at Aveda Institute Portland will go towards our fundraising goal!
- **Evening-4-Earth event.** On April 26, a fashion event you will not want to miss. Ticket sales go towards the fundraising goal!



Who is Dosha Salon Spa & Aveda Institute Portland?

- Dosha is a premiere salon & spa that is locally owned since 1991 and has 6 locations throughout Portland.
 - 6 locations to serve you at Hawthorne, 5th Ave., Bridgeport, Clackamas, Beaverton, & SE 8th.
 - Choose from hair, facials, waxing, massage services and more to suit your individual needs. The Dosha salon and spa team undergo continuous training & education to stay on top of the latest salon spa techniques and trends.
- Aveda Institute Portland is a beauty school with a location in downtown Portland & Vancouver, WA.
 - Portland (Pearl) and Vancouver (NE Fourth Plain) campuses
 - Both campuses put an emphasis on all technical practices found in Cosmetology with facilities and curriculum designed to develop a well-rounded cosmetologist in hair, esthetics, and nail technology.

Know Your Hopkins Plants—Smith's Fairybells

By Meredith Hildebrand, OSU Master Gardner—Clackamas County

If only more Northwest gardeners were aware of Smith's Fairybells, the lovely rhizomatous plant would be seen as often as imported shade garden favorites like hostas.

The delicate white, bell-shaped blossoms that give the plant its common name appear in spring and produce attention-getting bright orange or reddish oval pointed berries by late summer plus, the plant's horizontal branching habit, graceful shape and small size make it an excellent addition, even in confined urban gardens.

It's unusual for native plants not to have a presence in the medicinal or household lore of early populations, but the disporum varieties are not well represented. Northwest coastal peoples regarded the berries as poisonous and there are only limited mentions of the berries being considered edible by a few groups in the interior of British Columbia.

Apparently this plant is about beauty, not utility.



Disporum smithii also **Prosartes smithii**

Smith's Fairybells

CCFFA Helps Carry the Community Forestry Day

By Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension Forestry Agent—Clackamas, Marion and Hood River Counties

Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA) has a long tradition of teaming up with Forests Forever and OSU Extension at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. With support from the CCFFA Board of Directors, we made the pitch for CCFFA members to turn out for the Community Forestry Day (CFD) on October 14. We had several high-priority projects begging attention from experienced woodland owners and managers and it was good to see the folks who rose to the tasks.

After a cool and misty start, it turned into a beautiful sunny fall day for working outdoors. About 25 people divided up the tasks during the day. In addition to CCFFA, there were FFI Board members, community volunteers, and a Clackamas County Corrections crew.

Peter Matzka said “It was amazing to see so many people come together and work in teams to accomplish meaningful and long lasting projects.”

Repair and replacement of bridge deck—A crew of four took on the job of replacing the bridge deck on a stream crossing along the upper watershed trail. A large redcedar fell on the bridge last spring. The Sabin-Schellenberg forestry students removed the tree and yarded the logs up to the new sawmill. The crew on the bridge deck project used the wood that was milled from the same tree that fell on the bridge! Bob Becker and John Matzka took charge of the project, which involved a few trips to the sawmill for lumber. Bob’s experience with the many wooden bridges and walkways at Camp Adams came in handy.

Sawmilling—Peter Matzka and Mike Bondi made good use of the Wood-Mizer sawmill (donated by the Dilley Bros.) making lumber to supply the crew for the bridge and other projects. Over the last summer, the Dilley Bros. donation of the sawmill, wood chipper, and many other pieces of equipment spurred Forests Forever to put up a new building for the mill and equipment storage. The mill has been up and run-



ning since July, enabling timely conversion of logs from last year’s blowdown.

Young stand thinning in “Margaret’s Clearcut”—A 5-person crew took on the task of deciding how to thin and which trees to cut in the young plantation known as “Margaret’s Clearcut”. This is a 15-acre area logged in 1990 to facilitate Margaret Hopkins’ donation to create Forests Forever, Inc. and the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. The area was reforested with 5,000 trees planted by about 200 middle- and high school students in 1992-1993. For the work day, Glenn Ahrens summarized the data from 10 permanent plots re-measured by Jackson Chandler and Teachers in the Woods in 2016.

While some parts of the plantation looked too dense, the stand density overall was relatively low, averaging 270 trees per acre and 9 inches stem diameter (dbh), at the low end of the zone for optimal growth. About 70% of the area is relatively pure Douglas-fir, the rest more mixed with western redcedar, grand fir, alder, and maple. We decided that much of Margaret’s Clearcut can wait at least 5 years before thinning is needed. The crew marked the best 200 trees per acre to leave in one of the denser areas. CCFFA members Gary Bush and Tim Dahl expressed interest in coming back to mark trees that they would thin in a few other dense patches (mark to cut as if it were their own property—we will

ask them to do that soon). The high school forestry students will then be invited to thin out the areas that are marked for thinning.

Steps from Hopkins Hall to Hopkins Trail—Stair steps on the slope from Hopkins Hall to the Hopkins Trailhead have been on the list for years and now it’s done! The group on this detail did an excellent job installing 16 steps with railroad ties and a few scoops of rock, mostly done before lunch. A few pictures tell the story of the job well done. The next installment will be three more steps on the slippery pitch at the trailhead across Grouse Hollow Road. That will finish the new route for boisterous young participants from Hopkins hall gatherings to trekking down the trail of learning in Hopkins Forest.

Mike Bondi said “We have had a hard time getting a good turnout for some of the Work Days. This time we advertised a few good projects with clear goals and it really helped bring people out to Hopkins.”

Of course it also helped that we had an excellent hot lunch—a classic Oktoberfest with spaetzle, pork schnitzel, and sausage—prepared by Chef Peter Matzka. You know you can look forward to a good lunch and sense of accomplishment at all Hopkins Community Forestry Days!

November 20, 2017

Dear Friend:

We are happy to bring you this Fall issue of Grouse Hollow News to share the latest from the Hopkins Demonstration Forest and Forests Forever, Inc. As you will see, we have lots of news—our educational programs continue to grow and we are blessed with new community partners, volunteers, and supporters.

Those who have followed the growth and development of our programs over the years, know that our successes would not be possible without the incredible support of the entire community—from the generosity of the Hopkins family, to our Education Consortium partners who underwrite our full-time forestry educator and his teaching and outreach, and to our volunteers, in-kind contributors, and Friends of Hopkins who all help make the work we do possible. Without you, there would be no “us.”

It’s that time of year when we reach out to those who know us and the work we do and ask for your continued support. Our Friends of Hopkins campaign provides important revenue to help sustain our programs and is a key way that everyone can participate. All Friends receive our regular newsletters and invitations to special events—and a receipt acknowledging your donation. Our contribution form is below.

All funds contributed to our Friends of Hopkins campaign can be tax-deductible since Forests Forever is a federal 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization.

Thank you for your consideration and please share this information with anyone else you know who may be interested.

Michael C. Bondi, Board Member and Friends Campaign Chair



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Calendar

December 9: Community Forestry Day (8:30am-2:30pm). Complete bridge restoration—install last decking. Christmas holiday decorations—setting up and trimming the tree in Everett Hall plus swags and greenery. Lunch provided. Registration is requested. Contact jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu or 503-655-8631.

January 13: Community Forestry Day (8:30am-2:30pm). Variety of winter projects including permanent plot establishment, marking trees for thinning, leader pruning on reforestation area, and winterization projects on roads and buildings. Lunch provided. Registration is requested. Contact jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu or 503-655-8631.

Feb. 8, 15, 22 and Mar. 1, 3, 6: OSU Basic Woodland Management Shortcourse. Class times are 6:00-8:30pm each evening, except March 3 field session (9:00am-3:00pm). Introductory course about woodland management for private owners thinking about what to do with your property. Contact OSU Extension Forester, Glenn Ahrens, for more information at glenn.ahrens@oregonstate.edu. Course registration required.

February 8: Community Forestry Day (8:30am-2:30pm). Lunch provided. Registration is requested. Contact jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu or 503-655-8631.

**For more information, call:
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www.demonstrationforest.org**

Welcoming our New Board Member

Kimberly Johnson of Milwaukie is the newest member of the Board of Directors of Forests Forever Inc., owner and manager of Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

Johnson is Chief Operating Officer of Aveda Institute beauty schools and Dosha Salon Spa based in Portland. Aveda/Dosha has raised more than \$50,000 since 2016 for improvements and education at Hopkins as part of their commitment to environmental protection and enhancement.

“Our mission at Aveda/Dosha is to care for the world we live in. We strive to set an example of environmental leadership,” she said. Johnson fills a FFI board vacancy left by the resignation of Jessie Newton.

Johnson became familiar with Hopkins after she and husband Ray bought 70 forest acres adjacent to Hopkins in 2015. In spring 2016 they took a short course on woodland management led by Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension Forester for Clackamas County and a FFI board member.

“Kimberly and Ray were very engaged in the classes, and excited to be woodland owners,” Ahrens said. “They even hosted a field stop to share their experiences with our weed workshop group.”

The couple also attended Tree School last year. “As we became small woodland owners, we wanted to do things the right way. We’re learning to use our land to its fullest potential for our family,” she said.

The Johnsons learned that weed control was needed for their newly-planted seedlings to prosper. They also have been learning how to keep two streams and a pond on their land in good health. Plans for the future include building a house on their land and moving there.



Dosha-Aveda fundraising kickoff event at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.