

Grouse Hollow



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Board Retreats to Move Forward

The Forests Forever, Inc. Board of Directors met during December for a two-day planning retreat and focus on future plans. The event was held at the Alton Collins Conference Center in Eagle Creek.

"We really have a hard time looking at the big picture of who we are as an organization and where we want to go during our regular Board meetings. There's just so much other business and operational detail to deal with," said John Poppino, one of the organizers for the retreat. Poppino has been on the FFI Board since its inception in 1990. The recent retreat was only the second time the Board has gathered for such planning in its 14-year history.

The December retreat accomplished several objectives looking at the coming two to four years for the organization, including:

- Reviewed FFI mission, vision and goals;
- Developed educational mission and program focus;
- Clarified marketing philosophy for FFI;
- Identified needs for facility improvement and property management at the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm;



PHOTO: MIKE BONDI

Attendees at FFI Retreat included Mike Bondi, Tim Lichen (staff), Gilbert Shibley, Dave Jessup, Ken Everett (back row, left to right) and John Poppino and Merrily Enquist (front row). Not pictured, but also participating, were Mike Barsotti, Tom Ortman, Clem Hunter.

- Examined fund development opportunities.

More than 50 flip chart pages of notes were gathered during the retreat. Board member Merrily Enquist transcribed the group's thoughts and action items to be implemented in the coming months.

According to Poppino, "The retreat was a valuable time for all of us. We have several new Board members. I think we all have a clearer vision for growing our educational program at the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm. We are now better positioned to move forward in a big way!" ▲

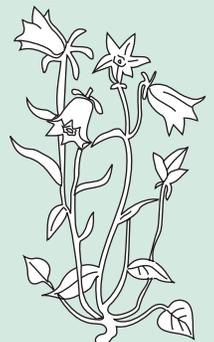


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Coming Event—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Plan to take mom for a Walk in the Woods this Mother's Day weekend on Saturday, May 8. The Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm will be open from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Enjoy the beautiful Spring wildflowers that should be in full bloom: bleeding heart, trillium, foam flower, and red currant, just to name a few. A trail guide and map will help guests navigate over three miles of walking routes that criss-cross the woodland. Large groups are encouraged to register in advance by calling 503-632-2150. ▲



Nita Post Passes Away

Everyone who has ever driven down the private driveway leading to the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm has driven through the Geren family property. Nita Post, daughter the Geren family, lived on their family's 20-acre farm in recent years, taking care of her aging parents prior to their deaths. Nita and her husband, Norm, were key figures during the early years of the development of the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm. Norm was our "resident gate-guardian" prior to his death in 1998.

Following Norm's death, Nita and her family sold their adjoining property to Forests Forever, Inc. in 1999. The sale provided Nita with an annual income flow through a life estate, allowing her to live in her house and on the property for the remainder of her life.

Nita passed away on December 19. She is survived by six children, 12 grandchildren, and 26 great grandchildren.

"We are pleased to have had the chance to provide an important income source to Nita in her remaining years," said Ken Everett, Forests Forever President. "All of us with Forests Forever realize that we have a big impact on whomever lives along the driveway with all of our activities. We're not a quiet dead-end road anymore. We believe that owning this adjoining parcel of land will allow us to more completely develop our educational programs and the property during the future years." FFI is now working with the family to facilitate our occupancy of the Post parcel during the coming weeks. ▲

Winter Beauty



PHOTO: TIM LICHEN

Winter came early to the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm. This November 19 snowfall mixed winter white with autumn color on the Hopkins Trail.

OSU President Visits Farm

Oregon State University's new president, Ed Ray, stopped by the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm on Friday, February 6 to learn about this unique forestry educational facility and review a variety of Extension Service natural resource programs being offered in the Portland Metro Area.

"This was a special opportunity for us," said Mike Bondi, OSU's Extension Forestry Agent and a co-founder of Forests Forever, Inc. "It's not every day the University President spends three hours—just talking about the importance of our forests and natural resources to the people of this state."

President Ray heard the story of FFI's creation, the development of its educational programs, and the community emphasis on learning. In addition, Ray reviewed other Extension programs in natural resource education and research that focus on youth and adult audiences. The President's visit concluded with a brief tour of the farm.

"President Ray made it clear that



PHOTO: MIKE BONDI

Forest Forever's staff, Tim Lichen, shares information about the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm with OSU president, Ed Ray.

one of the fundamental keys to Oregon's economic recovery will be an emphasis on the sustainable management of our natural resources. He sees the University's role as paramount in helping teach skills and lead needed research", Bondi said.

It's clear that FFI's Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm sits in the middle of a great opportunity to be a leader in forestry and natural resource education! ▲



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Join the Grouse Hollow Club!

Beginning this year, when you contribute \$100 or more to Forests Forever, Inc.



to support the excellent educational programs at the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm you will become a Charter Member of the new Grouse Hollow Club. The Forests Forever Board of Directors enthusiastically decided to create the Grouse Hollow Club as a new membership group. Club members will be given an attractive lapel pin in the shape of the ruffed grouse, as displayed above.

Club members who wear their attractive pin will certainly be asked by those they meet what the pin represents. That gives a club member the opportunity to explain the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm and Forests Forever's educational mission—and recruit friends and neighbors to become members. Club members will

be provided with a membership recruitment packet to use whenever the opportunity arises. Other club member activities and privileges will be developed as the membership unfolds this charter year. You can be a part of determining future club activities by joining NOW!

Of course we will always appreciate all \$25 member and \$50 supporter levels of contributions to Forests Forever, Inc. The bonus for those who do decide to give at the level of \$100 contributor, \$250 steward or \$1000 sponsor is the opportunity to become a Grouse Hollow Club member and wear the distinctive pin in recognition by showing your support so vital to the mission ahead.

Join today! Just mail your membership check to Forests Forever, Inc. at 19170 S. Molalla Avenue, Oregon City, OR 97045. ▲

—Dave Jessup, Membership Chair

FFI Does Have a Wish List

People have often asked, “How can I help?” And, we’ve tried to do a pretty good job of recruiting volunteers to support our many community forestry activities at the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm. Many have stepped forward over the years with special gifts of money, equipment, supplies and a variety of useful items.

We have identified several items for a “wish list” to help guide giving opportunities—just to seed future thinking. Here’s a few needs that would be nice to fill during the coming months.

We especially thank all of who have made contributions in the past. It’s your generosity that has provided a wide variety of special assets including our fire trailer, planting bags, generator, microwave oven all of the financial gifts and volunteer hours and energy. ▲

Wish List

- Can always use another good chainsaw or two for around the farm.**
- Galley kitchen redesign & building for Hopkins Hall.**
- An electrician—we have wiring to do in the remodel of the Shop and new lighting for the Cedar Grove Shelter.**
- Planting shovels (all kinds are useful and never have enough of for group activities).**
- Seedling protectors**
- Forestry hand tools like compasses, diameter tapes, increment borers, pruning equipment, etc.**



Thank You 2003 Volunteers

Forests Forever could not manage the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm without the help of many people who volunteer to work on the property. Roughly five dozen volunteers, many returning multiple times, worked over 500 total hours in 2003. Volunteers built exhibit kiosks, improved and maintained trails, cleaned and maintained buildings, planted trees, controlled brush & animal damage, maintained drainage structures, pruned young stands, and created defensible space around Hopkins Hall. Risking that someone might be left off this list, FFI Board and staff want to acknowledge the following individuals for their valuable assistance on the farm:

Joel Anderson, Glenn Bartlett, Paul Bishop, Mike Bondi, Ian Burns, Linda & Lynn Butts, Clackamas County Community Service Work Crew, Gary Clark, Merrily Enquist, Ken Everett, Walt Garvin, Dana Getz, Kathleen Goodfriend, David Greiner, David Grim, Noel Hamel, Scott Hanson, Dean & Mathew Hardman, Kris Hensel, Chiyoko Honma, TJ Hunt, Jeffery & Laurie Hunter, Bart Jones, Jeremiah Kastner, Lauren Kelly, Shaleen Kolmik, Ray Lennick, Riley & Julie Magers, Jean McCloskey, Randy Peterson, Gordon Price, Eric, Claire & Ann Recht, Gilbert Shibley, Erin Spens, Dick Stiles, Ruth & Jon Stokesbary, Anita Vissell & Clairmont Riders, Justin Walker, Phil & Jean Walter, Bob & Vera Watson, Bob Wenzel, Terry Wertz, David Yamda. ▲

COMING EVENTS...

Regular Open Hours Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm is open to the public for self-guided exploration and programs by arrangement. Hours and days vary seasonally—usually 8am to 4pm weekdays and most Saturdays throughout the year. Call in advance for hours and other information (503-632-2150).

Sabin-Schellenberg Skills Center High School Vocational Forestry Program Every other school day through May, 9:15am-12:30pm.

Community Volunteer Work Day (tree planting) March 13, 8:30am-3:30pm; lunch provided—call ahead for tool and project needs, plus other information (503-632-2150).

Resource Management Planning Shortcourse March 17 (7:00-9:15pm) & March 20 (8:30am-3:30pm).

Tree School 2004 Classes to be held at Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm March 27

Pruning Your Young Forest 8:15am-Noon.

GPS for Dummies—Not Really! 1:30-5:15pm.

Safe Chainsaw Felling & Bucking Clinic 1:30-5:15pm.

Arbor Week Program: for the Love of Trees! April 3-10; by appointment, call 503-632-2150.

Community Volunteer Work Day April 11, 8:30am-3:30pm; lunch provided—call ahead for tool and project needs, plus other information (503-632-2150).

Resource Management Planning Shortcourse April 14 (7:00-9:15pm) & April 17 (8:30am-3:30pm).

Forests Forever Board of Directors Meeting Hopkins Hall, April 22, 8:30am-Noon.

Ponds Workshop April 24; 9:00am-1:00pm. Contact Natural Resources Conservation Service for information and to register (503-656-3499).

Walk in the Woods May 8; 8:30am-4:30pm.

Community Volunteer Work Day May 8, 8:30am-3:30pm; lunch provided—call ahead for tool and project needs, plus other information (503-632-2150).

Resource Management Planning Shortcourse May 12 (7:00-9:15pm) & May 15 (8:30am-3:30pm).

** These events held in Hopkins Hall • For information about any of these events, contact FFI at 503-655-5524*



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