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Woodland Owner Generosity Keeps Hopkins' Dream Growing Strong

Woodland owners are stepping up to support construction of a forestry and natural resources classroom at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. The first and largest donation thus far is \$50,000 from the Ramsay and Waldorf families of Molalla. Also, Clem and Phyllis Hunter of Beaver Creek pledged \$10,000, and encourage other family forest owners to join the fund drive.



Forests Forever, Inc., the non-profit managing Hopkins Forest, began in late 2007 the campaign to raise at least \$150,000 toward construction of the proposed 2,400 square foot structure. Some of the estimated total cost for the new building—about \$300,000—is expected to be offset by donated labor and materials.

The Ramsay/Waldorf families gift honors the memory of the late Clyde Ramsay. He was the first Clackamas County Woodland Farmer of the Year in 1955, and was a pioneer and outspoken advocate for wise forest land manage-

ment. Ilene Waldorf, a daughter of Ramsay, said the idea for their gift was born when she talked in 2006 with Ken Everett, FFI president. "I have logging antiques that my dad collected, including the first chainsaw used in the county," Waldorf said. "I thought that a place at Hopkins Forest would be better to display them than at a museum."

The timing of this initial gift was good because Everett was looking for a way to provide adequate indoor space for visiting students and community groups at Hopkins. The only existing building, Hopkins Hall, is less than 600 square feet, and seats only about 15 people. "The two thoughts meshed nicely," Waldorf noted. "Our family decided that donating a major chunk of the money for the building would strengthen forestry education opportunities." Like her father, Waldorf has been an active booster of responsible forest management. She was the first woman president of Oregon Small Woodland Association.

"We need to show where we've been. That's

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part of educating people along with teaching them about what to do in the future," she said. "I challenge other prominent tree farm families to contribute. Even people without much money can help, too." Waldorf said her family's donation came from the sale of part of their farm.

Clem Hunter said he and his wife Phyllis cashed a bond to finance their donation. "We hope our gift will inspire others to donate and make the building a reality," Hunter said. "We believe in the mission of Hopkins Demonstration Forest. A new, larger education facility is important to that mission." Hunter is an FFI board member and past president of the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association.

An anonymous donation of \$5,000 followed, allowing FFI to hire local architect Mark Schmidt to begin designing the 40x60 wood frame structure, including plans to submit for county land use review and approval this year. However, construction will not begin until at least \$150,000 cash has been donated. Everett said the building can be "a special place for the woodland and forestry community" and "a tangible legacy to the business of growing and managing forests in the area. It will be a place where we can remember those who have helped shape our industry that is so important to the county's history and its future."

Hopkins visitations have increased considerably in the last few years. In 2007, more than 1,300 middle and high school students, scouts and other youth studied trees, wildlife, water quality and other natural resources or helped with tree planting and other activities at Hopkins. Several hundred adults were introduced to forestry via tours and community events. Almost 800 volunteers worked nearly 3,800 hours to help manage the forest and maintain facilities on the property.

In addition to forestry education, a new building will provide meeting space for the community, and be available to rent for such private events as wedding and family receptions. The structure will have a catering kitchen and restrooms. "I think we can raise the money for the building in about six months," Everett said. "I believe when other land owners see our plans, some of them will donate." He emphasized that it will be a green building, possibly using cedar siding milled from a Hopkins timber harvest. "We want it built mostly with local wood products grown from sustainably managed forests," Everett said.

Mike Bondi, FFI secretary, said if the fund-raising succeeds, construction could begin in spring 2008 and be completed several months later. "We'd like to create an environment showing the importance of family forestry in our resource dependent county," he said. "We're only 15 minutes from Oregon City and 45 minutes from downtown Portland. I don't know of another forest like Hopkins that relies on volunteers and youth from the community to accomplish most of the work." ▲



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Changes on Board of Directors

Please join the Forests Forever board of directors in welcoming Mary Castle to the board. Mary is an Oregon State University forest engineering graduate, now working for Weyerhaeuser Company on their Molalla Tree Farm. Welcome Mary.

Mary replaces Lance Christiansen, who left the board after his three-year term of service expired at the end of 2007. Lance is continuing his full time position as tree farm manager for the Molalla Unit of Port Blakely Tree Farms. Thank you, Lance.

Additionally, the FFI board recently voted to expand the board with two new positions. Forests Forever, Inc. wants passionate people with leadership skills during this time of exciting growth. We have an ambitious agen-



No time wasted for our newest board member, Mary Castle, as she shared her reforestation talents with Scouts during a Community Forestry Day.

da for the next couple years at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. If you are interested in helping direct the future of Hopkins, please contact Ken Everett, President of Forests Forever: 503-655-5524. ▲

Hopkins Demonstration Forest Goes Commercial

Thousands of Portland area television viewers will get their first glance at Hopkins Demonstration Forest this spring, but they may not realize it. Oregon Forest Resources Institute will run two 30-second educational advertisements on several major network and cable stations beginning in March. The commercials were produced for OFRI by @Large Productions of Portland.

Dave Kvamme, OFRI communications director, explained why Hopkins Forest was selected for the ads. "We partner with Hopkins on a number of educational activities and we're familiar with the forest. We scouted and found locations there to help tell our story."

OFRI wanted one of the ads to focus on the different generations of trees in a managed forest. To emphasize the assorted age classes, the



A young boy and his father plant trees to ensure a forest grows in future years.



Thirsty teen girls enjoy a drink of clean water, its quality protected by a well managed forest.

commercial shows generations of one family walking through Hopkins sites recently stocked with seedlings, and with trees up to 60 or 70 years old, Kvamme said.

The theme of the "generations" ad is to show how the 1971 Oregon Forest Practices Act requires Western Oregon land owners to replant within two years of logging and have the stands free to grow within five years, he said. "It's important to get out that information because 20 percent of Oregon residents didn't live here five years ago, and they are unaware of laws that protect the environment in harvest situations."

The other ad deals with public concern for safe drinking water. "The point we'll make is that the Forest Practices Act also protects water quality in managed forests," Kvamme continued. The film production crew came up with a clever idea to prove the point. One shot will show an urban drinking fountain operating in a well-treed Hopkins setting.

The Oregon Legislature created OFRI in 1991 to help people understand and encourage wise forest management. Funded by a timber harvest tax, OFRI carries out its mission through programs that include field trips and printed information for students, conferences for teachers and land owners, and media advertising.

But are the television and newspaper ads effective? Kvamme said last June OFRI paid for a telephone survey of 500 Portland area residents that found recent OFRI ads were effective in educating citizens about forestry in Oregon. ▲

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Field Vest Sponsors

Show your support of education programs at Hopkins by sponsoring a vest—your name will be sewn onto the front of a 10-pocket cruiser vest: "This vest sponsored by.... (your name here)." Our field vests include a clinometer, compass, diameter tape and hand lens. The durable vests will last years while they are regularly worn during school field trips, woodland owner workshops and community events. Sponsorships are \$250/vest.

Rain Gear and Boots

When you clean out your closets, garages, and attics and find you have some rain gear, or pair of leather or rubber boots with some life left in them, we sure could use these items to loan to volunteers and students who work with us.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Tim DeLano, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 503-632-2150.

Highlights of Our Success

Staff Notes

This issue of *Grouse Hollow News* coincides with my 5th anniversary working full time at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. When I began my service in March 2003, a locked gate greeted the brave few who ventured to the end of the 800 foot long, narrow, gravel driveway at the end of Brockway Road. The sign on the gate read "CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT". Hopkins Demonstration Forest is not the same tree farm it was that day in March 2003. I think it is important to review some key accomplishments to highlight our success and progress:

 Hopkins is now open daylight hours, 7 days per week. Hundreds of visitors help themselves to our trails annually.

 School field trips to Hopkins increased from few and infrequent prior to 2003, to now serving more than 1,000 students each school year.

 Volunteer Workdays held every-other-month, involved mostly woodland owners. Today, monthly Community Forestry Days bring together some of the same woodland owners as well as many citizens from around the county and beyond.

 Few local residents had heard of Hopkins prior to the extensive outreach efforts begun five years ago. Since then, print ads and news stories, participation with local chambers of commerce, and several community events have brought thousands to learn about and join us in fulfilling our mission.

 Forests Forever purchased an adjoining 20 acres in 1998, increasing the size of the forest to 140-acres; today we are raising funds for a new community forestry classroom.

All this growth and change is not without consequences, yet the val-

ues we provide to the community are worth the growing pains we experience. Any parent of teenagers understands what it means to raise the future. Forests Forever, Inc. turns eighteen years old this year and continues to mature. Though we have experienced incredible growth in forest use and outreach to the community, one important facet of Hopkins remains the same—we rely on volunteers to share their skills, tools and materials; and donors to provide financial support for our programs.

This issue of *Grouse Hollow News* features a few stories that demonstrate the value we provide to the larger community. I invite all of you, old-timers and new friends alike, to be engaged in your community forest as deeply, and as often as you are able. I look forward to offering quality programs, growing our base of support, and providing greater benefits to community. Please join us as we learn and grow together. Thank you.

Tim DeLano, Community Outreach Coordinator

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Three Generations of Trees and Volunteers

Community Forestry Days bring a mix of generations of woodland owners sharing their skills and knowledge with the larger community. February 9, Community Forestry Day was no exception. It was the first sunny weekend day in a long time, if folks weren't working on their own homes, yards or forests, they may have been skiing. But a few wound up at Hopkins Demonstration Forest to help plant trees. Frequent volunteers and woodland owners, Gilbert Shibley and Gordon Price, led a few Cub Scouts and their fathers lifting seedlings from our nursery to plant in the field.

The sunny day was calm and warm as the crew moved tools and seedlings to our planting ground. Three generations helped ensure there will be a forest at Hopkins when the youngest of



Gilbert Shibley shows Scouts the anatomy of a seedling.



Gordon Price demonstrates how to install protective tubing over a seedling.

them will be elders themselves. Standing on Post Road, just a couple hundred feet from Grouse Hollow Road, the Scouts were given the context for their work by Tim DeLano. “In this brushy field, bamboo sticks with plastic flagging mark the location you will plant seedlings today.”

The Scouts looked upon their planting ground and were reminded by DeLano, “Today you will plant two-year-old trees. Now, turn around. See the ten-year-old stand across the road. That is what the stand you plant today will look like when these seedlings are the same age as you are right now.” DeLano pointed to a group of trees 60-foot tall and 10 inches in diameter. “In 25 years, the little seedlings you plant today will finally look like something you might call a forest.”

It can be difficult to see beyond what a clearcut looks like today and

imagine how a forest develops through the years. The Scouts dug in, literally, to the heavy clay soil hidden beneath grass and weeds. By noon, they had several dozen seedlings cleared around each tree, and protective tubing staked in place to guard against deer browse and mountain beaver chewing. Walking back to the parking lot, the three generations of tree planters passed a stand of larger trees. DeLano explained, “These trees are about 60-years-old—about your grandparents’ age. That’s what I see in the future for that field you planted today. Thank you for helping ensure there will be trees growing at Hopkins for generations to come.” ▲

WISH LIST

Folding Tables

We set up and take down tables for many events and activities at Hopkins. Our old tables are wearing out and we need some new ones. The kind that work well for our needs are the plastic folding style, up to eight feet long when set up.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Tim DeLano, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 503-632-2150.

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Red Alder Plantation: Learning to Grow Valuable “Weeds” on Purpose

As readily as red alder invades open ground, we are challenged to grow them in a plantation. Beginning in 2006 we planted 1,700 red alder seedlings on 2.5 acres in a hollow adjacent to our entrance road. It seemed we could do this easily: lay out the plantation on eight-by-eight spacing, practice proper planting techniques and the “weedy” trees ought to take off, right?

This initial planting experienced 50% mortality, thought to be due to an extended hot, dry spell in mid summer. That’s the way it goes sometimes, and because volunteers and students plant most of the trees at Hopkins, we assume a high mortality rate. We replanted again in April 2007 with tighter controls on planting technique, and an application on half the seedlings to test a root-dip-polymer. With these measures, we thought the red alder seedlings could better tolerate drought conditions of late summer.

Managing competing vegetation became our next challenge. Special attention was given to guard the red alder from the herbicide application. The seedlings were shielded by a cardboard cover, while a mix of glyphosate and Garlon 4 was cautiously applied to the vegetation surrounding the desired weeds. The survival survey completed in August 2007 showed an 80% survival rate, with most mortality caused by chemical burn. Ouch! By late autumn, a new cause of mortality was observed, damage caused by deer rubbing their antlers on the tree trunks. Ouch again! So, growing red alder on purpose is not as easy as we first thought.

We made a new plan.

Students from Oregon City Service Learning Academy flagged every seedling, whether dead or alive.



With great care, high school students removed competing vegetation surrounding seedlings in our red alder plantation.

There are 2,000 seedlings throughout the entire unit. OCSLA students learned to prune the leaders out of taller survivors from 2006 (many over

6-feet tall) so they would not shade out adjacent seedlings. Competing vegetation for two-feet around all surviving trees was removed by hand in lieu of herbicides.

The buds are opening on the established red alder as this issue of *Grouse Hollow News* goes to print. The students have prepared and marked planting sites for new seedlings. Join us during Oregon’s Arbor Week, April 7-11, and for the Community Forestry Day on April 12, to complete the plantation. We need to plant about 500 red alder in well prepared sites.

Stay tuned for more developments. Wonder what we will learn this time? ▲

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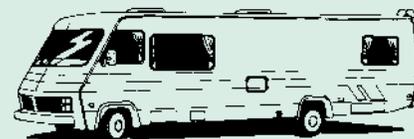
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Cooks Wanted

We need a team of cooks to prepare the spread for volunteers and guests who come to Community Forestry Day, on the 2nd Saturday each month. We’re looking for volunteers who might like to share a special family recipe, or who enjoy preparing a seasonal dish: consider volunteering for the lunch crew at Hopkins.

Forest Hosts

Live in your RV at Hopkins Demonstration Forest—our new RV pad has full hook-ups. As Host you will greet many people from the community who visit Hopkins. Hosts perform light duty maintenance and cleaning, and assisting guests with current information about the forest and facilities. Hosts are usually “on duty” 20-25 hours per week, for periods of 2 to 4 months at a time.



If you would like to help, please contact Tim DeLano, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 503-632-2150.

COMING EVENTS...

Arbor Week

April 7 – 11. Celebrate trees with a Ten Trees Tour. Learn the names and stories of at least ten native Oregon trees growing at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. These 90-minute walking tours follow a 1-1/2 mile route through the forest on roads and trails. Scheduled tours begin at 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon, other times by arrangement. Schedule a tour for your group or family. And you can always download the Hopkins Trees List from our website to guide your own tour, anytime.

Community Forestry Days

These family-friendly community events include volunteer projects that vary depending on the season, lunch provided for volunteers, a brief topical program, and a tour. Community Forestry Days begin at 9:00 am; lunch at noon; tour at 2:00 pm. RSVP by the Thursday prior to each CFD if you would like to join our community lunch.

Upcoming Community Forestry Day projects:

April 12—red alder planting, trail construction

May 10—trail construction

June 14—trail construction, facilities maintenance

July 12—facilities maintenance, trail construction

Neighbors Make a Difference

May 20 (10 am - 3:00 pm). Join employees of Key Bank to help construct and open new hiking trails at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Lunch provided for volunteers who call by May 15.

Business After Hours

July 17 (5:00 - 7:00 pm) Join civic and business leaders from Oregon City and North Clackamas County Chambers of Commerce for BBQ, beverages and camaraderie at our Cedar Grove Picnic Shelter. The FREE event is family friendly, please RSVP by July 15.

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

Our website is updated with images from 2007 activities and a fresh schedule of activities planned for 2008—see the CALENDAR page on our website for information:

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