

# Grouse Hollow



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## Greetings from the President

**A**s we approach the end of our fifteenth year, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and productive New Year! I would also like to thank all of you who have so generously donated your time as a volunteer and given money to help support the educational programs provided by Forests Forever at Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm.

The FFI Board is pleased with the response to our call for partners in our Education Consortium which was formed as a way to involve businesses, organizations and individuals in a very substantial way. Folks like this have been willing to donate each year to help provide a stable funding base for educational programs at Hopkins. This year, we received a Title III grant from the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners in the amount of \$35,000. We also received grants from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) for \$20,000 and Weyerhaeuser for \$10,000. The Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA) donated over \$2,400 this year to help support our programs. We also received donations in the \$1,000 to 5,000 range from smaller



**The Education Consortium provides stable funding for education programs at Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm. These ten guests were among nearly 700 youth who visited the tree farm in 2005.**

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companies and individuals that wanted to support our activities.

As we continue to develop the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm and provide new educational programs, our cost to run the organization continues to rise along with the value of our programs to the community. I hope you will continue to support our progress at the tree farm in 2006 with your time and donations, and do please take advantage of the many opportunities that we have for you at the tree farm. ▲

*Ken Everett, Forests Forever, Inc. President*

## 2006 Rich with Opportunities

**Y**our involvement in activities at Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm is essential to our continued success as a place where learning and growing go hand in hand. 2006 is a year of opportunities to be involved (stay/remain involved, get involved) in sustaining the forestry outreach mission of the tree farm. Our need is similar to the 'intergenera-

tional thing' I hear many of you talk about when planning to pass your forest on to the next generation.

In my role as the Outreach Coordinator with Forests Forever, Inc., I am searching for that 'next generation' who will have the interest, skills and knowledge to take on the leadership

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for friends of  
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Forever, Inc.  
& Hopkins  
Memorial  
Tree Farm



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of this family tree farm. In the past two years my annual contacts in the community grew from a little over 500 to well over 5,000! Now that I have an audience, I can really use your help: I need 'the elders' to share their stories and skills with the next generation. I need you.

I hope you can participate in some way in at least one of the following opportunities we are planning for 2006:

- Share your skills and knowledge during one of our monthly workdays.
- Arrange a tour for your social club, neighbors, or out-of-town guests.
- Learn something new at a workshop; or share your expertise as an instructor.
- Bring your family for a picnic; enjoy May flowers on a Walk in the Woods. ▲

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## Education Updates

Sabin-Schellenberg Center (SSC) Forestry students came to Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm on 16 mornings this past fall. Our curriculum for this vocational high school program is the seasonal-round of typical tree farm work: pruning, slash burning, herbicide spraying and trail maintenance.

In November, a dozen students from Chemeketa Community College joined our high school regulars to learn the ups and downs of pruning from Lynn Butts, and Jim and Loren from Fairweather Tree Service. A couple weeks later Mark Havel provided another pruning primer on the Ascender. Oregon Department of Forestry staff Jesse Batson helped the SSC students understand slash burning policy and practice. Thanks to these partners who helped provide invaluable mentoring for some aspiring young foresters! Consider joining us in the New Year when our hands-on curriculum includes tree planting, herbicide application, boomer control, and some facility and trail projects.

Meanwhile, students from Northwest School for Success—an alternative high school in Oregon City—are learning and working at Hopkins most Wednesdays this winter. Their project focus will include accessibility upgrades and touch-ups at our facilities and exhibit kiosks in the woods. We are testing a potential relationship with this school that may grow in the coming years. If you like to work with small groups of young adults doing some general construction tasks, please help support this new customer! ▲



## Kudos to Mike McCoy & Co.!

Our Board of Directors wants to make public its warm thanks to Mike McCoy and McCoy & Company, PC for the assistance they have provided in maintaining the financial records for Forests Forever, Inc. For the last ten years Mike McCoy and Nancy Walruff, one of that company's tax accountants, have donated their time and expertise to help us develop a sound record keeping system as well as prepare all of our financial statements and tax reports.



The system developed through the expertise of Mike and Nancy has

made it easy for us to track our income and expenses and allows us to develop a budget each year with a minimal amount of work. "I have appreciated Nancy taking time to attend some of the board meetings to help answer questions that our board members may have concerning the financial reports" says Ken Everett, president of Forests Forever, and he adds, "Their volunteering with paperwork helps tremendously, just like what others do with the trees."

Mike McCoy is a CPA with over 25 years of experience. His company has five CPAs, plus three tax consultants and three licensed tax preparers and specializes in serving small to mid-size businesses with accounting and tax preparation. McCoy & Co. is located on Blankenship Rd. in West Linn, Oregon. ▲

# Meet Our Newest Team Member



Getting to work or learn in all corners of the Tree Farm is easier these days thanks to help from our new utility vehicle. It is a Kubota RTV purchased this summer when our worn-out ATV quad was traded in due to age and various other inefficiencies.

This machine is proving a willing helper on all sorts of projects. It can carry two people seated comfortably plus haul and dump some cargo. In the photo (above) it helps President Ken Everett and volunteer Jack Thronson get some debris cleared away. It has carried staff and guests on some specialized tours on a tight schedule and in tight quarters.

Slash piles are off-road and the RTV gets hand tools and starter fuel there easily. It will do the same when seedlings and planting tools have to get where our volunteers will be needing them this winter.

The R in RTV seems to stand for Recreational, but the terrain this vehicle handles for us is more often a Resource for a work project. Plan on getting a friendly greeting from this new team member the next time you come out to Hopkins to help manage our forest resource. After you meet it perhaps you will suggest a good nickname for it. ▲

## Electronic Newsletter Option

Beginning with this issue, *Grouse Hollow News* is available to you online, as well. You can go to our website ([www.forestsforever-or.org](http://www.forestsforever-or.org)) and find it. It will look like this one, but we think some of you would prefer to get it that way next time.

We want to offer you the option of moving off the postal mailing list to an Email news alert list. Just send an Email to that effect ([info@forestsforever-or.org](mailto:info@forestsforever-or.org)) and we will save some printing and postage expenses next time.

We will still be glad to keep this paper version coming to those we do not hear from in this regard. ▲

## Changing Lives (Learning) and Rehabilitating a Landscape (Growing) go Hand in Hand

The reasons why some people come to workdays at Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm are not the same as they used to be. In recent months a significant percentage of the people who have come to workdays at the tree farm come by mistake—not that they did not intend to participate in workday, but their reason for participation was a result of a mistake elsewhere in their lives. I welcome all who come—it does not matter why they come to the woodland, just that they help us accomplish some important tasks, and for themselves some personal growth.

Also in the last couple years, I have met two men whose motivation to participate in workdays at Hopkins was rooted in their interest in youth development, not forestry. Managing the tree farm is a medium for developing confidence, self-worth, and reliability—a productive human being. Howard's vision and Margaret's gift are bearing a new kind of fruit. If you have it in your heart to help mentor these youth, please make the time in your busy schedule to nurture this other valuable crop. ▲

*Tim Lichen*



## COMING EVENTS...

**Volunteer Community Work Day—Dec. 10**, 8:30am-4:00pm; Join us for slash burning, herbicide application, marking plantable spots, pruning, and various indoor chores. Lunch provided—please call by Dec. 8; 503-632-2150.

**Woodland Tour—Dec. 10**, 1:30-3:00pm; Join a 90-minute 'roll and stroll' in our bus and on your feet to compare different management approaches and see how a forest develops over time.

**Volunteer Community Work Day—Jan. 14**, 8:30am-4:00pm; We need help training and overseeing small groups of Scouts and other youth groups planting trees (1/2 day assignments); also herbicide spraying and miscellaneous indoor chores.

**Woodland Tour—Jan. 14**, 1:30-3:00pm; Join a 90-minute 'roll and stroll' in our bus and on your feet to compare different management approaches and see how a forest develops over time.

**Volunteer Community Work Day—Feb. 11**, 8:30am-4:00pm; We need help training and overseeing small groups of Scouts and other youth groups planting trees (1/2 day assignments); also herbicide spraying and miscellaneous indoor chores.

**Woodland Tour—Feb. 11**, 1:30-3:00pm; Join a 90-minute 'roll and stroll' in our bus and on your feet to compare different management approaches and see how a forest develops over time.

**Volunteer Community Work Day—Feb. 18**, 8:30am-4:00pm; We need help training and overseeing small groups of Scouts and other youth groups planting trees.

**Volunteer Community Work Day—Mar. 11**, 8:30am-4:00pm; We need help training and overseeing small groups of Scouts and other youth groups planting trees (1/2 day assignments); also herbicide spraying, boomer trapping, and misc. chores.

**Woodland Tour—Mar. 11**, 1:30-3:00pm; Join a 90-minute 'roll and stroll' in our bus and on your feet to compare different management approaches and see how a forest develops over time.

**Tree School 2006—Mar. 25**, Clackamas Community College. See you there!

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



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