

FORESTS FOREVER, INC.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Executive Director Message

We are happy to bring you our 2022 Annual Report of Forests Forever, Inc.—another amazing year for our education programs, facility development, the people who make all of this possible.

After 2-1/2 years of the COVID pandemic, students were able once again to return to the Hopkins Demonstration Forest to learn about sustainable forestry, Oregon's forest practices, and our natural resource heritage. See the article written by OSU's Hopkins Forest Educator, Peter Matzka, on page 5.

The Forests Forever Board of Directors fast-tracked the construction of our new Outreach Center in 2022. The decision to move forward with this project was based on an extremely generous donation of \$200,000 from RSG Forest Products. In addition, RSG and Freres Lumber donated building materials for the Center. Pages 6 and 7 share the story of the Outreach Center project, show images of the progress, and recognize our contributors.

A huge part of this project has been the incredible work of many volunteers this past year—and led by Pete Wille. Check out the article sharing Pete's story (page 4) and his involvement at Hopkins over the past several years.

We are proud to share that the public's use of the Hopkins Demonstration Forest continues to grow. During this past year we have added more learning opportunities our visitors with the new interpretive panels developed and installed at the Molalla Log House and fire lookout tower (see page 9). The plan is to continue this project by developing more panels educating the public on forest management, reforestation, and the wildlife ponds.

The Forests Forever Board of Directors and I would like to thank all the volunteers and donors who have contributed so much time, their talents, and financial support to make Hopkins a unique place for learning. We are



looking forward to the opportunities that will come in 2023.

Ken Everett, Executive Director
Forests Forever, Inc.

Looking Ahead in 2023

Besides continuing to support our youth and adult education opportunities, nurturing our volunteer team, and providing monthly Community Forest Days, other projects this coming year will include:

- Outreach Center completion and dedication event
- Molalla Log House completion and dedication event
- Hiring a Caretaker for the new residence in the Outreach Center
- Establishing an internship program for future forest educators
- Developing a volunteer host program
- Conducting a thinning harvest at Pedee Woodlands; tentatively 40 acres
- Expanding education programming at the Shinck Demonstration Forest
- Charter a BSA Scouting Troop at Hopkins
- Expand our Education Consortium membership to provide greater support our Forest Educator position funded with the OSU Extension Service in Clackamas County



THE YEAR IN REVIEW...



VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS

New Board Members in 2022

Ben Smith came to Oregon fresh from University of Idaho in 2007 where he received his formal education in Forest Products/Business Management. He was raised in Montana where he gained a love



for the forest that ended up guiding his career choice within the forestry/forest products industry. He and his family put their roots down in Silverton Oregon where they continue to live today.

Ben's first introduction to Forests Forever was participating in our Community Forest Day in November 2021

when we began the removal of the mobile home to clear the site for the new Outreach Center. Ben brought his wife and three daughters to help out, too. Ben says he is "really excited to join the FFI Board to continue to assist in helping youth get excited about Natural Resources and particularly Forestry!"

Ben has been serving on the FFI board since February 2022, and is the Log Buyer for RSG Forest Products located in Molalla, Oregon.

Tyson Losli has worked in the forest industry for the past 30 years. He started his career after earning a B.S degree in Forest Management at Oregon State University and running the student logging crew at the OSU Research Forest in Corvallis. In 1995, Tyson began working in private industry managing some of Western Oregon's most productive forests. For 27 years he worked for Willamette Industries and Weyerhaeuser Company and for the past 6 years as their Forest Manager for the company's lands in Clackamas, Marion, and Hood River Counties. In 2022, Tyson left Weyerhaeuser to become the Forest Manager for Port Blakley's 30,000 acre tree farm in Clackamas County.



Tyson represents the forest industry on the FFI Board. According to Tyson, he's always been impressed by the work the non-profit has been doing over the years. He joined the FFI board because of his love of the industry and sees the need for forestry education. ▲

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

Our volunteer Board of Directors has the overall management responsibility of the Hopkins Demonstration Forest plus the legal and fiduciary oversight of Forests Forever, Inc. The Board meets monthly to conduct business.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Member, Board Since, Representing)

Ken Everett, 1991, Forest Consultant, Executive Director, Colton

Frank Wille, 2012, Woodland Owner, Board Chair, Oregon City

Mike Piazza, 2007, Business Community, Board Treasurer, West Linn

Maralyn Turner, 2019, Education, Board Secretary, Estacada

Glenn Ahrens, 2012, OSU Extension Service, Extension Forester, Oregon City

Mike Bondi, 1991, General Public, Lake Oswego

Michael Daly, 2010, General Public, Beaver Creek

Mike Haasken, 2013, Oregon Department of Forestry, Stewardship Forester, retired, Molalla

Pam Hayden, 2018, General Public, Lake Oswego

Bob Kahl, 2014, CCFPA Representative, Oregon City

Tyson Losli, 2022, Forest Products Industry, Molalla

Ben Smith, 2022, Forest Products Industry, Molalla

Vacant position—could this be you?

STAFF

Peter Matzka, OSU Extension Forestry Educator—Hopkins Demonstration Forest
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Have You Thought About Being a Board Member?

FFI currently has one board member vacancy. If you are interested, contact Ken Everett at ken@mapforesters.com.

Merrily Enquist Tribute

Former Forests Forever, Inc. Board member, Merrily Enquist, passed away in August, 2022. She was 87 years old. Many will remember Merrily's passionate interest in her woodlands, Heritage Tree Farm, south of Molalla, and where she was raised. Merrily was a wonderful partner to many of us and provided years of dedicated service to FFI, the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA), and the OSU Extension Service. Merrily worked for OSU as our Clackamas Tree School Coordinator for 12 years and played a key role to build that event into one of the largest annual woodland owner education programs in the nation.



Merrily was a fourth-generation descendent of an Oregon pioneer family who came to the Northwest to homestead in 1874. As a young girl she was involved with 4-H and later found employment with the Clackamas County Extension office following her graduation from high school. After one year in the workforce, she enrolled at Oregon State College, where she majored in Business Education and graduated with the class of 1959. From there, Merrily pursued a career as a teacher in high school and, later, at Portland Community College for more than a decade. She was an educator at heart.

Merrily became involved in managing her portion of the family property as her parents aged and passed on. She was a graduate of the OSU Extension Master Woodland Manager training program and oversaw the cultivation and harvest of Christmas tree crops as well as timber on her 300-acre estate.

Merrily was on our Board of Directors at FFI for six years from 2005 through 2010. She loved our education and outreach mission and the diversity of learning opportunities available

for youth and adults that the demonstration forest was set up to provide. Always thinking ahead, Merrily made one of the early capital gifts to Forests Forever when she provided funding for a memorial gift honoring her mom—a special custom-designed map display and storage unit (pictured above).

It is fitting that Merrily left a \$10,000

gift in her estate for Forests Forever to continue our mission of education into the future.

Rest in peace, Merrily, and thank you for your many contributions and the legacy you leave behind! ▲



Thank you, Maralyn!

Maralyn Turner stepped down from her Board of Directors position with Forests Forever, Inc. at the end of 2022. Maralyn served on the Board for 12 years over two six-year periods of time. "Being on the Board of this amazing non-profit has been a wonderful experience for me," Maralyn said. "I couldn't be more committed to our mission, the quality of education we provide to the community, and the wonderful story of the original Hopkins gift. I have learned so much about forestry and resource management by just attending our Board meetings. We've had a great mix of Board talents for many years. This is why FFI has been successful and continues to grow and sustain itself."



And, Maralyn should know. With a PhD in Education and Management, Masters degrees in Special Education and Organizational Development, Maralyn has a wealth of professional experience in nonprofits and the private sector. She was also involved in the development of Forest Forever's first formal education plan.

According to FFI's Executive Director, Ken Everett, Maralyn has contributed on the Board in many ways during her years. "Maralyn has wonderful skills in organizational management. She is a real organizer and provided her talents in helping us document our decision making and recordkeeping processes to better operate the non-profit. She saw a critical need to us, as a younger non-profit, to be better organized and to establish policies and protocols that have helped us grow over the years."

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VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS

Meet Super Volunteer Pete Wille

We have a lot of extraordinary volunteers at Forests Forever. But, one of our best is certainly Pete Wille.



If you have been following news at FFI over the past several years, you're probably familiar with Pete's name and the work he has been doing. This year's Annual Report highlights Pete's story and his contributions, and especially this past year, with all of the leadership and effort he has put into the construction of the new Outreach Center at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

Pete was born in 1949 and grew up on a 60-acre farm in Beaver Creek with a sister, five brothers, and assorted livestock. He attended Molalla High School. Active socially, he was named "Mr. 4-H" in 1968. After high school, Pete joined the Army where his leadership and practical abilities were recognized with rapid promotions. In Vietnam, Sgt. Wille led his men through fierce battles earning several medals—including a Silver Star—for bravery in combat.



Pete Wille—Mr. 4-H

According to FFI Board Chair, Frank Wille, brother "Pete has always had a knack for visualizing things in three-dimensions and for making all the pieces fit together just right. He constructed models for a ship building firm in New Orleans and built everything from

pole barns to apartments in Oregon during his work career." Pete retired from Quadris Construction where he remodeled banks and motels and built cabinets.

Pete's retirement party was held in Everett Hall at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest in 2016. He innocently asked, "Are there some things I could help with out here?" Frank knew someone with carpentry skills would be really useful. Soon Pete was on FFI's Facilities Committee and was a regular volunteer. Since then Pete has been in-



have done without Pete's skills, his efforts, and leadership on all of these projects over the past seven years. He has truly saved Forests Forever thousands and thousands of dollars in costs if we would have had to hire this work done." Just on the Outreach Center alone this past year, Pete has provided hundreds of hours working on the building as well as organizing the volunteers that have been helping. His work has included framing, installing windows, manufacturing the cedar siding and installing, and custom building



Pete directs stacking of cedar siding cut from Hopkins' logs, stained, and ready for installation.

involved in just about every major project at Hopkins. Pete's biggest contributions have included leading the construction of the restroom complex; installing the metal and cedar siding on the sawmill building; building the stairs, railings and cabin interior for the Lookout Tower; remodeling the host center; constructing the storage building next to the sawmill; assembling the yurt and building its deck—and in 2022, being the lead for our new Outreach Center.

"According to Executive Director Ken Everett, "I don't know what we would

all of the cabinets in the Center, as well as, all of the trim work!

And, while working on many of these projects, Pete has been joined by numerous Hopkins volunteers—as well as, his brothers (Frank, Chris, Mike and Kirk) plus long-time family friends who have been recruited to help. Pete shared, "I helped my best friend from high school, John Krieg, build his new house and his wood shop. John and I built all of the cabinets for the Center as the first big project in John's new shop." Pete always enjoys collaborating with

all of our volunteers and is quick to point out that every project, large and small, is a team effort.

“We really have a great group of guys to work with. It is just pretty incredible to see what has been accomplished and the great new facilities now available at Hopkins. It’s fun to be involved.”

All teams need a leader and an organizer—and **PETE IS ONE SUPER VOLUNTEER AND A TRUE LEADER** who really knows how to get things done. Thank you, Pete! ▲

Thank you, Maralyn! continued from page 3...

Most recently, Maralyn took the lead in upgrading Everett Hall with an Acoustical Panel System on the ceiling of the meeting area. “All that beautiful wood, along with the glass and stone, didn’t always make it easy to hear—especially for those of us with poor hearing.” Maralyn worked with acoustic specialists to explore solutions. She made a personal gift of \$13,000 in 2021 to FFI for the building and installation of the custom-designed acoustical ceiling panels. They look just like the natural wood ceiling—but are covered with fabric (pictured below).

Ken Everett stated that the panels have made a huge improvement, especially for smaller groups and business meetings. “Difficulty hearing was the biggest complaint we’ve had from users of the space. We appreciate of Maralyn’s many contributions to Forests Forever over the years.” ▲



Education Back to Normal with New Opportunities

Peter Matzka, OSU Extension Forest Outreach Program Coordinator and FFI Forest Educator

The Forests Forever family of woodland properties—the Hopkins and Schink Demonstration Forests and Peede Woodlands—were host to over 150 forestry and natural resource-based educational programs plus four college level courses in 2022. In total, OSU Extension’s Forestry Education Programing, in collaboration with FFI, served over 5,000 youth plus adults. While these programs ranged from elementary to college grade levels, the largest number of programs were delivered to middle school youth in this past year.

As the state began to relax COVID-19 restrictions, many local districts took

the opportunity to get their middle school students some outdoor ‘school’ education experience since most of the current 7th and 8th graders missed their opportunity during the pandemic. Entire middle school grade levels from west Clackamas County and North Marion came to Hopkins for an Outdoor School-styled experience, with programing developed and delivered by OSU’s Forest Educator and the Program Coordinator at Hopkins.

Youth explored the forest and learned several topics including wildlife and aquatic habitats, the food chain, plant and animal identification, wild-fire risk/safety, forest management, forest soils, and map reading skills. While the days focused on natural resources education, they also provided some missed social time in the outdoors for the youth. ▲



—NEW—

FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES OUTREACH CENTER

Outreach Center Opening Soon!

The new Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest will be opening its doors in the first part of 2023. Ground broke for the Center in January of 2022 and was 90% complete by the end of the year—thanks to having great contractors, a dedicated group of volunteers, and the generosity of the many donors whose gifts allowed us to move this project quickly. To all of you, a sincere thank you and congratulations on a job well done—we are almost there!

Here is a collection of photos showing some of the stages of construction for the building during the past year. Check out the Outreach Center tab on the Forests Forever, Inc. website's homepage, for a closer look.



Fundraising Key to Center Coming Together So Quickly

More than \$342,000 in cash donations and building materials have been raised thus far to support the Outreach Center project. Early donations from RSG Forest Products (\$200,000 cash plus framing wood) and Freres Lumber (all plywood products) really helped jump start the project and led the FFI Board to believe they could raise the \$500,000 estimated cost for the building. In April, 2022, the public fundraising campaign began. Thus far, there have been more than 40 donors including private individuals, companies, and organizations.

With the project now at 2/3s of its fundraising goal, a final push to fully-fund the Center is underway and will extend up to the Dedication and Open House later this spring. Currently, FFI has a \$120,000 bank line-of-credit to complete all work in a timely manner. The Board would like to retire this debt as soon as possible.

Anyone interested in donating to this project should contact Mike Bondi, Fundraising Co-Chair, for more information about how you can be involved. Of course, all gifts are welcome!



Forestry and Natural Resource Outreach Center Donors

The following businesses, organizations and individuals have made contributions and pledges to the new Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center now in the final stages of construction at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest (last updated January 31, 2023).

We truly appreciate this outpouring of support!

RSG Forest Products	\$200,000	Tom and Julie Handy	\$150
The Garvin Family	\$25,000	Elaine Wilcox	\$100
Hampton Lumber Company	\$25,000	Gary Bush	\$100
Monte and Ilene Waldorf	\$10,000	Tom and June Lenihan	\$100
Ken and Glenda Everett	\$10,000	Gregory Kline	\$100
Port Blakely	\$5,000	Bryan O'Byrne	\$50
Integrity Medical Evaluations	\$5,000	Russ and Kim Minten	\$50
Pacific Fibre Products	\$5,000	Kent and Melanie Hempel	\$50
Starker Forests	\$5,000	Mike Haasken	\$50
Mike and Connie Bondi	\$4,050	Robin Poppino-Kuntz	\$50
Mike and Cindy Piazza	\$2,500	Beverly Koch	\$25
Mike and Jan Daly	\$2,500		
Pam and Greg Hayden	\$1,000		
John Martinson, Jr.	\$1,000		
Lyna Low and Frank Wille	\$1,000		
Dan Green	\$1,000		
Scott Hanson	\$1,000		
Greg Cline	\$1,000		
The Zenn Family	\$500		
Linda Butts	\$500		
The Baker Homestead	\$500		
Peter and Jennifer Matzka	\$500		
Bob and Marianne Kahl	\$500		
Diane Kelso and Peter Hoffman	\$250		
Jeremy and Romalia Shibley	\$250		
Native Fish Society	\$250		
Jeanne and Jeff Becker	\$250		
Loren and Sylvia Bowman	\$200		
John and Kathy Matzka	\$150		
		SUBTOTAL for all cash donations and pledges:	\$309,725
		Donated Materials and Supplies	
		RSG Forest Products	\$12,929
		<i>Framing lumber</i>	
		Freres Lumber	\$7,869
		<i>Plywood</i>	
		Forests Forever, Inc.	\$12,448
		<i>Western Redcedar siding</i>	
		SUBTOTAL for all donated materials and supplies (wholesale value):	\$33,246
		GRAND TOTAL for all donations:	\$342,971

Garvin Family Names in Honor of Walt

The Garvin family has placed their name on the Outreach Center's Back Patio—a peaceful location to be enjoyed by our overnight guests at the Center and our resident Caretakers. The family's gift of \$25,000 honors Walt on his 90th birthday. Walt and his wife, Pat, have been long-time residents of Milwaukie. They have family woodlands along the southern Oregon coast. Walt was an OSU Master Woodland Manager who enjoyed working with school children sharing early pioneer history and woods crafting with youth. Walt was involved as a volunteer at Hopkins over the years at work days plus supporting education activities for landowners and youth. A recognition story board for Walt and his family will be permanently displayed in the Conference Room.



The finishing touches are being completed on the Hopkins Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center. The last weekend of January saw project leader, Pete Wille, pulling his equipment from the building. Pete said the next step is getting an occupancy permit from the county and bringing in furnishings for the guest rooms, office, and conference room. Our goal is to be ready to "move-in" in March or April.

Forests Forever, Inc. is currently searching for a Caretaker who will live in the residential portion of the Center and, as compensation for their work at Hopkins, receive a rent adjustment. FFI will begin recruiting summer interns, teachers and other overnight room guests for activities beginning in the spring and summer. The Conference Room will be available when the Center is ready for "move-in," but the final item for installation, will be a custom-built conference table made from an historic elm tree planted by an earlier pioneer in the Oregon City area—150 years ago. The table is expected to be ready later in the year.

Be watching for an announcement about the Dedication and Open House later this spring!

Forest Industry Showcased

Several local forest industry partners are coming together to provide donations to name the Center's Conference Room. The 15-seat room will be a perfect space for small business meetings and work projects. The wall space in the Conference Room will have story boards recognizing each of our industry partners, sharing their company's information, as well as, their commitment to sustainable forestry. To be recognized, thus far, include: RSG Forest Products, Freres Lumber, Port Blakely, Pacific Fibre Products, Hampton Lumber Company, and Starker Forests. And, our list is still growing!



GROUNDS & FACILITIES

Hopkins Facilities Used by Community, too

Over the past 30 years we have developed excellent facilities to support our education programs at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. These include Everett Hall, Hopkins Hall, Cedar Grove Shelter, Poppino Pavilion, the Forest Yurt—and, soon to be added, the Outreach Center. These facilities are also available for community use.

For the past ten years, FFI Board Member Mike Daly—a retired Nuclear Medicine physician and nearby neighbor in Beaver Creek—has served as our Building Manager at Hopkins. Mike has created our rental and facility use policies, manages marketing and advertising, graciously shows facilities to prospective users, opens and closes for events, handles repairs and maintenance, and follows up with users, as needed. This is a huge job and volunteer commitment from Mike.

“This all started for us in 2012 when we opened Everett Hall,” shared Mike. “We had developed a business model for this new meeting space and classroom with a goal to generate enough rental income each year to, at least, cover our operating costs for the building—heating, cooling, cleaning, internet and technologies, and repairs.”

With Mike’s organization, dedication, and hard work, the community rental program at FFI has grown steadily over the years to include more and more users and several more rented facilities at Hopkins than just Everett Hall. During 2022, Hopkins hosted 70 private, commercial and business rentals, 9 weddings, and 23 partner organization meetings and events. Our

most common renters include business meetings, conferences, retreats, receptions, weddings, celebrations of life, baby showers, graduation parties and family holiday gatherings.

“It has really been fun for me to be a part of this project. I’ve met many wonderful people who love our setting in the forest and the quality of our facilities. I enjoy getting the users settled in for their needs so they can have a good experience.”

And through Mike’s efforts, Forests Forever generated nearly \$60,000 of income for the non-profit during 2022—and, almost back to pre-pandemic levels. “Our rental income has become

The historic Clatskanie Mountain Fire Lookout Tower has been open since July 2021 at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. We have been able to maintain weekly Saturday hours for the public to climb the tower from 9:00am until 1:00pm during the summer months of May through September. Volunteers staff the tower, share its history and important role in fire detection, prevention, and suppression plus modern-day fire detection methods. And, this past year we have been able to add two new interpretive display panels—one at the base of the tower with the history and the other in front of Everett Hall sharing fire safety and defensible space information for homeowners and landowners.

We have winter hours (October



Mike Daly in action explaining the amenities at Everett Hall.

a very important Forests Forever’s budget. This past year we brought in at about 30% of FFI’s total income for the organization. We were really hit hard during the pandemic years. But, I am happy to report that we survived and are open for business.”

As the new year began, Mike announced his “semi-retirement” from his role as our Building Manager. Mike steps down as he and wife, Jan, will be relocating to a senior community. Mike does plan to stay on the FFI Board and still involved in helping with facility rentals—just not the lead day-to-day.

Thank you, Mike, for your AMAZING contributions and the incredible program you have created! For more information about rentals at Hopkins, check out the FFI website at www.demonstrationforest.org. ▲

Lookout Tower Open to Public



through April) for the public at the tower, too. Hours are the first Saturday of each month from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy the living history of this unique attraction. ▲

Facilities Report

Bob Kahl, Facilities Committee Chair

2022 was a busy and productive year for facility development and maintenance at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

At the head of the list was the removal of the old mobile home and construction of the new Outreach Center in its place. This new facility will provide a residence for an on-site caretaker for the property, as well as, a small meeting space and overnight accommodations be appropriate for visiting educators, researchers, and collaborators.

But, the Outreach Center wasn't the only project for Forests Forever in 2022. A new storage building was completed, next to our Sawmill and Wood Shop,

to provide protected storage for our expanding supply of equipment used at Hopkins. Improvements were added to the Sawmill Building, Hopkins Hall, and the new Poppino Pavilion. Not to be overlooked is the new informational signage at various key locations such as Everett Hall and the Fire Lookout Tower.

As Forest Forever's investment in the facilities grows there is, of course, increasing demands for upkeep and maintenance. Under that heading we include the usual equipment servicing requirements, water system maintenance, dealing with carpenter ants, and upgrading lighting inside and outside.

Key to all of this activity is the great support Forest Forever received, again,

from generous donors and the outstanding volunteers who give their time. Truly, it is the volunteers and donors that make Forest Forever and Hopkins such a special place. If you would like to join the Facilities Team, we can always use more help. Just let us know. ▲

Facilities Committee

- Bob Kahl, Chair
- Mike Daly
- Mike Haasken
- Peter Matzka
- Pete Wille
- Don Chase
- Ken Everett
- Frank Wille

Facilities Volunteers

- Mark Triebwasser
- Phil Smith
- Mike Bondi
- Noel Klein
- Tyson Losli
- Mike Piazza
- Aria Matzka
- Ben Smith
- Chris Wille
- Joe Wheeler

Collaborative Effort Brings Interpretive Panels to Forest

Peter Matzka, OSU Extension Forest Outreach Program Coordinator and FFI Forest Educator

Over the summer of 2022 and into this fall, six new interpretive panels were installed at four new locations around the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. These panels complement the existing woodland management-themed kiosks and the uneven-age management forestry stations developed and installed in a collaborative effort between FFI and OSU Extension Service in Clackamas County.

The first location to receive interpretive panels was the Molalla Log House whose four panels present the background and restoration process of this unique and historic structure and its links to the local forest. Next, the Clatskanie Mountain Lookout Tower received one panel that discusses its history and early wildfire detection efforts in Oregon. Another panel located in front of Everett Hall illustrates defensible space and ways to reduce a home's risk to wildfire. Two more panels are planned next to the recent, 7-acre clear-cut (2020) to educate read-

ers about reforestation and young stand management.

Project oversight (as well as grant acquisition) was provided by FFI Board Members, with expertise in each topic, along with the OSU's Forest Educator at Hopkins. These new interpretive panels, plus others throughout the forest, are viewed by the many of the school groups and our 15,000+ public visitors who come out to Hopkins every year. The professionally designed panels were made possible with more than \$25,000 of funding in 2023 and provided by the following organizations:

Lookout Tower and Defensible Space interpretive panels:

- Oregon Forest Resources Institute \$5,000
- Friends of Paul Bunyan \$3,130
- Clackamas Co. Cultural Coalition \$2,500
- Society of American Foresters \$2,000
- TOTAL \$12,630

Donors for MLH interpretive panels:

- Kinsman Foundation \$10,850
- Clackamas Co. Cultural Coalition \$2,500
- TOTAL \$13,350



A special thank you to our funders for these great additions to outreach education opportunities at Hopkins. ▲



Tree School Field Day

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

After 2 years without an in-person Tree School, the OSU, FFI, CCFFA partnership put on a Tree School Field Day. About 120 registered participants plus 14 instructors, and 18 volunteers were involved. It was a great day of outdoor education in the forest, starting out a bit cool in the morning and ending as one of the last 80-degree days of the year. There were eleven different learning stations with repeated sessions, offering free-choice learning so that participants did not have to sign up for individual sessions. The learning sessions were:

- **Fire Preparedness & Defensible Space**—Daniel Leavell, OSU Extension Fire Program
- **Masticator & Fuels Reduction**—Chris Lindsay, American Onsite
- **Sawmill Demonstration**—Peter Matzka, OSU Extension
- **Bigleaf Maple Tapping**—Eric T. Jones, OSU College of Forestry
- **Reforestation**—Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension
- **Uneven-aged Management**—Mike Bondi, OSU Extension (retired), Forests Forever, Inc.
- **Ponds for Wildlife Habitat**—Lauren Grand, OSU Extension
- **Secret Life of Birds**—Marilyn Ellis and Cat Newsheller, Oregon Master Naturalists
- **Chainsaw Use and Maintenance**—Mark Havel, Havel Designs, Woodland Owner
- **Tree Thinning and Pruning**—Mark Havel, Havel Designs, Woodland Owner

• **Logging with Winch and Tractor**—David Hibbs and Ryan Poteet, Woodland Owners

Based on the reviews by participants and organizers, this pilot Tree School Field Day was very successful. It was a great opportunity for utilizing the growing infrastructure for forestry education at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Using what was learned in the process this



About one acre of ice damaged alder was masticated by American Onsite in preparation for replanting. PHOTO BY GLENN AHRENS

year, the plan is to try it again in fall of 2023. Watch for announcements later in the year. ▲



Mike Bondi teaching about selective management of mature timber at Tree School Field Day.

PHOTO BY JEN GORSKI



Mark Havel taught classes about chainsaws and thinning at the Tree School Field Day.

PHOTO BY JEN GORSKI

Forest Management, Demonstration and Education for Woodland Owners

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

In keeping with the learning while doing philosophy at Hopkins, a variety of forest management activities and demonstrations provided opportunities for group learning throughout the year. With lingering COVID precautions, outdoor

(August-September). With help from American Onsite contractors, a mastication demonstration was done as the first step in rehabilitating the 15-year old alder patch damaged by ice. (October)

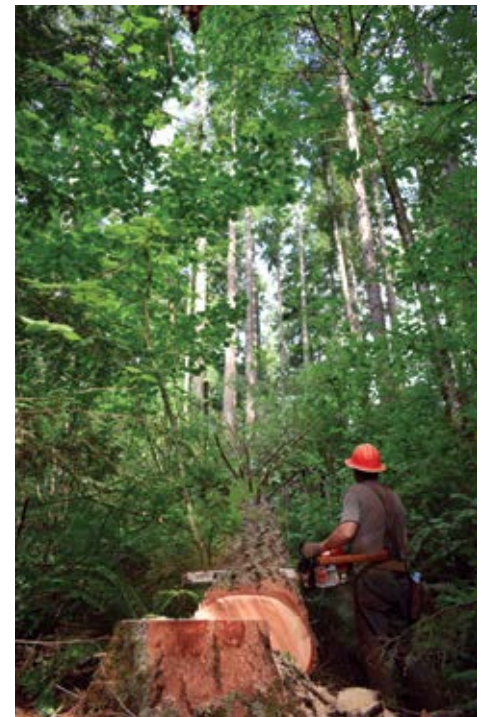
A Master Woodland Manager (MWM) training in 2022 utilized the wide variety of forest conditions and demonstration areas at Hopkins for



Air curtain burner demonstration at Hopkins, showing a method of debris burning with reduced smoke emissions (March 2022).

PHOTO BY GLENN AHRENS

education events for woodland owners at Hopkins were a good alternative to indoor classes. Community Forestry Days (every second Saturday 8:30am-2:30pm), provided monthly learning opportunities on seasonal topics. Multiple events featured reforestation in the recent Hillside harvest unit and in ice-damage areas (February, March, October). With increasing challenges for pile-burning due to smoke management concerns, Hopkins hosted a demonstration of an air-curtain burner for disposing of woody debris (March). A selective harvest of utility poles in the Pole Management unit at Hopkins culminated a year of planning, preparation, and operations



Logger Randy Stone skillfully negotiated felling and yarding 20-30 inch timber, cut to 55-95 lengths in the Pole Management Unit at Hopkins (August 2022).

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field training days (April-May). The twenty seven MWM trainees took online learning modules for the indoor sessions so that in-person time with instructors was focused on all-day field sessions. Two field sessions at Hopkins emphasized multi-disciplinary learning in the forest on topics of environmental site evaluation, forest and tree health assessments, forest management methods and outcomes. ▲

Community Forestry Days are Really About COMMUNITY!

The Hopkins Demonstration Forest is truly a COMMUNITY resource. Owned and managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors and a network of dedicated volunteers, we try to do as much of the work ourselves in caring for the property.

For the past 33 years we have sponsored Community Forestry Days the second Saturday of every month. Work begins at 8:30am. Chores vary month to month depending on what needs to be done. Some Saturdays only have 6-10 workers; others 50-60. We welcome any individual who would like to help. Groups are encouraged too, including bringing your own workers and tools. We've appreciated the support from scouts, business teams, and civic groups. RSVPs are needed so we can plan equipment, tasks, and leadership. Lunch is provided, too, for those contacting us in advance. We usually finish work by 2:30pm.

Our first CFD in January 2023 attracted about 60 including two scout groups—one an Eagle Scout project and another a Beaver Creek area scout troop chartered at Hopkins. Besides the Eagle project, most of the day was spent cleaning up downed trees, branches and debris resulting from December storms.



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Forests Forever, Inc. Endowments Support Enduring Future

Forests Forever has two endowments that have been established by families for the purpose of providing sustaining support for the non-profit into the future.

Former Board member, Clem Hunter, set up a \$50,000 endowment in memory of his wife Phyliss in 2018. This fund is managed by Thrivent Financial. Anyone interested can contribute any amount to this endowment to grow its capital. The endowment is an annuity fund that generates annual income from the investment.

A second endowment (\$50,000) was established in memory of former charter Board member John Poppino and his wife, Mary, following their deaths. Their endowment was established in 2021 as a result of an estate gift provided by John and Mary. Their endowment is a managed investment fund under the direction of the FFI Board. Again, anyone interested in making a contribution to support this endowment and adding to the capital, is welcome.

Endowments are one of the most powerful ways the future can be secured for organizations like Forests Forever, Inc. If you would like more information, contact FFI Executive Director, Ken Everett. ▲



Education Consortium

The Education Consortium at Forests Forever, Inc. was created in 2004 to help fund a full-time forestry educator position at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. The position has been, uniquely, funded collaboratively with the Oregon State University Extension Service in Clackamas County. It is the only Extension position of its type in the state. OSU provides about 2/3 of the funding for the position and FFI the other 1/3. Since FFI's inception in 1990, their Board of Directors has always put a priority on ensuring that the education and outreach delivered at Hopkins be unbiased, research-based, and generated by University professional educators. We sincerely thank the following businesses and organizations for sharing this vision.

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (\$15,000)

RSG Forest Products (\$5,000)

Walker Family Foundation (\$5,000)

KeyBank (3,500)

Weyerhaeuser (\$3,000)

Freres Foundation (\$2,500)

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