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**Tillamook Forest Center**

*Inspiring people to connect with the Tillamook State Forest.*

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**Find your own community with these fall events**

You don't need to be by yourself to enjoy trail running, bike riding, or making art in the forest. Hang out with people just like you at these upcoming fall events.

For the sixth year, trail runners will hoof it through the Tillamook State Forest for the annual Elk-Kings Trail Races on October 13. In addition to the 50K along the Wilson River and the 25K over both Kings and Elk Mountains, this year's event will also feature the brand-new Mountain Marathon that challenges runners to go around and up Elk and Kings twice. Registration is open through October 7:



Hannah Bright, winner of the Elk-Kings 50K in 2017. Photo courtesy of Paul Nelson.

<https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=51644>.

If you'd rather experience the forest on two wheels, join Cycle Oregon for the two-day Gravel Ride, October 5-7. Gravel riders will have the whole Cycle Oregon experience - tents, showers, route support, main stage, and beer garden. For more information, visit



Cycle Oregon's Gravel Ride will feature short, medium, and long routes each day, traveling exclusively over gravel roads in the Tillamook State Forest.

<http://www.cycleoregon.com/ride/gravel/>.

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Is slowing down to express your creative side more your speed? Visit the center on October 6 for the Celebrate Route 6 Sketch Crawl hosted by Art Accelerated gallery in Tillamook. For event details, visit:



Artists of all skill levels are invited to paint, draw, write, make music, or sculpt about their impressions of autumn along the majestic Route 6 corridor for the Celebrate Route 6 Sketch Crawl.

[www.facebook.com/ArtAccelerated2015](http://www.facebook.com/ArtAccelerated2015).

More great events and programs are coming to the center this fall. View our calendar for an updated list of upcoming programs:  
[http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events\\_05.html](http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events_05.html).

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## Celebrate with us

We have great things to celebrate this fall and we hope you will join us for the festivities at the Root Ball on September 22. Your generous support--whether you are community members, part of a foundation, or a granting organization--made the Forest Education Pavilion a reality!



Be part of the fun for the first event in the new pavilion at the TFC.

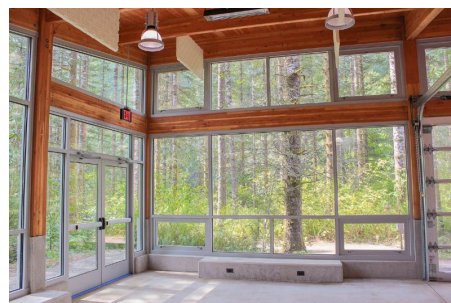
This year's Root Ball is a wonderful opportunity to experience the pavilion, nestled in hand-planted Douglas-firs, alders, hemlocks, and the forest understory. The evening's activities and dinner on the bridge over the Wilson River are not-to-be-missed treats. We would be delighted to thank you in person for the part you've played in creating this new space.

*Fran McReynolds*

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## Opportunities to make a difference

Generous supporters, thanks to your contributions, the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust successfully funded the Forest Education Pavilion at the Tillamook Forest Center. The pavilion is nearly ready for schools and other groups. There is still time for you to help make the space more welcoming with the final furnishings and technology. We'll be celebrating these final strides at our Root Ball on September 22, and we hope you can come! ([tickets available here](#)). Whether you can attend or not, we welcome any additional support - your [donations](#) help visitors to connect with the towering trees of the Tillamook State Forest and what they inspire.



Surrounded by the forest, the pavilion invites the outdoors inside.

*The non-profit Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, which formed in 1999, serves as catalyst for public/private partnership in support of the Tillamook Forest Center and developing tools and experiences that help Oregonians better understand and appreciate the Tillamook State Forest and all of Oregon's State-owned forests.*



## Our community is growing - join the fun!

The 2018 season has been similar to a bumper crop. We are experiencing an abundance of visitors and purchases of forest-related items in our gift shop. As a result, our small staff is relying significantly on the bounty of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm of volunteers and temporary employees. Meet the most recent team members who have been instrumental in the success of the TFC, and discover opportunities for you to contribute.

**MJ Guidetti:** MJ grew up in the Pacific Northwest hiking, camping, and exploring the outside world. In addition to those activities she enjoys cooking and traveling and she LOVES Smokey Bear! MJ "Looks forward to meeting you" the next time you stop by the information desk.



**Lailani Buchanan:** Lailani is passionate about art, rock/mountain climbing, photography, and hiking. She joined the team as a result of recreating in the Tillamook State Forest and watching the center being built. Her favorite thing about volunteering is hearing Jim Reeher's stories about participating in the reforestation of the Tillamook Burn.

**Izzy Tucker:** Izzy's favorite thing about volunteering at the center is the Wilson River which reminds her of the clear water and scenery from her home in southern Oregon. Her days are spent outside as a facility assistant, which is helping her gain experience to reach her goal of working in a forest or park.



**Heartfelt sendoffs:** The TFC team would like to send a wholehearted goodbye to Frank and Charlotte Chase who had to leave us a bit earlier than expected. We wish them well and hope to see them in 2019. We would also like to wish Brittney Main good luck on her new teaching job! We appreciate all that you contributed while you were here.

### Join the fun!

We are grateful to have such wonderful people join the TFC family this year. With the homestretch of the operating season quickly approaching,

consider yourself invited to join us this fall. We are currently seeking the following volunteer positions:

- Information desk volunteers
- One day event volunteers (the next opportunity is The Root Ball fundraiser)
- Onsite hosts for the fall (September - November)
- Education assistants

If interested, please visit: [http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/about\\_05.html](http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/about_05.html) for more information and to complete an application, or call (503) 815-6803.

## Fall in love with these upcoming events

Here at the Tillamook Forest Center, we don't let the rain slow us down. In fact, we're as busy as ever preparing for an autumn full of activities, artwork, and abundant celebrations of the season. From **September 12 - November 25**, *Unnoticed Treasures* showcases a collection of forest-inspired pottery and watercolors by Adrienne Stacey. On **September 29**, lend the forest a helping hand at the SOLVE Wilson River Cleanup.



There's gold in them thar hills! Come to Mysterious Mushrooms on October 14 and learn to find some for yourself.

Looking for some artistic inspiration? Join us for an *autumn on Route 6* themed sketch crawl on **October 6**, in celebration of Highway 6's designation as a Scenic Byway. On **October 14**, State Park Ranger, Dane Osis, returns for his much-loved *Mysterious Mushrooms* program.

Feeling damp and

depressed? Soggy and sad? Come revel in the rain and party in the precipitation! Visit us **November 17 and 18** for our first ever *Rain Festival*, where we'll rejoice in all things rain-related, create watery crafts, and release Chinook salmon into the river. The following weekend, the Tillamook Forest Center will say goodbye for the season at our annual *Holiday Wreath Making* event.

Registration is required and space is limited for some programs. For more information,

visit [http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events\\_05.html](http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events_05.html). We hope to see you soon!

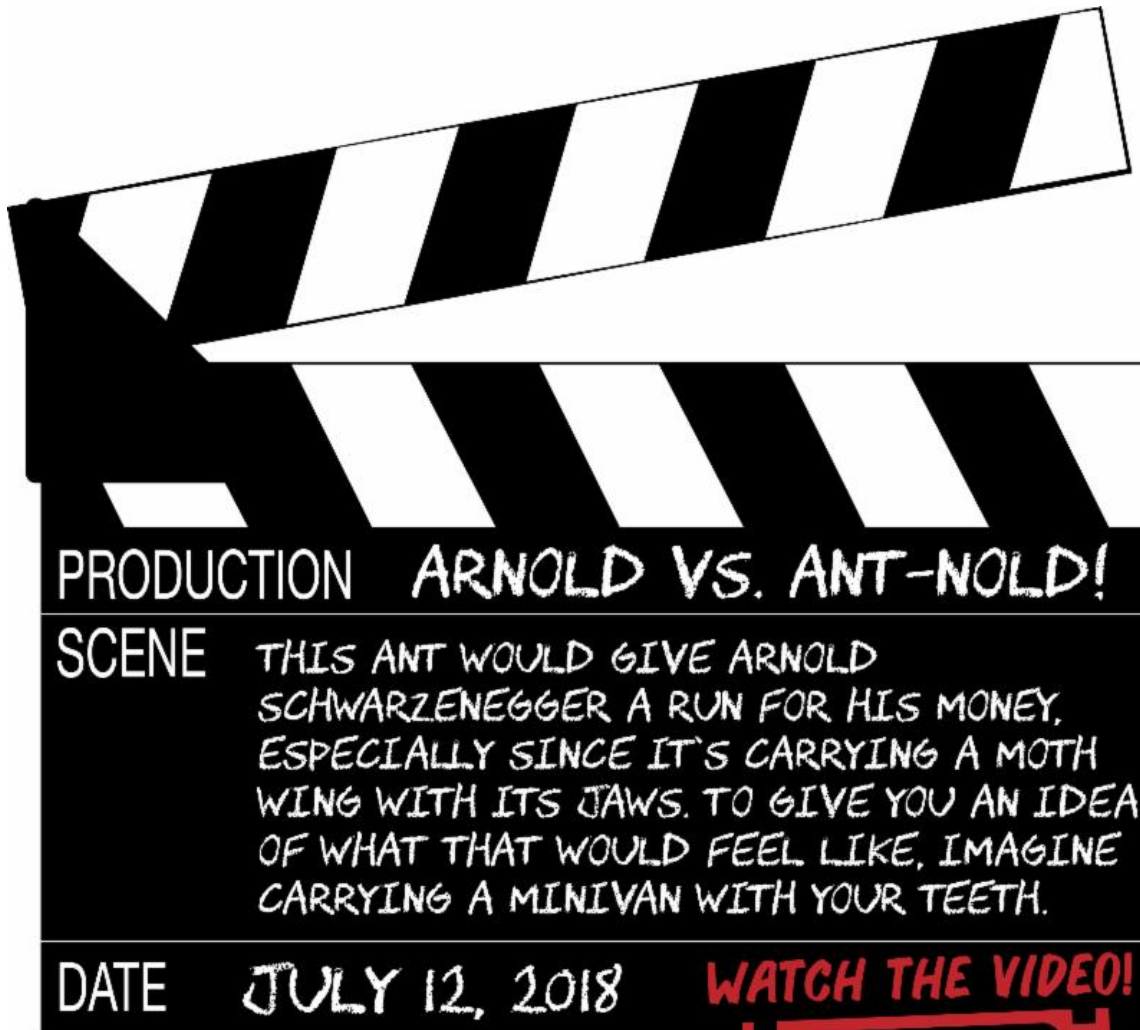


Discover the artwork of Adrienne Stacey in her new exhibit, *Unnoticed Treasures*, on display throughout the fall.



Join us in the pursuit of puddles at our Rain Festival, November 17 & 18.

## Naturalist Notes: Animal power



*mark your calendar*

**THE ROOT BALL IS BACK!**  
 Saturday, September 22  
 5:30 pm  
 Join the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust for a fun evening gathering to benefit the Tillamook Forest Center's Education Pavilion.  
 Purchase tickets at [bit.ly/2018RootBall](http://bit.ly/2018RootBall)

**Save the date!**  
 Unnoticed Treasures art exhibit  
 by Adrienne Stacey  
 September 12 - November 25, 2018  
 Opening reception | September 16  
 Celebrating Route 6 sketch crawl  
 October 6, 2018  
 Enjoy music and art  
**Rain Festival**  
 November 18 & 19, 2018  
 Splishy-splishy fun!

**Please note!**  
 Group fees begin on September 1 for groups larger than 10 people.

**Fall hours**  
 (starting September 5)  
 Wednesday – Sunday  
 10 am to 5 pm

Artwork by Adrienne Stacey

For details on all upcoming events, visit:  
[www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events\\_05.html](http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events_05.html)

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