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Inspiring people to connect with the Tillamook State Forest.

The TFC is turning 10!

This year we are reflecting upon the beginnings of the Tillamook Forest Center (TFC) by celebrating and honoring those who have come together to make this dream a reality.

The unique and inspiring stories of the Tillamook State Forest and the TFC demonstrate the power of individuals coming together.

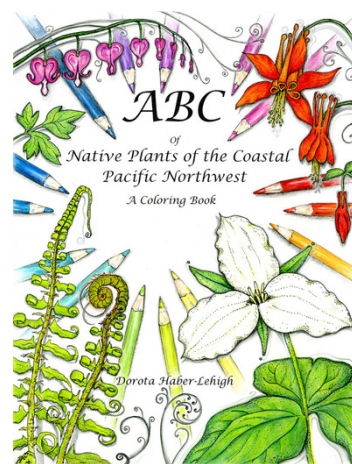
Oregonians continue to work towards a common goal: managing and appreciating these valued forestlands.



Many special events are in the works for our 10th anniversary year.

2016 offers new experiences at the TFC during our ten year anniversary festivities. You will have many opportunities to celebrate the past, present and future of the center as we continue to grow with the forest.

Sow your seeds in our expanding community by taking part in our educational and interpretive programs. Spread your roots as you explore, discover, learn the powerful history and beauty of the Tillamook State Forest. Branch out and share your experience with others as you invite them to return with you for another adventure. As a special tribute to our ten years of growth and development, from seedling to forest, we invite you to visit us March through November. Fun events, special presenters,



Learn the art of coloring wildflowers on March 26. Registration required. See our [website](#) for details.

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Catch our YouTube channel

TFC welcome video

Now posted to our brand new YouTube channel: a short film welcoming visitors to the TFC. This production was created by the incredibly talented students of the Pacific University Media Arts club (PUMA). We really appreciate their hard work and are proud to share it with you!

unique programs and new exhibits will rotate each month.

Be sure to reserve your space for the inaugural Root Ball on September 17. Our distinctive fundraising event on the bridge over the Wilson River will help us to continue our mission of connecting people with the Tillamook State Forest. More details will be posted on our [website](#).

Don't miss the fun!

From the Director

Over the past 10 years, the TFC has grown and deepened its roots in the community. For our 10th anniversary, we celebrate the stories of the forest and the people who laid the foundation for the center's success.



Join us in May for an exhibit of Forest Homes: quilts, bird resorts & feeders. Just one of our many special events for this year.

Whether you visit to experience a changing monthly exhibit, walk the peaceful trails, take part in a special program, or watch progress as we work toward our new education pavilion, we hope to see you multiple times this year and in years to come. We look forward to introducing new ways to inspire you to find yourself in the forest.

Fran McReynolds

Many thanks!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Washington County Small Woodlands Association, we were able to purchase rain ponchos, additional forestry supplies and translate education materials into Spanish. This helps us continue to connect school children with Oregon's forests.



Special thanks go to Prescott Devinney and Dylan Welles who championed this project.

Be sure to subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) or check back as we post new fun videos from the forest.

The Lookout has a new look!

We hope you enjoy this new version of our newsletter. Please share with your friends and family.

Welcome Emily!

Hi! My name is Emily Curtis. I'm a native Oregonian who has recently returned home after living in Germany for several years. I'm happy to be reunited with our forests; and volunteering at the TFC gives me a great opportunity to connect with other people interested in exploring this beautiful area. In addition to volunteering, I enjoy hiking, camping, traveling, cooking, and reading.



News of the Trust

2016 promising to be an exciting year in the life of the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust and the Tillamook Forest Center

10 great years! 2016 marks the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Tillamook Forest Center. As we look forward to the re-opening of the Center for this year's season, the Trust is partnering with the Oregon Department of Forestry to sponsor a number of special events.



The Trust is engaged in two significant projects in 2016 that will strengthen existing partnerships and forge new ones for the future

Tillamook Forest Center Pavilion Project - The Trust is partnering with Center staff to raise needed funds for construction of this signature addition to our facility. The pavilion will greatly enhance our ability to host students during the wet season, and provide a welcoming space for visitors as well.



Architect concept for the proposed education pavilion.

Salmonberry Trail Project - The Trust is serving as the non-profit partner in the newly formed Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency. This project is a unique opportunity to create a world-class trail experience connected to the extensive system of trails and recreation facilities present on the Tillamook State Forest, and to the interpretive and education programs of the Tillamook Forest Center.

To make a gift, or for more information, contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 815-6800 or on the web: [donate](#).

A great lineup of spring programs

Our tenth spring season is almost here! This year, our programs will center on monthly themes as we recognize the resources and the history that makes the Tillamook State Forest a truly special place. Create your own flower arrangement in a workshop led by Sunflower Flats, or attend a guided walk with the Native Plant Society of Oregon as we celebrate wildflowers throughout the month of March. In April, it's all about the beauty and

importance of trees with opportunities to attend wood carving demonstrations, plant trees for Arbor Week, and a photography exhibit and workshop with Russell J. Young, author of *In the Mist*. Honoring all nurturing mothers in May, both human and animal alike, you can witness a "bed turning" demonstration and exhibit of artisan quilts from the Latimer Textile Center, see fanciful birdhouses and feeders, and celebrate birds during our International Migratory Bird Day event. You can find out more about all of our spring program offerings [here](#).



April 10: Macro photography workshop with Russell Young, author and photographer.

Calling all volunteers

We are currently recruiting **site hosts** and **day volunteers** for our 2016 visitor season and you might be just who we're looking for! Our volunteer **schedules are flexible** and we work with each volunteer to establish a work schedule that works for everyone. Volunteers **assist in all areas of our operations**, from facility maintenance to environmental education. There's surely something that suits your skills.

Site hosts are needed for May, June, August, September and October this year. Site host amenities include a spacious campsite with full hook-ups, telephone, internet, picnic table, laundry and shower facilities.



Interested in volunteering with us? Contact Jen Warren at jen.e.warren@oregon.gov or (503) 815-6808.

Dynamic Wilson River

December flooding left its mark at the Smith Homestead Meadow with the swift-flowing Wilson River pulling huge big leaf maple trees out of the bank and carrying them downstream.



A look back...

During an Arbor Week event in April of 2004, students from Forest Park Elementary and Saint John Fisher School planted trees with ODF staff and some of the original tree planters who reforested the Tillamook Burn. Twelve years later, the hemlocks they planted are now thriving along the old powerline corridor and can be seen at the end of the Lookout Loop Trail.



12 years ago...



today!

mark your calendar

Hours
 Spring: Wed – Sun,
 10:00 – 4:00
 (through May 22)
 Summer: 7 days a week,
 10:00 – 5:00
 (May 25 – September 11)

Coming this summer!
 Watch for exciting exhibits & activities
 celebrating our 10th anniversary.
 A new topic will be featured each month!
 o June | Rivers
 o July | Found in the Forest
 o August | Forest History

Return from the Burn
 A Step Back in Time event
 Special lookout tower
 presentation by author,
 Cheryl Hill
 August 20, 11:30 am

Inaugural Root Ball
 An illuminated evening on
 the Wilson River Bridge
September 17
 More than just a
 benefit dinner,
 the Root Ball is
 guaranteed to be a
 unique experience!

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 photos on our page!

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