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News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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From the Director

Greetings friends-

After more than 33 years of public service in the work of natural history interpretation and environmental education, I have announced my plans to retire and will be leaving my position at the Center in just a few weeks.

Looking back over my career, I feel honored to have been entrusted with the work of sharing the beauty, wonder and many values of our public lands with countless numbers of visitors from across our country and around the world. Oregon and our entire nation are blessed with spectacular landscapes and abundant resources and, truly, it is our shared responsibility to be good stewards of these lands and to pass them on to coming generations in all their richness and diversity. I believe that our nation's interpretive and environmental education centers, including the Tillamook Forest Center, offer visitors an intriguing and thought-provoking opportunity to learn about and grow in appreciation of our natural world. I say "bravo" to the Oregon Department of Forestry for having the vision to establish this award-winning Center along with the commitment to sustain it into the future.

As I leave the Center I want to say thank you:

- To the Center's staff and volunteers for their commitment to quality programming, outstanding customer service and consistently clean and safe facilities.
- To the Department of Forestry and all its employees for their ongoing support of the Center.
- To the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust for its critical role in making the Center a reality.
- To all of our Center's friends and supporters whose contributions of time and resources have increased our capacity to do our work.
- To the Oregon Department of Forestry, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service for giving me the opportunity to serve in some of the most remarkable landscapes in our country.
- And to the host of friends and colleagues who have enriched my life and my work along the way.



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Director's Message

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The work of the Center related to sustainable forests is important work, and I am proud of our accomplishments during the past 6 ½ years. And, although stepping away from my role here, I will continue to be a supporter of the Center and its mission.

Thank you, once more, to all of you. I hope our paths will cross again along the way.

Sincerely,

Jim Quiring,
Tillamook Forest Center Director

Thank you Jim!

As you prepare to fly off into your next adventure, the staff and volunteers wish you a joyous and relaxing retirement filled with many outdoor adventures and time with treasured family and friends. We have all appreciated your sense of humor, positive attitude and outlook, and unbending support for us in our work. We are grateful for the dedication you have shown over the last six years.



New Center Director selected

Andy White, Northwest Oregon Area Director

The selection process for the Tillamook Forest Center Director position has concluded and I am pleased to announce that **Larry Berrin** has accepted the position. Larry is currently doing "double duty" as the Branch Director for Discover Your Northwest which is a non-profit entity that strives to connect the public to the natural resource land base by increasing both the quantity and quality of their experience while visiting National Parks and National Forests. In addition, he is also the Director of Conservation Education for the Deschutes National Forest and the Newberry National Volcanic Monument. Prior to his current position, Larry was the Senior Manager in charge of education and interpretation at the High Desert Museum. Larry also spent time back east working for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science as the Director of Programs and Exhibits.

Larry brings a great deal of experience in developing and implementing education and interpretation programs as well as building stakeholder and community relationships. He is a very effective communicator and has a great passion for finding ways to connect people to the land. Larry will be starting the first week in September and will be transitioning with Jim Quiring throughout the month to assure a smooth hand off of ongoing projects and priorities at the Center.

Through this process, I was fortunate to have a very strong pool of candidates. In fact the depth of experience was such that it required multiple rounds of interviews. The interview panels appreciated their professionalism and the thoughtful discussions we had with each of the candidates. I give my sincere thanks to all who invested their time and applied for this position as well as those who participated on the interview panels.

What you can do to support the Tillamook Forest Center

If you have enjoyed or been touched by a program, exhibit or special moment at the Tillamook Forest Center and want to make sure the center can continue to provide excellent forest education opportunities, please consider offering your financial support. One hundred percent of all gifts go directly to education programs and activities at the center. Here is a menu of ideas...every gift counts.



Donor Trees: A Great Gift Idea...

The Trust invites you to show your support for the Tillamook Forest Center by "planting your tree" in a unique forest landscape sculpture located in the center's entry plaza. In recognition of your \$75 gift, your name or the name of the person you honor or memorialize will be engraved on a tree medallion which will be set against the forest backdrop created by the sculpture (see order form on this page).



Trailside Benches Available for Sponsorship...

Made from Douglas-fir trees grown in the Tillamook State Forest, these benches provide visitors a moment to pause, rest and reflect with views to the Wilson River and the surrounding forest. An attractive brass plaque is inset into the back of the bench and can be used to honor or memorialize individuals or organizations. A limited number of rustic benches are available for a sponsorship gift at the \$2,500 level.

Consider a planned gift...

A charitable gift may play a part in your overall estate plan. The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust's experienced team is pleased to work with donors on life income gift plans, such as charitable remainder trusts, or estate gifts and bequests. Our team can also assist with charitable gifts of specialty assets.

Cultural Trust Partner Means Tax Credit...

Keep in mind that the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust is a qualified partner in the Oregon Cultural Trust, an innovative and widely-supported program for strengthening and preserving Oregon's arts, heritage and culture. Gifts to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, made in concert with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, qualify you for a tax deduction for both gifts and a tax credit, all while supporting important work related to our state's culture and arts.

For more information on making a gift, contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 815-6800.

Yes! I want to help support the Tillamook Forest Center

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ tree(s) @\$75 per tree

Here is my check

Please charge my Visa/Mastercard

Card # _____ Exp _____ CCV _____

Signature _____

In Memory of... In Honor of... Name Only

Name to appear on tree:

Line One:

Line Two:

Line Three:

The Trust is pleased to recognize donations made as gifts, or to honor or memorialize a special person. Send recognition of this donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Donor trees are available on a first-come basis. If requesting more than one tree, please make photocopies of this form.

For more information on making a gift, contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 815-6800.



Tillamook Forest Center rated #1

Visitors often tell us how they heard about the Tillamook Forest Center. Recently, we were happily surprised when some visitors told us that they read about us on Trip Advisor (www.tripadvisor.com). As it turns out, all of our visitor reviews are excellent! Visitors have said some very nice things about TFC. One reviewer called us "A First Class Forest Center," while another said we had "...a very friendly staff." Of all the attractions listed on Trip Advisor for the Tillamook area, TFC was rated number one! While of course all our staff is tickled pink by all the lovely comments, we realize we must keep working hard to make sure our visitors have a great experience. If you enjoy TFC, keep those excellent reviews coming. We will renew our efforts to keep deserving them.



Remembering Terrie Miller

We were saddened to learn recently of the passing of one of our cherished volunteers, Terrie Miller. Terrie and her husband Steve joined our team in 2010 as site hosts and dedicated several months, and hundreds of hours, that year and again in 2011. Together, their positive, can-do spirits and willingness to jump in and help with any project as well as to find and implement solutions to challenges were huge assets to our team. Terrie and Steve had planned to return this year, but the purchase of a home in central Oregon changed their focus. They stayed in close contact with us, sharing updates on their house and making plans to return in 2013. Terrie passed away suddenly in their home on July 25th. Her laugh and her joyful spirit will be forever missed.

Terrie's family has generously designated the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust as the beneficiary of gifts in memory of Terrie. We are grateful to them for their kind support.



Our youth crews rock!

The center was once again fortunate to have an Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) crew here during August. In addition to accomplishing a great amount of needed grounds maintenance, they also took on a special trail project. Darryl Anderson, Facility Operation Specialist, assisted the crew in the construction of a short trail and viewing platform just above the Wilson River. This is a great spot to view migrating salmon which we have wanted to develop for some time. The crew dedicated over 80 hours clearing brush, building trail, and installing a wooden railing. Thanks again to Darryl and the OYCC crew. They have left a very special legacy that can now safely be enjoyed by visitors.



Fish viewing from our new overlook is best in late summer when the water is lower and the sun is overhead, giving a clear view to the bottom of the river. Come check it out!

Upcoming Programs



Live Birds of Prey

Saturday, August 25 from 2:00 – 3:00pm

During this one hour family event, you will meet live raptors and learn about the importance of the role of birds of prey in the forest environment. Discover facts about the wingspan of an eagle, hearing of owl, and aerodynamics of a falcon and how you can support healthy raptors.



Photographer Steve Terrill Presents: A Journey Through Oregon's Forests

Photo gallery on display through September 8, 2012

A native of Oregon, Steve Terrill is one of our state's most talented and creative landscape photographers. For over two decades, this self-taught artist has traveled across Oregon capturing nature's awe-inspiring beauty. His photographs have appeared in regional and national publications including those of the Audubon Society, National Geographic Society, National Wildlife Federation, Nature Conservancy, and Sierra Club.

Enter to Win!

Purchase raffle tickets from July 28 to September 8 (\$3 each or 2 for \$5) and enter to win a signed, framed and matted print valued at \$700. Print #1 of 50 is titled, "Alders Framing the Wilson River in Tillamook State Forest." All proceeds go to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust. The winner will be announced September 8 and need not be present to win.



"Alders Framing the Wilson River in Tillamook State Forest," which you can win in a raffle, ending September 8.

Mysterious Mushrooms of the Tillamook State Forest

Sunday, October 14 from 1:00 – 3:00pm

An amazing variety of fungi thrive in the Tillamook State Forest! Join State Park Ranger Dane Osis for a program on these wild forest mushrooms. You will view freshly picked fungi, learn to identify edible and poisonous varieties, and discover the important role fungi play in forest



health. Following the talk, you can take an optional short hike with Dane to search for and identify mushrooms. Feel free to bring in samples of mushrooms for identification!

Dane Osis, Oregon State Park Ranger at Fort Stevens State Park, has taken college courses on mycology as well as commercially picked mushrooms in the Siskiyou National Forest. Dane has lead mushroom identification programs at Fort Stevens and other state parks for the past seven years, and has taught a class on mushroom identification at Clatsop Community College.

Dane Osis, a park ranger at Fort Stevens State Park, takes TFC visitors on a mushroom hunt to learn how to find edible and inedible mushrooms.





Tillamook Forest Center

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The Tillamook Forest Center is located on the Wilson River Highway (Hwy. 6) in the heart of the Tillamook State Forest, near Jones Creek. It's an hour's drive west of downtown Portland. RV parking is available.

Please Note!

Summer hours continue through
September 9.

We are currently **OPEN** 7 days a week,
10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Fall hours begin on **September 10.**

We will be **OPEN** Wednesday - Sunday,
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Center will be **CLOSED** on
November 11 for Veteran's Day and
November 22 for Thanksgiving.



Mark Your Calendar

Don't miss an issue!
Please contact us to
update your address.

*Important
DATES!*

Live Birds of Prey!
August 25
2:00 pm

Meet live raptors and learn
about the important role they
play in the forest!



**Mysterious
Mushrooms of the
Tillamook State
Forest**

October 14
1:00 pm

Always popular!
Don't miss out on this great
program!



Check our **website**
for upcoming
programs!



Join us on Facebook!
Help us reach 500 "likes"
before Labor Day.

We post great pictures, interesting forest
happenings, events and programs.
A great way to keep in touch!