



The Lookout

News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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Tillamook Forest Center

Inspiring people to connect with the Tillamook State Forest.



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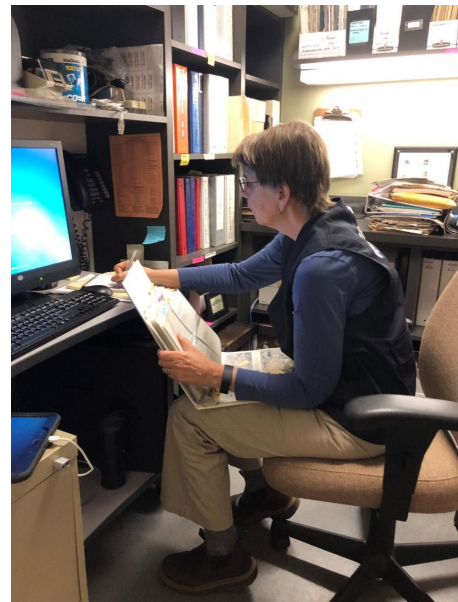
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Partners in preservation

Maintaining archives helps preserve the history of the Tillamook State Forest and provide visitors with a well-rounded story. Gathered prior to the center's construction, and added to throughout its existence, our archives is a treasure trove of untold stories.

Thanks to a grant provided by Oregon Heritage Commission and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, our archives is getting a facelift.

This partnership will allow us to rehouse our current archives and historic objects in museum quality containers to preserve them for years to come. Supporters of our grant application were Tillamook County Pioneer Museum (TCPM), who provided curation consultation and a letter of support, and Todd Shaffer from the Oregon State Archives, who also provided a letter of support.



We have also been partnering with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to better cultivate our understanding of protecting cultural resources. Our tribal partners ask us all to remember if you find an item you believe to be a cultural artifact, please, leave it where you found it and report it. Removing an item from its setting destroys the story behind the item.

Preservation partnerships like these improve our ability to care for cultural items that are crucial to understanding our history. It's also thanks to these partnerships that we are able to share these items with you. This fall, we'll feature a photography exhibit curated in-house by center staff and TCPM focusing on the main artery through the forest, Highway 6. Recently designated an Oregon Scenic Byway, this corridor has connected the coast and the valley for over a century. Photos highlight the highway at its earliest stages as a wagon road, and transition through time to the masterful construction feat that created the road we know today. Cruise the highway to come and see us. We'll be waiting!

From the Director

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As the last of the summer blooms give way to autumn's palate, we grow ever more appreciative of the new Forest Education Pavilion. Those who made it possible will be pleased to know that all interpretive and education programs since last spring have used this wonderful space. "It feels like I'm out in the forest," is a common comment from visitors, especially when the large doors are open, inviting bird songs and breezes to contribute to the atmosphere. If you haven't yet had a chance to join us in the pavilion, there are many [opportunities coming up this fall](#). And, teachers, [field trip requests](#) for 2019-20 are being accepted now--bring your classrooms out to enjoy the space.

Fall hours:

Wednesday - Sunday,
10 am - 4 pm
*Beginning Wednesday,
September 4, 2019*

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News from the Trust

*Special Recognition Event -
"Routebeer" on September 21*

The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust (TFHT) invites friends, supporters, and visitors to the TFC for a "Routebeer" event on Saturday, September 21 from 1 - 4 p.m. Join us in celebrating, recognizing, and thanking our community of supporters. Hear updates on TFHT programs including the TFC, State Forest Recreation, and the Salmonberry Trail, as well as the new scenic byway designation for Highway 6. Enjoy local food and beverages by Out Aza Blue including "routebeer" floats with Tillamook ice cream. Purchase a craft beer from Pelican Brewing and participate in fun and engaging activities. Please RSVP to shawn.r.morford@oregon.gov no later than September 11.



Shawn Morford, Executive Director
Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust

Gifts to the Trust support center programs

Education Pavilion: Help expand forest education opportunities...

Support center programs and help furnish the new Forest Education Pavilion by making a year-end gift. Beginning in 2016, the Trust partnered with center staff to design and construct an outdoor education pavilion adjacent to the main building. This exciting addition to the center site provides additional covered space to host our education programs, while also providing an area for visitors to enjoy one of our interpretive programs. Your gifts will create expanded education opportunities for students and visitors to the center.



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. The [donor tree order form](#) is available on our website.

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 of the Wilson River or the surrounding forest. An attractive bronze plaque is inset in the backrest of each 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. Just four bench locations remain! The [donor bench form](#) is available on our website.

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. [Contact us](#) for more information.

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.

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

Volunteers – An essential piece of the puzzle

TFC volunteers are similar to puzzle pieces. They are unique in their own way, and they add to the overall picture of connecting to the Tillamook State Forest. Together with staff, we make a beautiful picture, providing visitors with information and resources to learn about and enjoy this unique peculiar forest. As the busy summer season



comes to an end, we will be celebrating our volunteers and their contributions with a trip to Grand Ronde’s Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center complete with a special behind-the-scenes guided tour! We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their generous support, wisdom, experiences, laughter and adding their piece of the puzzle to our magnificent team.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2020 season. Are you the missing piece to our puzzle? To learn more, please visit http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/about_05.html or call the Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Berkshire, at (503) 815-6803.

The sky may be drizzling, but our events will be dazzling

Autumn activities abound at the Tillamook Forest Center. From stewardship opportunities to fascinating guest speakers and festive celebrations, there’s something for everyone this

season. In addition to annual favorites like *Mysterious Mushrooms* and *Holiday Wreath Making*, we'll also be offering some one-time-only events and exhibits you won't want to miss.

Throughout the season, you can witness the evolution of Highway 6 from the original Wilson Wagon Road to today's modern path in our fall art exhibit, *Roots of Route 6*. The next installments of Fresh Brewed Forestry, our monthly guest presenter series, are also just around the corner. In September, join forest pathologist Sarah Navarro to explore how disease has the power to radically alter the look and feel of our forests in *Tree Diseases: Drivers of Change in Oregon's Forests*. If you're a bird nerd, fly out here in October for *Birds of Coast Range Forests: From the Common to the Unseen*, with wildlife biologist Jennifer Weikel.

Want to get the whole family involved? On September 21, it's all hands on deck for the SOLVE Wilson River Cleanup. After lending a helping hand, head over to the Tillamook Forest Center for *The Routebeer Gathering*, an informal celebration of friends and supporters complete with "routebeer" floats, craft beer, food, and activities. Speaking of family fun, don't forget to put on your galoshes in mid-November for Rain Fest—our 2nd annual precipitation celebration—complete with water-related crafts, activities, and a salmon release!

For details on these and other events, please visit http://www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events_05.html. Registration is required and space is limited for some programs. We hope to see you soon!



New faces keeping the center clean and friendly

Visitors to the center this summer may have met two friendly new faces: our new Visitor Services Assistant, Bailey Monteblanco, who will stay on into the winter and Alex Shippey, who joined us for two months as a Maintenance Specialist before returning to school this fall.

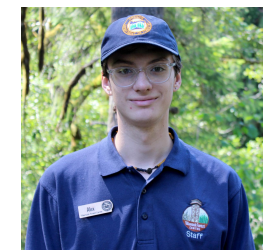
Bailey Monteblanco

When she's not helping visitors at the information desk, Bailey spends her time at home trying to teach her 18 month old son how to say 'mama.' In the small amount of alone time she has (mostly sitting in the car waiting for the van to come take her to work), she enjoys reading and writing.



Alex Shippey

A lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, Alex has always enjoyed exploring forests and the coast. His interests in art, photography, and plant and animal conservation has led him to pursue a BS in Marine Biology from Oregon State University, where he will begin his sophomore year this fall. Alex's favorite thing about working at the TFC is being able to spend time working outside and taking in the natural beauty of the area.



Are the huckleberries sick?

What are those strange clusters of deformed reddish-brown stems growing among the typically thin green stems of the red huckleberry shrubs? These abnormal growths are called witches' brooms, caused by a fungus known as witches' broom rust. The rust has a complex lifecycle that infects only huckleberries and true firs. The infection may have spread to the huckleberries from grand fir trees that were planted on the site in the 1950s.



Witches' broom rust causes abnormal growth but doesn't kill the plant or hurt it in any significant way.



The rust takes the form of small tube-like fruiting bodies that grow out of the undersides of grand fir needles.

mark your calendar

Roots of Route 6
Art exhibit
September 7 – December 1

Fresh Brewed Forestry:
A Presentation Series for Curious
Minds
September 14 – Tree Diseases
October 5 – Birds of Coast Range Forests
November 16 – Watersheds



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BETLES Workshop
For environmental educators
October 11 | 8:30 – 4:30 pm
\$20 registration



Fall hours
September 4 – December 1
Wednesday – Sunday
10 am to 4 pm

Routebeer Gathering
Donor Appreciation
September 21 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm
RSVP by September 11
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