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Tillamook Forest Center

Inspiring people to connect with the

Cultural connections at the TFC

During September, the Center will host a unique exhibit highlighting the history, culture, and artistry of the 27 tribes and bands of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.



*Grand Ronde blacksmith shop
Circa: 1909*

Features of this exhibit will focus on Grand Ronde logging history, tribal plant uses, and overall cultural history of the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde.

On Sunday, September 25th this special exhibit will culminate with weaving demonstrations, tribal craft vendors, film showings of a spiritual canoe journey, and a generous performance of traditional blessings and traditional song and dance. We will also be exhibiting the Stankiya forty-foot canoe that is utilized during the traditional journey, as well as contemporary carvings, baskets, and other items provided by the tribe.

The exhibit will be shown throughout the month and the specific event on Sunday, September 25th will begin at 11 AM and run until 3 PM, ending with a closing ceremony. The



2009 paddle to Suquamish, Washington

Tillamook Forest Center welcomes the members of the tribes and bands, their esteemed elders, and members

Tillamook State Forest.

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of the public to share in this celebration of our blossoming connection with the tribes of the Grande Ronde and the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center.

From the Director

The TFC's 10th anniversary celebrations are helping us grow partnerships and relationships with new and old forest friends. Changing exhibits and special events have brought new and returning visitors out in record numbers.



Whether you have made it out to the TFC this year or not, we hope you can join us for two of our largest events: the *Root Ball* event on the bridge September 17 and the *Day of Celebration* with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde on September 25.

Fran McReynolds

News of the Trust

As the Tillamook Forest Center celebrates its tenth birthday this year, we have our eye on the future. Visitor numbers and educational program requests from teachers continue to grow, and we need to continue to grow as well. With that in mind, we have dusted off past plans for an outdoor education pavilion, and begun work to make that vision a reality. The design work on the pavilion is complete and we have started a capital campaign to raise funds for this special addition to the Center.

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Our \$550,000 fundraising campaign is off to a good start, with early pledges of support from the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust Board, Tillamook County, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Hampton Affiliates and Starker Forests. We hope that with the continued

support of the many people, businesses, and organizations that have donated to the Trust in the past, we will soon be able to reach our goal and begin construction on the pavilion.

Please consider making a tax-deductible [donation](#) to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust and be our partner in growing the Center for the future!

Naturalist Notes

Danielle du Plooy

July 4, 2016

Ben continued to enjoy his time at the TFC. A particular moment that resonated with him is when he spotted a common merganser (Mergus merganser) accompanied by her ducklings. While this was not Ben's first time seeing a merganser, it was fun watching the mother and her ducklings cross the Wilson River - something new as he was used to seeing mallards and Canada geese.



Mother merganser & babies

July 14, 2016

Garter snake spotted by David.
Watch where you step!

July 18, 2016

Cam spotted a lobster mushroom along the trail. Has mushroom season started early this year? Lobster mushrooms are similar in color to cooked lobster meat or lobster shell, but this is actually an example of a mold attacking the mushroom. This mold is referred to as Hypomyces lactifluorum.



Lobster mushroom emerging

July 22, 2016

While checking the picture post at the Smith Homestead Day Use Area, David spotted what seemed to be coyote scat. Coyote droppings are frequently located at strategic locations such as crossroads and along trails as they use their droppings to mark their territory.

New special events along with old favorites this fall

In the final months of the Center's 10th anniversary, brand new special events and exhibits will join some of our annually anticipated programs.

In September, we celebrate the first people with a unique exhibit developed by the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center along with a special day of celebration with the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde.

Many forest visitors know that October is the best time to find mushrooms. The **Mushrooms Magnified** exhibit will feature mycologist Catherine Creech's strangely beautiful electron microscope images of fungal spores and structures along with mushroom

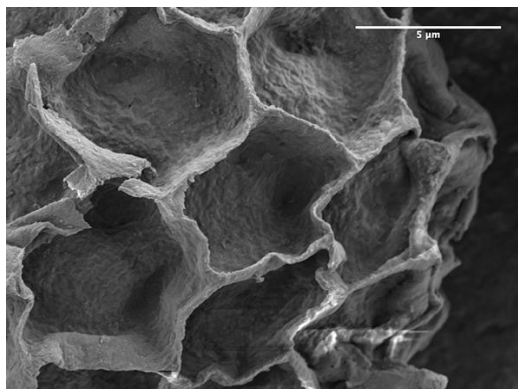


In November, enjoy the photography of Ciel Downing.

illustrations by returning artist Dorota Haber-Lehigh. Each weekend will feature fun fungal presentations and workshops.

As the rains return in November, the Center will round out its 10th season with an indoor exhibit of Pacific Northwest rainforest photography by Ciel Downing and a unique outdoor art installation featuring a special rain-activated paint. The month also includes our popular salmon release and holiday wreath-making programs.

Registration is required for many of the workshops. For more information, please visit our [special events page](#).



Throughout October, check out incredible images of fungal spores.

A huge THANK YOU

Our group of dedicated volunteers make it possible to provide a high level of service to our visitors and we couldn't do it without them!

This year we enjoyed working with returning site hosts Bill Kubicz and Donna Drury-Kubicz throughout the months of June and July. Starting in August we joyfully welcomed the return of site host, Steve Miller, we're glad to have him back after a few years away. We are looking forward to welcoming back site hosts, John and Judy Shilling, starting in September.

In addition to these wonderful people, we continue to be grateful for the weekly help from long-time and new volunteers alike: Harold and Pearl Jensen, Jim Reeher, Clyde Monroe, Barb Casteel, Mitch Taylor, and Corky McReynolds.

We are always looking for more incredible people to join our fun team and you might be just the person! **Site hosts** and **day volunteers** are highly valuable throughout our visitor season (March through November). Our



*Superb site hosts:
John and Judy Shilling*

volunteer **schedules are flexible** and we work with each volunteer to establish a schedule that works for everyone. Volunteers **assist in all areas of our operations**, from facility maintenance to environmental education to staffing the information desk; there's surely something that suits your skills. Site host amenities include a spacious campsite with full hook-ups, telephone, internet, picnic table, laundry and shower facilities.



*Sensational volunteer:
Harold Jensen*

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

Two new additions to our team

Mitch Taylor worked in the West Oregon, Santiam, Tillamook, and Forest Grove Districts during a 26-year career with the Oregon Department of Forestry that included positions in State Forests, Forest Practices, Forestry Assistance, and Fire Protection. While he was still working, Mitch says he "loved his job so much he often wondered why they paid him." He retired in October 2015 and volunteers for the Center for nothing but the fun of it!



Born and raised in Tillamook County, our new Visitor Services Assistant, **Morgan Remington**,



has a special connection to the Tillamook State Forest. Our beautiful, working forest has provided her and her family job security and put food on their tables for multiple generations. Morgan's background and interests include camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, kayaking, recreational target shooting, riding dirt bikes, and most of all she enjoys running heavy equipment for her father's small, family owned CAT logging operation. Her love for the forest is deep, as it relates to everything she's ever known in life. Her dream and mission is to help maintain our healthy working forest for future generations while sharing her passion for the land.

500,000th visitor!

Benjamin Kawaguchi, Tracy Sawyer, and Cole Kawaguchi were headed to the coast on June 17th from their home in Portland when son Cole asked if they could travel Highway 6 to visit one of his favorite stops - the Tillamook Forest Center. So they did, only to learn upon arrival that they were our lucky 500,000th visitor! During the celebration, they received a bag full of goodies from our gift shop, including a copy of our award winning movie *Legacy of Fire*. Cole was so excited that he now owns his very own copy of the film, among many other Tillamook Forest Center gifts! We couldn't have asked for a more representative family for our milestone event!



A look back...

On September 24, 2004 historians, foresters, donors and many others invested in the creation of the Tillamook Forest Center gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony at the site where the Center now stands. Attendees wrote their hopes and dreams for the Center on river rocks that were poured into the cement foundation of the building. Attendees of the upcoming Root Ball event will also have the opportunity to leave a lasting impression on the construction of the future Forest Education Pavilion.



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