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Kristen Penner

Winter approaches, lulling the bright leaves of our cottonwoods, big leaf and vine maples to the ground, creating a soft cover for the earth, which will regenerate the soil and feed the abundant life that makes our Tillamook State Forest so impressively beautiful.

At a time when some parts of our work here at the Center quiet down, winter brings a time of focused reflection and planning. As usual, on November 30th we close our gates until March to plan for the upcoming season; this year an underlying excitement infuses our halls.

In 2016, TFC will celebrate 10 vibrant years of operation. We have an outstanding array of special events and programs in store. Stay in touch as we unfold our plans for the coming months!

Our Facebook page is a fantastic way to remain in the loop. Please remember to share your own moments with us. We love seeing your photos and hearing about your winter adventures in the forest.

We also wish to extend special thanks to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust for our new wildlife trail cams, which give us new eyes to observe our environment by day and night. Night vision on the cam was thoroughly tested in the darkness of the Burn Theater prior to installation and it works fabulously.



Find links to Picture Posts at:
www.tillamookforestcenter.org/press_03.html



Check Facebook for fun forest happenings.



Caught in action – TFC staff test out the new trail cam!

We're also one of Oregon's only Picture Post sites. Check out our feed for this national environmental climate monitoring project where we catalog weekly photo panoramas from three locations around the site. Other updated features on our website will keep you connected too; view live feeds from our tower and river webcams and browse new items featured on our gift shop page.

To all the hearts and hands that have participated in the incredible journey of the Tillamook State Forest, and especially this Center through the years, thank you! We hope you are able to feel a part of the celebration ahead by finding new ways to connect and experience the majesty here.





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From the Director

Return to the forest and celebrate our 10th anniversary

Ten years ago next April, the Tillamook Forest Center opened its doors and we've enjoyed seeing tens of thousands of first-time and returning visitors each year. Beginning in March 2016, our 10th anniversary year will bring unique opportunities to experience our Center in new ways, indoors and out. Changing exhibits, from bonsai to quilts to a variety of art and sculpture will challenge you to see the forest with different eyes. Special forest walks, hands-on demonstrations, each tied to the changing exhibit at the time, will help you explore a variety of interests.

To provide additional space for these and other activities, including education programs, we are working on a covered outdoor classroom space opening into a spectacular forest view, to be built adjacent to our existing building. In addition to providing shelter from rain and giving us more shade on hot summer days, the pavilion will be a spot where we can host larger groups than can be accommodated in our community room. Page 3 describes how you can be involved in this next step.

As we cycle through the seasons of 2016, plan to return over and over to experience different facets of the Tillamook Forest Center. Whether you marvel at the varying exhibits, see the progress on the learning pavilion, learn basic bonsai techniques, create an ephemeral sculpture of stone and leaves, or participate in other hands-on activities to be revealed soon, come celebrate 10 years with us!

Fran McReynolds

Fran McReynolds, Director

More new faces!

I'm **Luke Wahl**, the new Lead Interpretation and Education Specialist at the Tillamook Forest Center. I am also a new Oregonian, having recently moved here with my wife and dog from North Carolina, where I was an environmental education specialist with the North Carolina Arboretum. Besides a few "y'all's" sprinkled here and there, you won't hear a Southern drawl from me as I was born and raised in Minnesota.

My career has taken me to many varied environments, from the Alaskan tundra to the desert Southwest, and I've found that my favorite part of any habitat are the trees. From observing minute, yet intricate flowers with a magnifying lens to discovering the ubiquity of forest products in our everyday lives, there is always something new that students and visitors can learn about the trees in their backyards. As I adapt to my new forested backyard, I am excited to explore and share the intriguing stories that make the Tillamook State Forest truly unique.

My name is **Jake Yoshimura** and I am a student at Pacific University in Forest Grove, where I'm majoring in Biology. I'm here at the Tillamook Forest Center on Work-Study. I was born and raised in Oregon and I enjoy all outdoor activities, in addition to spending my time here learning all about the rich history of the Tillamook Forest.



TFC staff, then... (April 1, 2006)



...and now



Gifts of the season expand our reach



Education Pavilion: Help expand forest education opportunities...

The Trust invites you to show your support for the Tillamook Forest Center by contributing to a special project planned for the coming year. As part of our Ten-Year Anniversary season in 2016, the Trust is working in partnership with TFC staff to design and construct an outdoor education pavilion adjacent to the main building. This exciting addition to the Center site will provide additional covered space to host our education programs, while also providing an outdoor sheltered area for summer season visitors to enjoy a picnic or one of our interpretive programs.

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.

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 into the back rest 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.

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.

To make a gift, or for more information, contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 815-6800 or on the web at: www.tillamookforestcenter.org/about_04.html



Yes! I want to support the Tillamook Forest Center

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Support the education pavilion project!

\$300 \$150 \$75 other \$ _____

Here is my check Please charge my Visa/Mastercard/Discover

Card # _____ Exp _____ CCV _____

Signature _____

Gifts over \$75 are eligible to receive a donor tree (\$75 each). Please fill in below. Use one form per tree, please.

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

Name to appear on tree:

Line One:

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Line Three:

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Name _____

Address _____

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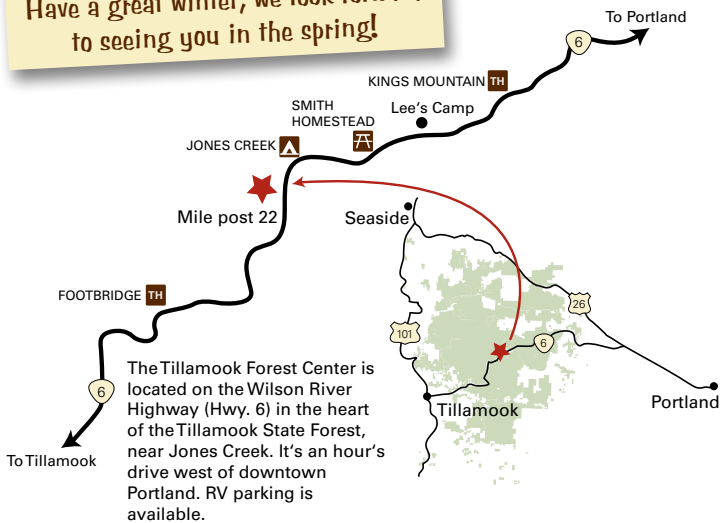
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Winter Closure

The center will be closed to the public November 30, 2015 through March 1, 2016.

Have a great winter; we look forward to seeing you in the spring!



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mark your calendar



Coming next spring & beyond!

Watch our website or follow us on Facebook for details.

- Center reopens March 2, 2016 (Wed – Sun until Memorial Day)
- Watch for exciting exhibits & activities celebrating our 10th anniversary

A new topic will be featured each month!

- March – Botanical Beauty
- April – Trees
- May – Birds

Hands-on activities, including bonsai & quilts

Forest Family Reunion | April 2, 2016

Did you, or someone you know, participate in the making of the Tillamook Forest Center? If so, we would like to invite you to join us for a reunion to celebrate our first 10 years! Please contact us.

September 2016

Watch for details on our inaugural fundraising gala. Enjoy dinner and a silent auction on the suspension bridge overlooking the Wilson River.



Missing that last item on your holiday list?

We do mail orders!

Browse selections on our gift shop website and give us a call! We are happy to take your order any time. Proceeds directly support the TFC.

Don't miss an issue!

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