

The Lookout

News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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Forty years as the Tillamook State Forest

Lisa Gibson

This year we celebrate a special anniversary in the Tillamook State Forest. July 18th marks the joint birthday of the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests. It was 40 years ago this summer that Governor Tom McCall gave the dedication address at Rogers Camp, a base camp for tree planting operations after the Tillamook Burn.

At the time of McCall's address, it had been 24 years since the approval of a \$12 million bond for the largest reforestation undertaken by any state. The dedication marked progress in the attempt to help the forests return from the burn. In the August 1973 *Forest Log*, the Oregon Department of Forestry wrote that the occasion "was the culmination of a project combining many firsts; a proof of Oregon's dedication to preserving its abundant natural resources."

Prior to the dedication of the Tillamook State Forest, thousands of people took part in reforesting the Tillamook Burn. The planting effort brought many groups together to plant 72 million trees by hand and over one billion seeds by helicopter. Reflecting on the hard work of so many people, *The Forest Log* wrote a hopeful statement about the forest's future: "The Tillamook forest is reborn. With wise management and care with fire, it will again provide a livelihood for Oregonians today as it did for the Tillamook Indians centuries ago." Here in the forest, we still look forward to this future 40 years later.



Replanting the forest required many hands and more than two decades. Today, the Oregon Department of Forestry manages the Tillamook State Forest for social, economic, and environmental benefits for all.

Join us in our annual celebration of the forest's return at the Return from the Burn event on August 17th and 18th. We will have many fun activities, including lookout tours, forest fire walks and visits from Smokey Bear! Check our [website](#) for more details as the event draws near.

Governor Tom McCall dedicated the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests 40 years ago this July.





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From the Director

History was made this year when 180 eighth-graders visited the Tillamook Forest Center from Evergreen Middle School. This was the most students served at the center in one day. Those 360 little feet helped us break new ground. It was a great reminder of why we are here. The Tillamook State Forest has had a long history of connecting youth to the forest and that tradition continues today.

Between 1950 and 1973 kids planted almost a million seedlings in the Tillamook in an effort to "Green the Burn" including the Student Planters' Grove adjacent to the center. Turns out that foresters back then also broke new ground by teaching kids to slow down when planting trees which lead to the famous quote "don't plant them too fast, plant them to last!" Today we enjoy the fruits of their labor as this working forest is also functioning as an outdoor classroom. This year our center will welcome thousands of kids into the forest as they participate in our programs either as part of a school group or as tag-a-longs with their families at one of our daily programs.

So this summer we hope you will join us for some fun programs in the forest (see calendar section) and continue the great tradition of connecting children to the forest. In our fast-paced world it can be a great way to slow down. Hopefully the memories you make will be *planted* to last.



Larry Berrin, Director

Sustainability Award

Hannah McDonald

Sustainability efforts at the Tillamook Forest Center were honored this spring with a Gold status achievement in Travel Oregon Forever's Sustainable Business Challenge.



The wood pellet silo holds 12 tons or enough pellets to heat the building for about three months.

The center received the gold status award for its commitment to sustainable operations in design and business practices. One featured component is a rainwater catchment system that is used for the fire sprinklers, cooling system, and to flush toilets, as well as to provide esthetics at the entrance.

Dimensional lumber in the Tillamook Forest Center is Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certified and locally sourced, while heating for the building is fueled with wood pellets in an ultra-efficient boiler system.

In the gift shop, several Oregon and Washington artists are featured, along with Oregon-grown huckleberry and hazelnut items.

We are honored to receive this award for sustainability. Make the Tillamook Forest Center a must-see stop in your travels!



The long tradition of connecting kids with the Tillamook State Forest continues at the Tillamook Forest Center.



More Than a Pond

Valuable pond water is put to work—it supports this building in many ways.

Pond of Plenty

Rainfall from the roof is collected in the pond. Pond water is then used to cool the building, flush toilets, and supply the fire sprinkler system. The pond is also potential wildlife habitat and a beautiful place to relax.

Flushing Rainwater

Low-water use toilets in the washrooms utilize treated rainwater collected in the pond outside. Using rainwater to flush toilets saves about 100,000 gallons of drinkable water every year.

Exhibit refresh project planning begins

Ross Holloway

The Tillamook Forest Center will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of its opening in April 2016. During the initial planning and development of the center, staff of the Department of Forestry and the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust identified this ten-year milestone as a key point at which exhibits and media at the center should be “refreshed.” An update assures that our messages are current and that the center continues to be an attractive place for our many constituents and the public at large.

With an eye to the future, and a desire to have any updates in place for our tenth anniversary at the center, ODF and the Trust are taking the first step to begin planning toward that end. We have retained the services of the Portico Group of Seattle, Washington, a respected consultant in the field of interpretive planning and design for interpretive centers such as ours. The Project Team from the Portico Group will be leading us through a process in the coming months to develop a plan for an exhibit and/or media “refresh” that we can implement and have in place for the April 2016 anniversary.

The Tillamook Forest Center is a very popular place for many who have visited us and participated in our programs. To say the least, we have received great acclaim on many fronts for the quality of our exhibits and programs. However, it is our belief that the best way to assure that this acclaim continues in the future is to periodically take stock of what we have, how it is working, and think creatively about how we can be even better at what we do in the future.

We'll be providing updates on the exhibit refresh project in future editions of this newsletter as the project unfolds in the coming months and years.

Your gifts make a difference

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 possible donation 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 (order forms are available online at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/about_04-1.html).

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.



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



Grant McOmie to visit the Tillamook Forest Center

Hannah McDonald

Move over Rick Steves—if you really want to learn the best places to visit around Oregon, Grant McOmie is the go-to guy. McOmie, an Emmy award-winning outdoor journalist and Oregon native, is making a stop this summer at the Tillamook Forest Center to discuss his newest publication – *Grant’s Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures*.

Grant will be visiting the center on Sunday, July 21st to share some of his favorite Oregon spots, sign books, and provide visitors with his firsthand knowledge of Oregon’s back roads and byways.

In *101 Oregon Adventures*, Grant also elaborates on some of the gems within the Tillamook State Forest, including OHV trails, hiking excursions, and wildlife attractions, noting ideal times of the year for each visit type.



Grant McOmie keeps his eye on Oregon’s natural beauty and outdoor adventures.

Grant has been a long-time friend of the Tillamook Forest Center, highlighting the center itself in many of his writings and broadcasts. Visitors will learn about his favorite aspects of area culture, history, and environment, and have the opportunity to explore an awe-inspiring Oregon destination with a professional in Oregon travel.

The book is all-inclusive, providing fantastic Oregon locales for everyone, young and old, as well as for those who travel by two legs, four legs, or via wheels.

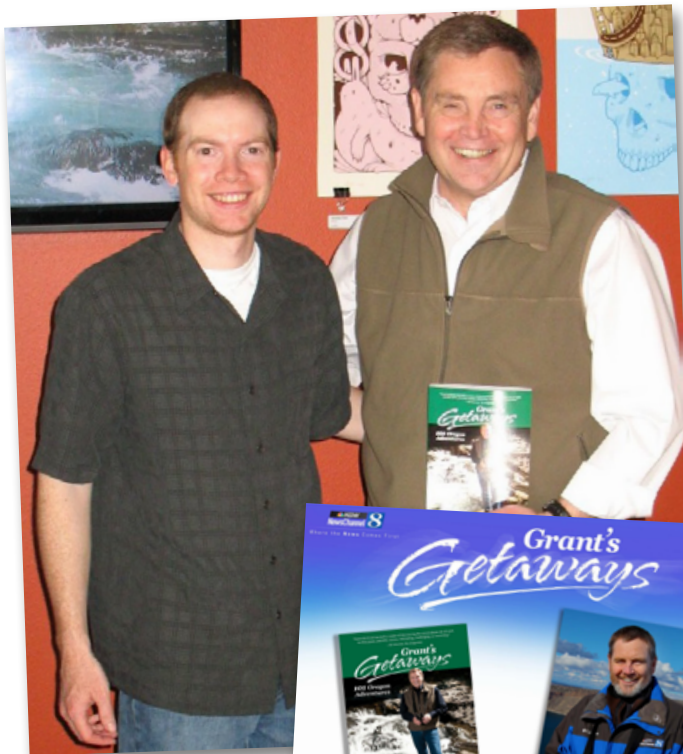
His book will be available for purchase in the center’s gift shop.

For more information on the event, visit the Tillamook Forest Center website:

www.tillamookforestcenter.com/events_05.html

To read and see more by Grant McOmie, follow the links below:



1. **Travel Oregon: Tillamook Forest Center by Grant McOmie**
<http://bit.ly/14hBWKS>
2. **Grant's Getaways: Tillamook Forest Center**
<http://bit.ly/13eyaoH>
3. **Hiking for Foliage & History by Grant McOmie**
<http://bit.ly/12ceGut>
4. **Grant's Getaways: Off-road riding in Tillamook State Forest**
<http://bit.ly/17KFNVt>
5. **Travel Oregon Storify: Photos of the TSF**
<http://bit.ly/19HFHPI>



KGW's Grant McOmie along with Jeff Kastner will present *Grant's Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures* at **Tillamook Forest Center - Sunday, July 21 at 1 p.m.** Get Grant's insider tips on where to go in Oregon, what to see and do, and how to enjoy each location the most - all in his new book!

2013 Tillamook Forest Center Summer Program Calendar

july

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>little brown bat</i> 	2	3	4 11:30 Berries 1:30 Woodpeckers <i>Independence Day</i>	5 11:30 Salmon 1:30 Woodpeckers	6 11:30 Forest Defense 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Nature's Yucky!
7 11:30 Nature's Yucky! 12:30 Salmon 1:30 Forest Defense	8	9	10	11	12 11:30 Bashful Bears 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Killer Birds! 2:30 Salmon	13 11:30 Bashful Bears 12:30 Salmon 1:30 Creature Cabins 2:30 Tree Walk
14 11:30 Creature Cabins 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Bashful Bears 2:30 Salmon	15	16	17	18 <i>Tillamook State Forest dedicated 40 years ago on this day!</i> 	19 11:30 Nature's Yucky! 12:30 Water Wonders 1:30 Killer Birds 2:30 Tree Walk	20 11:30 Edible Plants 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Water Wonders 2:30 Nature's Yucky!
21 1:00 Grant's Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures Presentation & Book Signing	22 <i>strawberry moon</i> 	23	24	25	26 11:30 Owls 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Killer Birds! 2:30 Salmon	27 11:30 Fire Lookout 12:30 Salmon 1:30 Owls 2:30 Tree Walk
28 11:30 Owls 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Fire Lookout 2:30 Salmon	29	30	31			

Watch for bats eating mosquitos over Jones Creek

Enjoy berries while hiking in the Tillamook State Forest

august

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				1	2 11:30 Lichen 12:30 Water Wonders 1:30 Bats 2:30 Tree Walk	3 11:30 Lichen 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Bats 2:30 Water Wonders
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25 11:30 Lichen 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Beavers 2:30 Salmon	26	27	28	29	30 11:30 Natures Yucky! 12:30 Water Wonders 1:30 Coyotes 2:30 Tree Walk	31 11:30 Coyotes 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Cougars 2:30 Water Wonders

Fall Chinook salmon start running the Wilson River

september

Sunday	Monday
1 11:30 Owls 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Bears 2:30 Water Wonders	2 11:30 Bears 12:30 Tree Walk 1:30 Killer Birds! 2:30 Tree Walk <i>Labor Day</i>

For more information on special events and daily programs visit www.tillamookforestcenter.org/events_05.html

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Please Note!

Summer hours continue through
September 8.

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

Fall hours begin on September 9.

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

The center will be **CLOSED** on
November 28 for Thanksgiving.



Mark Your Calendar

Don't miss an issue!

Please contact us to
update your address.

*Important
DATES!*



You've been great supporters!

Ask your friends and family to
follow us and help us reach

1,000 "likes"
by Thanksgiving.



Save the date!

Grant's Getaways –
101 Oregon Adventures
July 21, 1:00 pm

Return from the Burn
August 17 – 18, 10:00 am

Mysterious Mushrooms of
the Tillamook State Forest
October 19, 1:00 pm



Thimbleberries
are abundant in
the forest in July.
Yum!



Check our **website**
for upcoming
programs!