

The Lookout

News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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An Oregon forestry legend passes

Lisa Gibson

A man whose work still connects people with Oregon forests passed away this June. Hugh Hayes was a draftsman, illustrator, and visual storyteller who worked for the Oregon Department of Forestry for 31 years. Hayes' iconic images are still well known by many, despite the fact that he retired back in 1977! In Hayes' comical portrayals, you can see flames with legs, beavers that grin, and many depictions of Smokey Bear. Among his best known works are the "Keep Oregon Green" placemats found in restaurants for many years, an abundance of clever safety posters with wildfire prevention messages, and his illustrations of the book, "Trees to Know in Oregon."

Hugh Hayes' work continues to leave a lasting impression with all those who see it. State Forester, Doug Decker, said of Hayes, "Hugh was one-of-a-kind: an incredibly disciplined and talented artist, a self-taught draftsman, a de-facto engineer and



Visit the center through October and November and enjoy an exhibit of Hugh Hayes art. Items will be available for sale in the gift shop.

forester. His sense of humor and love of Oregon history and forests came through in his art to connect people to forests and to remind them about fire safety. He was Oregon's popular-art visual story teller." The public can still experience Hayes' ability to amuse, educate, and delight in an exhibit that displays his range of talents.

The Tillamook Forest Center is remembering Hugh Hayes with a special exhibit dedicated to his work. This fall, view the Hugh Hayes exhibit through the end of November. Visit our web site at:

www.tillamookforestcenter.org for more details on these events.



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From the Director

Do you know how to tell a Douglas-fir from a grand fir? Join us for a "Trees of the Tillamook" forest walk and find out. Here at the Tillamook Forest Center we offer a great assortment of natural and cultural history programs that are free, family-orientated and fun!

This year we made history as we saw the largest turnout for our public programs thanks to a commitment by our staff to offer more daily events. The response was impressive and for the first time over 1,000 people took part in public programs in just one month (July). The accomplishment could not have been achieved without a total team effort from the center staff, including seasonal staff and summer interns.

This fall, we look forward to continuing the trend and plan to offer some exciting new programs including "Tillamook Tales," geared towards families with children ages 3-6. In addition, some of our popular events will be happening again this year, including Mysterious Mushrooms, a fall salmon release, and our holiday wreath making event in November (see the Program Calendar on page 6). We hope your next trip through the Coast Range will include a stop here at the Tillamook Forest Center to learn more about this unique part of Oregon. Next time someone asks you "what kind of tree is this?" you can proudly show them the pointy buds and say "that's a Douglas-fir, Oregon's state tree."



Top: Young visitors gather round to examine a bird nest found on a "Trees of the Tillamook" walk.

Bottom: Staff read the adventures of Baby Bear at a Tillamook Forest Center story time.



Larry Berrin, Director

Grab your rain gear and get on out here!

Join us to experience one of the best kept secrets of the Tillamook State Forest; wildlife viewing in the fall! With the autumn leaves off the branches, it is easier to spot bald eagles and other critters gobbling up what they can before winter arrives. As the refreshing rain refills waterways, the river is rising and we are already starting to see the salmon returning in the Wilson River. Before you settle in to your own winter nest, join us for some guaranteed wildlife viewing at our annual November salmon release. Over the next several weeks, watch our Facebook page to follow the growth of our salmon eggs into fry. Once they are large enough to survive on their own, join us to release them into Jones Creek (we're estimating November 16th and 17th). Make sure you save the date for this important event!



The Tillamook Forest Center appreciates your support

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



Tillamook
Forest
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rustic benches are available for a sponsorship gift at the \$2,500 level.

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.



On the frontlines of wildfire

Scott Kryskalla



While many Oregonians recognize the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) for managing the lush green canopies of state forest lands, many would be surprised to learn that ODF also protects 16 million acres of Oregon's forests from wildfire.



Fire crews build a protective line and then "burn out" vegetation between the fire and the line, in hopes of stopping the spread of wildfire.

the fire by feeding thousands of firefighters. Chris Friend was the TFC's second member to be called for fire duty. Chris assisted the fire crews as a public information officer, who coordinated and communicated information between fire staff, the media, and the public. Next up was Darryl Anderson who worked in the fire cache managing all of the supplies needed to get the job done.



When the Oregon Department of Forestry was created in 1911, the organization's sole purpose was to fight wildfires. Over the past 102 years, ODF has held true to its original mission in addition to managing over 800,000 acres of state forest land and assisting private landowners. In 2013, a combination of extremely dry weather, hot sunny days and frequent lightning storms led to one of Oregon's most active fire seasons in many years. ODF and its contract crews were swift in reacting to the wildfires and sent thousands of women and men to combat the blazes.

The Oregon Department of Forestry began as a firefighting agency in 1911 and fighting wildland fires remains a top priority.

Here at the Tillamook Forest Center (TFC), a few of our own staff members were recruited to join the fire protection effort. The first TFC staff member sent to aid the firefighting crews was Denise Berkshire. While many were in the midst of the wild inferno, Denise worked behind the scenes as a food unit leader—fighting

We are very proud of Denise, Chris, Darryl and all the other members of the firefighting community who helped tame the wildfires during this hectic fire season. Thanks to these brave men and women, the forests of Oregon will remain green and beautiful.

Left: Fire camp at the Douglas Complex near Roseburg. Fire camps are home base for wildfire operations, and provide basic needs, like showers, food operations, and tent sites to those involved. The fire camp at the Douglas Complex housed over 3,100 people.

Below, left: About 35 miles of hose were used during the Government Flat Fire near The Dalles. (A very small portion of which is pictured.)

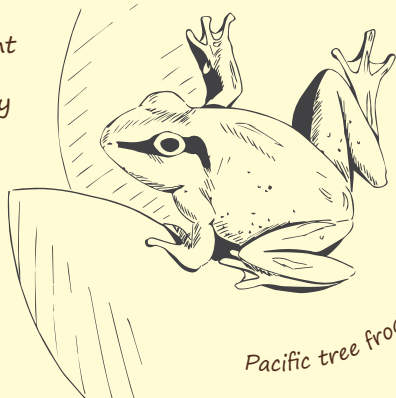
Below, right: A community meeting to update locals on the Douglas Complex Fires, held at Wolf Creek Park, August 2013.



Naturalist Notes

Carrie Black (with drawings by Scott Kryskalla)

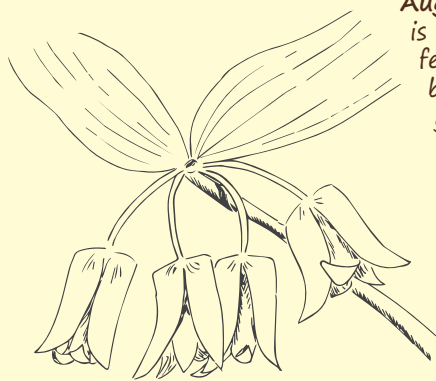
July 18: A young visitor at my Water Wonders program caught a Pacific tree frog! All the kids gathered around to see the tiny frog before we released it back into the wild.



Pacific tree frog

July 24: Lauren and Denise spotted a pileated woodpecker hopping around on a Douglas-fir branch. Very neat!

July 26: A family of hikers helped me identify Smith's fairybells and Hooker's fairybells; these wildflowers are in the lily family, and the berries of both are a bright yellow-orange.



Smith's fairybells

August 1: A Swainson's thrush is sitting on her nest, only five feet off the ground. These birds build nests out of grasses, moss, & sticks, in shrubs & small trees.

August 4: The yummy summer berries are starting to disappear. The birds & chipmunks are finishing the thimbleberries & the red huckleberries. I found one lone trailing blackberry, probably the last of the season.

August 9: Scott discovered a beautiful black dragonfly perched on the lookout tower this morning. We have yet to determine the species.

August 10: Orchids in the parking lot! We found a tall, western ladies' tresses, *Spiranthes*, which is Greek for "coiled flowers."



April showers bring May flowers, while fall precipitation brings mushroom anticipation. Don't miss the Tillamook State Forest Mysterious Mushroom program on October 19 at 1 pm.

A nature riddle:
What kind of room has no windows or doors?
(Answer on page 6)



September Nature Nugget:
"Ants and termite colonies produce winged adults only once a year, and for many species this happens during September, often just after rain."

October Nature Nugget:
"Fall is spider time and fall 'ballooning' takes place." What is fall ballooning? Join us at the Fall Forest Festival to learn about this and much more on October 26 & 27!



Nature nuggets from the *Seasonal Guide to the Natural Year* by James Luther Davis.



Join us for Fall Forest Fest on October 26 and 27!



september

2013 Tillamook Forest Center Fall Program Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2 <i>CLOSED</i>	3 <i>CLOSED</i>	4	5	6	7 11:30 Fido Hike 1:30 Frogs
8 11:30 Frogs 1:30 Tree Walk	9 <i>CLOSED</i>	10 <i>CLOSED</i>	11	12	13	14 11:30 Tillamook Tales 1:30 Flames to Forest
15 11:30 Flames to Forest 1:30 Woodpeckers	16 <i>CLOSED</i>	17 <i>CLOSED</i>	18	19	20	21 11:30 Bears 1:30 Nature's Yucky!
22 11:30 Bears 1:30 Nature's Yucky!	23 <i>CLOSED</i>	24 <i>CLOSED</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>CLOSED</i>	TACO (Take Your Child Outside) Week				



Banana slug

october

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>CLOSED</i>	2	3	4	5 Hugh Hayes Art Exhibit Opens! (Oct - Nov)
6 12:30 Owls	7 <i>CLOSED</i>	8 <i>CLOSED</i>	9	10	11	12 11:30 Tillamook Tales
13 12:30 Bears	14 <i>CLOSED</i>	15 <i>CLOSED</i>	16	17	18	19 1:00 Mysterious Mushrooms
20 12:30 Bats	21 <i>CLOSED</i>	22 <i>CLOSED</i>	23	24	25	26 FALL FOREST FESTIVAL
27 FALL FOREST FESTIVAL	28 <i>CLOSED</i>	29 <i>CLOSED</i>	30	31 Halloween		

november

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:30 Creature Cabins	2 12:30 Creature Cabins
3 12:30 Creature Cabins	4 <i>CLOSED</i>	5 <i>CLOSED</i>	6	7	8	9 11:30 Tillamook Tales
10 12:30 Creature Cabins	11 <i>CLOSED</i>	12 <i>CLOSED</i>	13	14	15	16 SALMON RELEASE (est. date)
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24	25 <i>CLOSED</i>	26 <i>CLOSED</i>	27	28	29 Thanksgiving Day	30 HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING (registration required)
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Visit www.tillamookforestcenter.org/events_05.html for details

Nature riddle answer (from page 5):
Why a mushroom of course.





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!

Fall hours began **September 9**.

We are currently **OPEN**
Wednesday through Sunday,
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

The center **CLOSES** for the season
December 2 and will **REOPEN** **March 2014**



Mark Your Calendar

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

*Important
DATES!*

Save the dates!

Hugh Hayes Art Exhibit
October – November

New! Tillamook Tales Story Time
October 12 & November 9 (2nd Saturdays)

Fall Forest Festival
Saturday, October 26 & Sunday, October 27

Holiday Wreath Making
Nov 29, 30 & Dec 1 (registration required)



Check our **website** for
upcoming program &
event details!

Watch our facebook page to
see our tiny fish grow up
and when you can help us
release them!

