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.

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.
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 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!
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 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.

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 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

Grant McOmie keeps his eye on Oregon’s natural beauty and outdoor adventures.
2013 Tillamook Forest Center Summer Program Calendar

**july**

**Sunday**
1. Little brown bat
2. Nature’s Yucky!
3. Salmon Defense
4. Tree Walk
5. Bashful Bears
6. Salmon
7. Owls
8. Tree Walk
9. Salmon
10. Salmon
11. Nature’s Yucky!
12. Salmon Defense
13. Creature Cabins
14. Tree Walk
15. Owls
16. Tree Walk
17. Salmon
18. Tillamook State Forest dedicated 40 years ago on this day!
19. Nature’s Yucky!
20. Salmon Defense
21. Creature Cabins
22. Tree Walk
23. Owls
24. Tree Walk
25. Salmon
26. Salmon
27. Fire Lookout
28. Owls
29. Tree Walk
30. Salmon
31. Salmon

**Sunday**
1. Sunday
2. Friday
3. Thursday
4. Wednesday
5. Tuesday
6. Monday
7. Saturday

**august**

**Enjoy berries while hiking in the Tillamook State Forest**

**Visit our website (below) for Monday - Thursday program details**

**september**

**Fall Chinook salmon start running the Wilson River**

**For more information on special events and daily programs visit**
www.tillamookforestcenter.org/events_05.html
Tillamook Forest Center
45500 Wilson River Highway
Tillamook, OR  97141

Mark Your Calendar

Important DATES!
You’ve been great supporters! Ask your friends and family to follow us and help us reach 1,000 “likes” by Thanksgiving.

Thimbleberries are abundant in the forest in July. Yum!

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

Check our website for upcoming programs!

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.

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

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.