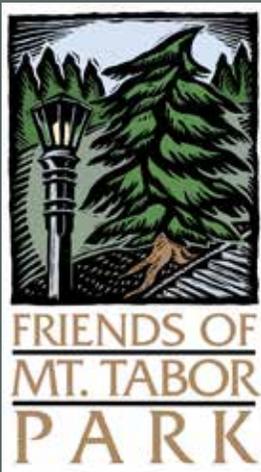


# The TABOR TIMES

Newsletter - February 2016

The purpose of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park is to improve and/or help maintain Mt. Tabor Park for the benefit of individuals, organizations and the Park Bureau; to identify and help solve problems; to participate in park planning projects. We work with the Park Bureau, the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association and other community and park user groups to monitor park use and operation, to support effective maintenance of the park, and to help in the successful implementation of the parks goals and vision as stated in the Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan.



## Annual Meeting in March

Mark your calendars for the Tuesday, March 15, 2016, Annual Meeting/Winter Program of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, to be held from 7:00–8:30 pm. This year's featured speaker will be Kevin Robinson, the director of the Adult Soap Box Derby, which is held annually in Mt. Tabor Park. Kevin will give an interesting and lively presentation about the Adult Soap Box Derby with lots of visuals. Kevin's

presentation will focus on the history of the Derby and where those involved with it would like to see the Derby go.

Don't miss what is sure to be an enjoyable and entertaining evening. Doors open at 6:30 pm at Western Seminary (SE 55th & SE Hawthorne, the Chapel), with the Annual Meeting beginning at 7:00 pm followed by Kevin's presentation.

*Soapbox Derby organizer Kevin Robinson will be the guest speaker at this year's annual meeting.*  
*Photo credit: Kevin Paul*



# From the Co-chairs – Mary Kinnick and Beau Russell

On behalf of the Board we would like to express our appreciation for the continued support of our members with special thanks for the generous giving of some members above and beyond basic membership dues. Because of membership generosity, the Board is able to consider funding a number of park improvement projects. We thank YOU, our members for trusting us to manage and spend these funds wisely.

A few notable highlights from 2015:

- The award-winning Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors worked in collaboration with PP&R and BES to remove invasive plant species and do habitat restoration. As of the end of December, they have logged a very formidable 2056 volunteer hours. Thank you!
- Since opening in October 2011, the Visitor Center (see pg. 4) continues to exceed all expectations by having had over 24,000 visitors. During 2015 the Visitor Center utilized eighteen different volunteers (including one Central Catholic High School student) who donated a total of 983 volunteer hours through December.

- The Foot Patrol, which welcomed Dennis Puetz as its new coordinator (see pg. 11), continued to keep the park safe and clean while racking up 1048 volunteer hours through December.
- Re-election of Board members Beau Russell and Gayle Marechal to new three-year terms.
- Gayle Marechal and Martrese White teamed up once again to edit and produce our biannual newsletter.
- Martrese White redesigned our FMTP website. Check us out at [www.taborfriends.org](http://www.taborfriends.org)
- Membership dues may now be paid by credit card online at [squareup.com/market/FMTP-Shop](http://squareup.com/market/FMTP-Shop)

We extend a big “thank you” to Phyllis Weih for all her dedicated work as our Archivist since 2010. Phyllis has handed off her position to Nancy Russell.

## **Project Funding:**

Thanks in part to members’ generous donations, the board funded and installed a new bench near the Visitor Center as

well as a new drinking fountain between the restrooms east of the Visitor Center (see pg. 11). The construction of a new split rail fence at the top of the slope south of the playground was funded and installed; the fence is designed to help prevent soil erosion and allow native plants to help stabilize the slope. Also, we have continued to increase funding for our part-time Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator (see pg. 7).

A final note: Although Portland Parks & Recreation’s budget situation improved in 2015, all City bureaus have been required to submit 5% reduction budget requests for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Consequently, FMTP’s volunteer efforts will continue to play a significant role in supporting the park’s well-being. We are always looking for more volunteers. So, if you are interested in joining us, please contact one of our coordinators: Mary Kinnick (Weed Warriors), Dave Hillman (Visitor center), or Dennis Puetz (Foot Patrol) at 503-512-0816 or [taborfriends@gmail.com](mailto:taborfriends@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing some new faces in 2016!

# Meet the Members

-John McLaren

Steve Bingold is among the newer and more supportive members of the Foot Patrol. He has lived in the area in the same house for thirty-nine years and when asked about living here responded, “The house was a fixer-upper, and our plan was to fix it up and sell in five years but we started to really like the Mt. Tabor/Hawthorne neighborhood and especially the park so five years became ten and now we’re still here.”

Here’s what Steve has to say about the park:

“To me, Mt. Tabor Park is a sanctuary within the city limits of Portland. The sights, sounds, and smells all merge together to provide an oasis of calm and tranquility that people from all over come to enjoy. The park also benefits the athletically inclined with its myriad of trails, stairs, and closed roads to offer a physically challenging environment to shape and tone the body.”

Besides getting or keeping themselves in shape, park volunteers are helping preserve a prime community asset, Steve believes. “The work the volunteers do in keeping the park clean and healthy is paramount in making this park what it is today,” he says. “Without this dedicated support the park would deteriorate as invasive species and trash would slowly take over and undermine the health and beauty of this park.”

Steve was motivated to join the Foot Patrol by Suzanne McCarthy, a friend from church and a persuasive advocate for the Foot

Patrol. “We’d often talk after services. Suzanne knew I liked to hike and often walked in Mt. Tabor Park so she suggested I join the Foot Patrol as a way to stay in shape and give back to the park. As a result of our conversations, I did join the Mt. Tabor patrol in the spring of this year. I try to patrol at least twice a week.”

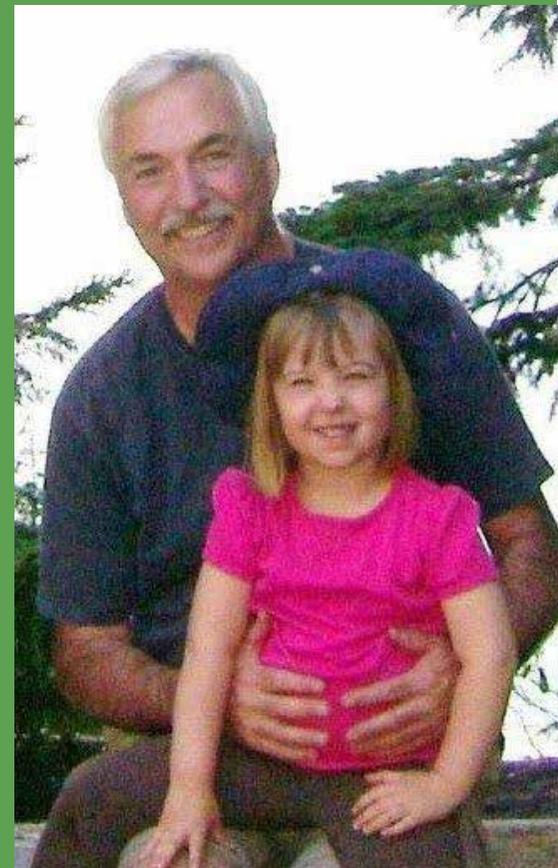
Steve is a recent retiree from the Beaverton technology firm Tektronix where he was employed for thirty-four years as an engineer and engineering manager. “I think the people skills that I developed as a manager help with meeting and interacting with the people I encounter in the park.”

The day Steve recalls as “International Day” is a prime example of how people skills developed in the workplace can help make a routine foot patrol an exercise in creative communication. “It was in early summer and my patrol started out as usual. When I see people I usually say, ‘Hi.’ On this day, I had four encounters with people from Spain, Italy, Sweden, and Australia. When I greeted them, they would begin to ask questions about the park and Portland. The conversations were challenging, as a number of these people spoke limited English, but it was very rewarding to help them and spread some ‘Mt. Tabor goodwill.’”

While the Foot Patrol is the only Friends group with which he is currently working, Steve also is a member of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association.

In October he volunteered for Parke Diem in Mt. Tabor Park “where we spent half a day spreading gravel on the trails.” In his spare time he works with the St. Vincent DePaul Society to deliver food to the needy.

As for the larger goals of the foot patrollers, “I think it is of utmost importance that we as volunteers stay vigilant to anything that could impact this park. The work done by the volunteers on the reservoir disconnection project is a perfect example--standing up and voicing our concerns and then working with the city to define those concerns into actionable issues such as protecting trees and historic structures.”





# Mt. Tabor Park Visitor Center

-Dave Hillman

As the coordinator for the Visitor Center, I can state that the Visitor Center is a true success and a valuable asset for Mt. Tabor Park. The Visitor Center opened four years ago in November 2011, and as of the end of December 2015, 24,000 visitors from all over Portland, the United States, and many countries throughout the world have visited the center. As the word has spread about the resources and information we have available, the annual count continues to grow with over 6,700 visitors coming through our door this year. None of this growth would have been possible without the help of many volunteers, and fortunately the number of volunteers continues to increase each year. More volunteers mean we can open the Center a little more frequently or extend our hours per day. Some volunteers have been involved for a few years, while others are new within the past few months.

This year the volunteer cadre includes Larry Duckwall, Barbara Gummere, Janet Graham, Gary Hicks, Dave Houghton, Marsha McGrath, David Mull, Bob Rodgers, Julia Stevenson, Dan Wilson, and me.

Why volunteer? Let some of the volunteers tell you why. Larry

Duckwall said that he and his wife Carol are retired librarians from the Bay Area. They moved to Portland in 2009, and he began volunteering in the Park Visitor Center in 2013. He enjoys sharing his love of the park and likes having the opportunity to meet so many people and nice dogs.

Gary Hicks states, "I come from a thirty year career in retail and enjoy interacting with people. Being a volunteer allows me to meet people from around the world. Just last week I met a family from the Seychelles."

Dave Houghton "enjoy[s] working alongside the Park staff and meeting people from around the world." He recently retired after twenty-five years at Multnomah County's Department of Health followed by four years serving as Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

Marsha McGrath states that she is a "Portland native and OSU grad. After spending years on the Oregon coast and in Alabama, I came home in 2009. I was happy to find a home near Mt. Tabor, which is a magical place, and I have learned so much about the park while volunteering. It's great to talk to people who are discovering this place and to share their delight."

David Mull, who is retired from the phone company, says he has "lived in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood for thirty-three years, and enjoys gardening and hiking but also volunteering because [he] likes meeting people from all over the world and helping them enjoy our wonderful city."

Julia Stevenson is a former volunteer from Central Catholic High School and continues to do so during school breaks. Julia states, "I'm studying environmental science at the University of Portland. The best part of volunteering is giving treats to all of the dogs that come by."

Another volunteer is Dan Wilson who says that he is "an avid traveler and outdoor enthusiast, fortunate to experience the joy expressed by the many travelers from near and far who visit Mt. Tabor Park and express their gratitude for having a staffed Visitor Center." In summation, I guess that you might just call this volunteering a "labor of love." If you would like to join us and labor lovingly, we'll find just the right schedule to meet your needs.

*To learn about volunteering or to schedule an orientation, contact us at [taborfriends@gmail.com](mailto:taborfriends@gmail.com).*

# 2016 Tar 'n' Trail Event to Continue Success of 2015 Event

-Anne Crispino-Taylor

Last year's Mt. Tabor Tar 'n' Trail 5K walk/run and 10K run was another successful event. Held on Sunday October 11th to celebrate autumn in the park, the race was host to our largest turnout yet: 104 runners/walkers participated in the 5K and 42 runners challenged the 10K, with its nearly 1,200 feet of elevation gain. The weather was perfect and the event raised \$2,200.00 for the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park.

Once again New Seasons Market on Hawthorne provided runners with post-race bagels and fruit. Trail Butter, a Portland-based business, provided samples of their delicious, all-natural nut-butter; designed to provide lasting energy and nutrition to outdoor enthusiasts. Evolution Health Care and Fitness (a new Portland-based business) set up booth to showcase their services including massage therapy, chiropractic care and fitness training. Other sponsors included: Pizza Roma, Animal Athletics, Rain or Shine Coffee (who provided hot, pre-race coffee), and Foot Traffic. I would also like to acknowledge Kristi Bull Notz and Janna Washere for the efforts in putting together gift baskets for the raffle, Karen Wang Design for her gracious donation of time to create this year's poster and Martrese White for her talented photography.

The 2016 event is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th. Join us! For more information go to [www.runannie.net](http://www.runannie.net).



*And they're off! 146 athletes participated.*



*FMTP board members Mary Kinnick, Jason Doerflein, Martrese White, and Anne Crispino-Taylor (who organized the event)*

## Ultra-running Lecture Benefits FMTP

-Martrese White



Evolution Healthcare and Fitness, a unique patient/client-focused community of healthcare and fitness professionals, hosted a movie screening of the short film "Wonderland" and lecture by Canadian ultra-runner Gary Robbins on Saturday, February 20. All proceeds from beer sales at the event, totaling \$180, went to FMTP! Treasurer Jason Doerflein and board member Martrese White were at the event (left) to thank Evolution Healthcare and Fitness in person, and to provide information about the park to attendees.

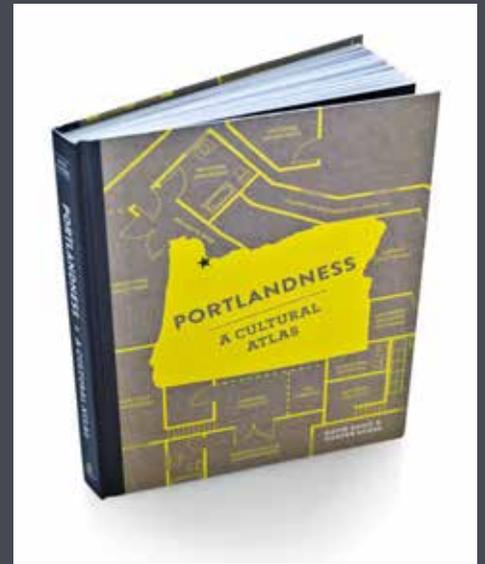
A big THANK YOU to Evolution Healthcare and Fitness for the support, and to Basecamp Brewing for donating the beer.

# A Review—*Portlandness: A Cultural Atlas*

-Gayle Marechal

David Banis and Hunter Shobe are professors in the Department of Geography at Portland State University and in *Portlandness: A Cultural Atlas* have created an unusual guide to our city. Banis and Shobe have mapped the city of Portland in a creative way and describe the book as an “effort to use cartography to facilitate social understanding among different groups of people.” As the preface to the book states, “Maps have a strong hold on people’s imaginations. Maps tell stories, and the mapmaker chooses how to tell that story.”

The city of Portland is one of those places with an interesting and different story to tell, and Banis and Shobe have chosen to tell Portland’s story through an atlas whose chapter titles run the gamut from “Urban Landscapes” to “Popular Culture.” Included within this mapping of our cityscape is Mt. Tabor Park, our own special island of greenery and retreat from the hustle and bustle of urban living. What is particularly interesting about *Portlandness* is the book’s effort to join all the city’s disparate parts and distinct neighborhoods into a unified whole where our sense of place transcends our differences and the differences of the various parts of the city. We are all tied to place in one way or another. Our place within the city, with Mt. Tabor Park at the epicenter, is one of many significant parts of a lovely and, yes, unique city. Take a look at where we live through other eyes and work to preserve the special nature of where we live both on the micro and the macro levels. For a different look at where we live and how we integrate into the greater whole, Read *Portlandness* for a journey through our city that will delight and inform. You’ll be quite pleased, and you won’t even have to leave home.



## Membership Report and Dues -Suzanne McCarthy

As we completed 2015, our membership stood at 138. So far in 2016, we have eighty-three dues-paying members. Although most of the eighty-three are renewing members, we are pleased that there are some newcomers! We welcome those who would like to become more involved in supporting the park and invite them to become members. Annual dues are \$15.00. Additional contributions are welcome.

Since FMTP now uses the calendar year as its dues year, this is a reminder to those of you who haven’t paid for the current year starting January 1 that annual membership dues are due. To continue receiving the newsletter and other announcements throughout 2016, please visit our website, [www.taborfriends.org](http://www.taborfriends.org), to download a printable membership form, or pay by credit card at [squareup.com/market/FMTP-Shop](http://squareup.com/market/FMTP-Shop).

Mail completed forms and payment to:

Suzanne McCarthy  
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Portland, OR 97215  
503-772-5091



# Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Update

-Bing Wong

Portlanders stopped getting their drinking water from the open reservoirs in Mt. Tabor Park before the end of 2015, and work to disconnect and seal the pipes should be complete by now. After reservoir six was disconnected and sealed, water from reservoir five was transferred to it. Reservoirs five and one will be refilled to historic levels.

The Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association and Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Citizen Advisory Committee negotiated an agreement with the Water Bureau, which was passed by City Council last August. Monthly update meetings in the park with Water Bureau staff Terry Black will keep the group apprised on the project, known as Mt. Tabor Adjustment Project, as various phases take place. Potholing, reservoir disconnect, vault work, and new pipe installation work taking place at various times are designed to minimize disruption to park users. According to Terry Black, three month advance notice signage at work sites will give park users plenty of advance notice even if those times on the posts may change by as much as a few weeks when the work actually commences. Major disruptions will occur when a new forty-eight inch water line will be installed along Lincoln Street east of 60th Avenue going up into the park to a vault below Reservoir one. The plan is to trench the distance necessary to lay one section of pipe at a time to allow local access to residents along Lincoln. The dog off leash area's western gate entrance will be relocated south of the current location.

Mitigation tree replacement for the number of trees being removed will not all happen in Mt. Tabor Park due to the extensive work already taking place for the Tabor to the River work.

Work to repair reservoir structures will take place by a priority list and funding over the next four fiscal years.

The water bureau has a web site for the Mt. Tabor Adjustment Project with information and pictures of the work projects, the Land Use Review Application, and brochure at [www.portlandoregon.gov/water/64097](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/64097).

The Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association web site [www.mttaborpdx.org](http://www.mttaborpdx.org) also has the history of the reservoirs and how the neighborhood was able to get to this agreement.



# The Weed Warriors—Goodbye to Alexa and Hello to Stasia!

-Mary Kinnick,  
Weed Warriors Coordinator

What a year of change and accomplishment! In December, we celebrated Alexa Todd and all she has done for the Weed Warriors over her six years (yep, that's right, six years!) as our Stewardship Coordinator. Those lauding her achievements at the big send-off at Flying Pie Pizza had much to say. She has been instrumental in developing the Weed Warriors into a more mature service organization and one that involves more members of the community in the work of habitat restoration in the park. Her focus has always been on the quality of the experiences

for both the crew leaders and the volunteers such that they learn more about the importance of their work and how they are making a difference in bringing ecological health back to the park. She will be remembered for her extensive use of GIS in mapping and planning service events, increasing attention to education as a central part of the service events, completion of the first ever Weed Warrior Handbook, and her good humor and playfulness. We thank you and wish you well Alexa!

After a wide search for a new Stewardship Coordinator we

were extraordinarily fortunate to find Stasia Honnold, who took over in January 2016. Stasia is an environmental educator who primarily works with young adults to carry out restoration work in the Portland Metro area. She loves birds, native plants, and outdoor adventure of all types. She says she's been playing at Mt. Tabor since she moved from SW Portland eight years ago. In addition to her five hours a week position with the Weed Warriors, Stasia works with Project YESS through Mt. Hood Community College. She received her B.A. in English with Honors from Lewis and Clark College and an M.A. there in Secondary Education and has taught in middle school. She bikes everywhere; so no doubt you'll find her arriving via bicycle for our first service project that takes place from 9am-12noon on March 26th. Put this date on your calendar and plan to come and welcome Stasia and help the park!

Here are a few of the Weed Warrior recent achievements:

- completion of the FMTP Weed Warrior Handbook authored by Alexa Todd
- Recruitment of Lise Gervais-Lynch, one of our crew leaders, to serve as Assistant WW Coordinator working with me while learning the ropes

*cont'd.*



- Most volunteers ever (136) at the September service project co-sponsored with The Nature Conservancy, Portland Parks and Recreation, and the Weed Warriors.
- new high of volunteer hours and number of volunteers for last Saturday of the month service projects that run from March through October—1340 hours and 428 volunteers—with a total of 2056 hours for all volunteer projects

If you're interested in becoming a crew leader, contact Stasia at [FMTWPWeedWarriors@gmail.com](mailto:FMTWPWeedWarriors@gmail.com). (Hopefully the profile of our youngest crew leader Zosia Lynch on page 9 will inspire many!) The four-hour training program is offered two times: February 20 and March 12. Check [www.taborfriends.org](http://www.taborfriends.org) to learn more about the Weed Warriors.



*Brad and crew remove English ivy from the park*

## Treasurer's Report

-by Jason Doerflein

2015 was another healthy year for the Friends of Mount Tabor Park. Membership contributions remain strong. Our two primary fundraisers, (fall Tar 'n' Trail 5k/10k run and PP&R summer concert series pie sales) provided year-over-year growth. Product sales at the Visitor Center were robust, and local advertising and film crews contributed to our organization after using the park for their shoots.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park funds paid for the printing of brochures and other branded items that are stocked at the Visitor Center. We also worked with Portland Parks and Recreation to fund the new park bench and bottle-fill water fountain. Both of these additions are located near the restrooms at the main parking lot. Lastly, FMTTP continues to sponsor the volunteer coordinator stewardship who manages the Weed Warrior volunteer groups.



*The new park bench funded by FMTTP*



## Denizens of Mt. Tabor Park

Zosia Lynch, an FMTP Weed Warrior Crew Leader since she was fifteen, is a high school junior at Franklin High School. She lives in SE Portland with her parents, dog, and two chickens. Answers are edited for clarity and brevity.

**You are far and away the youngest Crew Leader of the Weed Warriors, but this is not new. When did you first start volunteering in Mt. Tabor Park?**

I started volunteering for the Weed Warriors in January 2013. Before that, I'd volunteered for the Forest Park Conservancy, so I already knew that ripping up invasive plants was something I enjoyed. I was interested in learning more about native plants, and I liked that Mt. Tabor was so close to my home. I was hooked right away, and the next year I did my first crew leader training.

**Portland offers many opportunities to get involved.**

**Why Mt. Tabor, and the Weed Warriors?**

Mt. Tabor's location isn't just convenient; living near the park means I can see the progress the Weed Warriors are making every time I walk my dog. It's been incredibly rewarding to watch invasive plants falling back and native plants gaining ground. I love volunteering at Mt. Tabor because more than a work site, it's part of my community.

**What elements of the Crew Leader responsibilities do you find most interesting or rewarding?**

One of my favorite parts of being a crew leader has been working around diverse groups of people—volunteers and professionals, families, retirees, school groups. The questions they ask get me to think in new ways, and the knowledge they share is always useful and thought provoking.

**Will the Weed Warriors be able to count on your participation indefinitely, or do you have other plans for the future?**

I hope to go to a college with a strong biology program—my ideal major is conservation biology, but I'll be happy with any degree that gets me closer to the natural world. I plan on volunteering with the Weed Warriors at least until I start college. If I end up going out of state, the commute just might be too long, but for as long as I stay in Portland, I'll keep volunteering on Mt. Tabor.

**What is your favorite native plant, and most abhorred invasive plant, and why?**

My favorite plant is Indian plum. In my neighborhood, it's the first native plant to bloom in spring. Even in the middle of the city, it keeps me connected to seasonal changes in the wild. For my most abhorred invasive plant, I have to choose an old favorite, English ivy. I still remember when I used to walk through vine-covered forests and marvel at how lush and green they were. Then I began learning plant names and discovered those forests were lush and green because they were being choked by an invasive weed. I've hated ivy ever since. The chance to rip it up is another reason I love volunteering with the Weed Warriors.

We gratefully acknowledge the following members who have made donations in addition to annual dues during 2015. These much-needed funds greatly help finance the projects FMTP undertakes to maintain and improve the park's many amenities, all to the benefit of the thousands of people who visit annually. Please consider making a supplemental contribution in addition to your 2016 annual dues to be included in the year-end list of donors. Thank you!

# DONORS AND TREE DESIGNATIONS

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Names not listed

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Hard, Thomas  
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Mealey, Joe  
Mower, Dawn Marie  
Puetz, Dennis  
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Stalsberg, Chuck & Toni  
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## \$50 - \$99.99 - Red Leaf Maple

Baumann, Carol & Duckwall  
Bingold, Larry  
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Grove, Stephen

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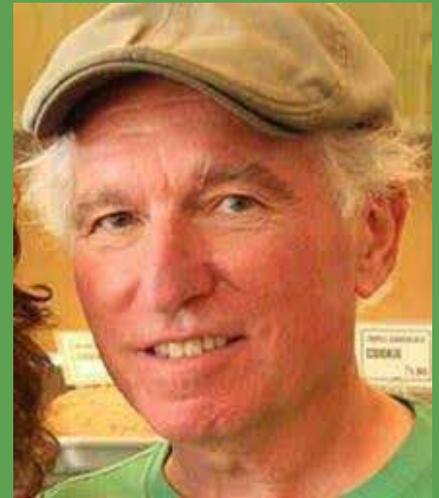
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## \$500 - Sequoia

N/A

# Meet Our New Foot Patrol Coordinator

In August 2015, tireless Foot Patrol volunteer Dennis Puetz (*right*) stepped in to become our Foot Patrol Coordinator, replacing volunteer Beau Russell, who held the position for almost five years. A Southeast Portland native, Dennis (and volunteer Dave Beltz) were profiled in the February 2015, issue's "Meet the Member" article. We thank Beau for his years of hard work and look forward to having Dennis lead our Foot Patrol volunteers as they maintain a FMTP presence in the park. Those interested in learning more about the Foot Patrol may view the "Volunteer" page on our website, or email [taborfriends@gmail.com](mailto:taborfriends@gmail.com).



## How Are Membership Dues Utilized?

-Martrese White

As most members are aware, the basic FMTP membership level, *Douglas Fir*, costs a mere \$15. However, many members choose to make generous annual donations beyond the basic membership level. Our Treasurer Jason Doerflein keeps meticulous records of our costs, expenditures, and deposits, and last year, the board approved to fund several park projects thanks to our members' donations. Seen below are three tangible examples of how membership dues directly help the park, making it a safer and more enjoyable place for all. As outlined in the co-chairs' report (pg. 2), 2015 saw a new bench installed near the Visitor Center, a new drinking fountain at the restrooms east of the Visitor Center, and a new split rail fence near the playground. These visible park improvements are a daily reminder to our visitors that membership dues truly make a difference!

In addition to park improvements such as these, administrative costs are also funded by dues. FMTP funded some of the part-time salary for our new Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator, Stasia Honnold. And even though our neighbors at Warner Pacific College make annual contributions to offset the printing costs of our brochures, FMTP pays the majority of this expense.



# Visitors from the Land of the Rising Sun

-Martrese White

At the end of last summer, Co-chair Mary Kinnick and two staff members from Portland State University were given the honor of escorting three city officials from Fukuoka City, Japan, on a tour of the park. The mayor of Fukuoka City previously visited Portland and was so impressed with what he calls our “hot” city that he sent three officials to gather information to be utilized in the revitalization of their city’s downtown. The officials were quite interested in our system used to install and monitor park benches (perfect timing, with our brand new bench at the Visitor Center!). One of the guests was involved with parks and wanted to learn about tree planting—how decisions are made regarding where to plant trees, which kinds of trees to plant, and how view corridors are maintained. They saw first-hand our extensive efforts at habitat restoration and fence repairing. The entire group enjoyed lunch after the tour, and the guests were given tan Nature Conservancy hats as souvenirs, as seen in the photos at right. It’s satisfying to see that our beloved park is not only a source of pride for those who work so hard to maintain it, but it’s also an inspiration to others!



# Summer Star Parties on Mt. Tabor

-Martrese White

*Mark Seibold with his telescopes in the park.*



Daylight hours are increasing, and before we know it, summer will be upon us. This means glorious sunsets, songbirds singing, and star parties! Local astronomer and artist Mark Seibold will once again provide impromptu star parties in the park, during which visitors may observe planets, stars, and the moon through his computer-driven Celestron Nexstar 5i Cassegrain telescope and his manual 10” Dobsonian/Newtonian telescopes. Mark is occasionally joined by members of the Rose City Astronomers Club. He usually sets up his equipment at sunset and stays until the park gates close between 10–11 p.m.

To find out when Mark will be in the park with his telescopes, follow him on facebook – or keep an eye out for him around dusk on the drive in front of Reservoir No. 5. We will also notify the public of his presence via our facebook page.

# RESERVOIR No. 6 - 1911 AND NOW

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