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FMTF Annual Meeting and Winter Program March 20, 2012

Audubon Society Conservation Director to Speak – Mary Kinnick

Featured speaker Bob Sallinger will present *From Gray to Green: Mt. Tabor's Role in Creating an Ecologically Healthy Urban Landscape* at the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Annual Meeting and Winter Program on March 20.

Conservation director of the Audubon Society of Portland, Sallinger has been dedicated to protecting Portland's wildlife and wild places for more than two decades. His work includes leading efforts to recover Portland's peregrine falcons, running Oregon's busiest wildlife hospital, helping develop the Portland Watershed Management Plan and working to protect natural



Bob Sallinger releases rehabilitated bald eagle back to the wild.

habitat treasures such as those on West Hayden and Ross islands. He was part of the creative team that recently published *Wild in the City: Exploring the Intertwine*. Sallinger will speak about the important ecological role that Mt. Tabor plays in our network of urban natural areas and new opportunities and challenges to expand that regional network.

Sallinger's presentation follows the FMTF annual meeting at SE 55th and SE Hawthorne in the Western Seminary's chapel. Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m. with the opportunity to meet board members and learn more about the Friends, as well as how to get involved in volunteer activities such as the FMTF Foot Patrol, Weed Warriors and new Visitor Center. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and includes the election of new board members and presentation of the Friend of the Year Award. Refreshments will be served at this free event.

From the Chair – Mary Kinnick

What a year we've had! Before mentioning a few highlights, on behalf of the board, I must first express our deep appreciation for the continued generous giving by our members, donations above and beyond basic membership dues. Because of member generosity, the board has been able to fund a number of projects designed to enhance park access, safety and habitat restoration. Our thanks for your trust in us to manage and spend the funds wisely.

Perhaps the most notable development since the last newsletter is the opening of the new visitor center, a development initiated by Dave Hillman and staffed by FMTP volunteers. Dave was named visitor center volunteer coordinator by the FMTP Board. Other developments of note (see articles in this issue) include: a doubling of volunteer service hours by the FMTP Weed Warriors; a foot patrol now 59 members strong and counting; progress on clarifying trail usage with new signage; several major projects designed to increase park access and safety for three-wheelers and wheelchairs; board adoption of a resolution to purchase products that sustain a healthy environment ... and more. My thanks to outgoing board members Theodora Tsongas (four years) and Phyllis Weih (three years) for their service, and in particular, their strong roles in educating the rest of us about how actions by FMTP can help sustain an ecologically healthy environment. My thanks also to all my fellow board members who step up again and again to do yet one more thing on behalf of our members and our wonderful park.

At Last! Visitor Center Opens in the Park – Dave Hillman

Since its grand opening in October, through mid-December the FMTP Visitor Center had more than 800 visitors from across Portland, Southwest Washington, England and Canada, as well as 10 additional states. Currently open for business on weekends, the center is located in a room in the park's maintenance facility adjacent to the main parking lot.



Guin Hillman, Bertha Guptill, and Beau and Nancy Russell savor an FMTP milestone moment: Visitor Center—Open!

Following a long period of wishful planning, discussion and even some dreaming, FMTP's proposal to open a visitor center in the park was agreed to by Portland Parks & Recreation. The FMTP offers its thanks to organizations and city bureaus for the successful venture including the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association, Southeast Uplift, and such city bureaus as Parks, Water, BES, Transportation and

ONI. In addition, the FMTP is grateful to Jan Caplener for his wall of historic photos. The visitor center is a source for a variety of maps, brochures and information about Mt. Tabor Park as well as other city parks; native and invasive plant guides; transportation guides for walking and biking; and water bureau information. Visitors can view the historic photos and purchase gift cards and FMTP logo products.

The FMTP is thankful for the devoted core of volunteers who are keeping the center open, but more are needed. The goal is to be open most days during the spring and summer. If you're interested in this new opportunity to give back to the park by volunteering at the center, contact Dave Hillman: davehillman@comcast.net or 503-720-0979. Here's a chance to share your enthusiasm for this piece of land we all treasure.

Lost and Found in the Park – Dave Hillman

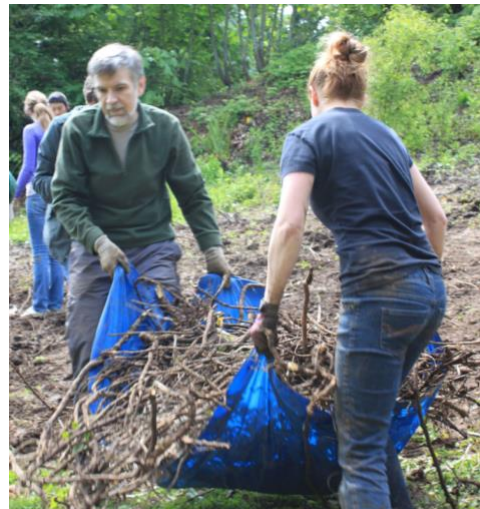
Lost it in the park? You might find it at the FMTP Visitor Center. Currently the Lost & Found box includes keys, watches, lighters, lanyards and even glasses. Among valuable items are automobile keys with key fob brand logos: Volvo, Honda, Chrysler, Toyota, Hyundai, Nissan and more. You can check for any items that might be yours by contacting the Visitor Center on weekend afternoons. Center volunteers would love to reconnect you with your property.

FMTP Weed Warriors

2011—What a Year! – Mary Kinnick and Alexa Todd

The Weed Warriors set a record of 2,479 volunteer hours in 2011, doubling the 1,219 hrs achieved in 2010!

The focus continues to be on removing invasive English ivy, Himalayan blackberry and clematis vitalba from Unit 5 located on the east slope of the park below Harvey Scott Circle. Tremendous progress was made with the promise of finishing up this unit and continuing in 2012 to Unit 6 (which lies below Unit 5 on the east slope). Our last Saturday of the month (March through October) volunteer service project hours increased from 381 in 2009 to 954 in 2011. Cedar Lodge students from Mt. Tabor Middle School, working with Susan Hawes from Portland Parks, teachers, and crew leaders from the Weed Warriors, pulled invasives and planted natives, giving 578 volunteer hours. Warner Pacific College students, staff and faculty, working with parks' staff and Chad Kula, off-leash dog park steward, contributed 647 hours (up from 520 hours in 2010). Portland Community College got into the act contributing 65 volunteer hours.



Warriors win the battle: Look at the size of those ivy roots!

We believe a number of factors are contributing to Weed Warrior success:

- FMTP and Bureau of Environmental Services financial support for our 20-hour-a-month volunteer service coordinator, who organizes and supervises the Saturday projects, special events and helps train crew leaders; a dedicated group of experienced and highly motivated crew leaders who share their knowledge and enthusiasm with volunteers and make sure they work safely: Darvel Lloyd, Gayle Marechal, Monique Leslie, Nora Hanna, Tony Cole, and Bob Rodgers
- Strengthened collaboration with Portland Parks & Recreation with clear goals and responsibilities set for each (Susan Hawes, steward, and Mart Hughes, ecologist, from PP&R City Nature-East; and Louie Guererro and Johannes Venghaus from Park Services)

- Key partnerships with Mt. Tabor Middle School Cedar Lodge and Warner Pacific College with a new adopt-a-plot program developing with New Seasons Market on SE Hawthorne
- Recruitment of volunteers via Hands on Greater Portland and SOLV
- A new Weed Warrior Facebook page (go to www.taborfriends.org)
- Growing interest in volunteering among those who care about restoring the park's natural habitat, and generous donations by FMTP members enabling FMTP to contribute funds to the effort
- A strong partnership with BES resulting in a grant from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District that will enable expansion of BES habitat restoration work and the purchase of need tools and supplies by the Weed Warriors

Other highlights include:

- The first-ever Weed Warrior Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Oct. 29, 2011, with pizza donated by Flying Pie Pizza and other goodies donated by Trader Joe's
- Refurbishing of the Weed Warrior office/storage area with paint/supplies from Portland Parks, office furniture from the Portland Water Bureau, a new carpet donated by Home Depot-Mall 205 and installed by three employees, and market baskets from QFC on East Burnside for use in storing gloves and tools
- Donated gloves from Portland Parks-City Nature and \$200 for gloves and other supplies from SOLV



Working together, these women make serious headway on banishing invasive ivy—vines, roots and all.

fun—and who wouldn't want to be a Weed Warrior!

Our greatest challenge for 2012 is to increase the number of crew leaders available for the Saturday service projects and for special one-time volunteer service projects requested by local schools, businesses and other organizations. FMTP Weed Warriors were approached by a number of such groups in 2011 and were not able to respond due to limited availability of Portland Parks-City Nature staff and FMTP trained Weed Warrior crew leaders. Check out www.taborfriends.org and click on Weed Warriors for the latest information about opportunities to volunteer. Please think hard about joining us. We're making a difference, we have

Weed Warrior Crew Leaders Needed – Mary Kinnick

If you'd like to contribute to the well-being of Mt. Tabor Park, think about becoming a Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warrior crew leader. Before you stop reading because you figure you have to be six feet tall and pump iron to serve as a crew leader, listen up! The best qualifications are:

- A deep concern about restoring habitat health to the park
- A desire to make a difference

- An interest in gaining new knowledge about effective invasive plant removal techniques and native vegetation
- Enjoyment of working with a small group of volunteers keeping them motivated and working safely
- Availability to turn out for at least two service projects planned for 2012
- A desire to spend time outdoors with positive people

A two-hour crew leader training program is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m.–12 noon. For more information and/or to let us know you plan to attend, please contact Mary Kinnick, Weed Warrior project manager at m.kinnick@comcast.net or 503-287-6959.

Invasive Plant Control and Revegetation Project – Naomi Tsurumi

The Mt. Tabor Invasive Plant Control and Revegetation Project is a multi-year project to restore a healthy native forest community to Mt. Tabor Park natural areas. It is one component of the Tabor to the River Program, a multi-dimensional program to improve watershed function and a healthy sewer system. Removing invasive plants and planting native plants in Mt. Tabor Park will enhance watershed health by improving stormwater management and habitat, just as green streets and street trees do in neighborhoods. For more information on Tabor to the River, see: portlandonline.com/bes/tabortoriver.

The Mt. Tabor Invasive Plant Control and Revegetation Project is a partnership between three City Bureaus (Portland Parks & Recreation, Environmental Services and Water), East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Friends of Mt. Tabor Park and the Audubon Society of Portland. You can get involved by volunteering with the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors!

The project started in fall 2010 with invasive plant removal in the NW and SW corners of the park, and expanded in fall 2011 to cover most of the natural areas in the park, thanks to additional funding from EMSWCD, Portland Parks & Recreation and Environmental Services. At this time, most project activities are focused on removing invasive plants, but in February 2011, a small planting of approximately 1,000 trees and shrubs in the NW and SW corners of the park occurred where invasive plants have been actively controlled for over a year.

A much larger planting of almost 5,000 trees and shrubs will take place in these areas in February 2012. Portland Community College volunteers planted herbaceous flowering plants in the SW corner of the park in October 2011, and Mt. Tabor Middle School Cedar Lodge students removed invasive plants and planted native plants in several areas of the park. As the project progresses and invasive plants are controlled, activities will continue to shift from an emphasis on invasive plant removal to planting and maintenance of native plants.

Bird surveys are continuing this winter for the second year in a row. We now have three years of breeding bird surveys (taken in May–June 2009, 2010 and 2011) and plan to continue both breeding and winter bird surveys into the future. Birds can serve as indicators to help evaluate the impact of revegetation on habitat function at Mt. Tabor. The counts are conducted by volunteers from the Audubon Society of Portland, which helps get people engaged, builds a conservation constituency and raises awareness about the revegetation project.

For more information

- Check out our free self-guided tour brochure, available at the main kiosk next to the amphitheater parking area.
- The project website, www.portlandonline.com/bes/mttabor has a link to the self-guided tour, a photo journal, links to relevant documents and more.
- For more information, contact Naomi Tsurumi at mttaborreveg@portlandoregon.gov. or 503-823-4886.

Mt. Tabor Park Vistas – Rob Crouch

Portland Parks & Recreation is looking into opening views in a number of sites throughout the city's park system where views are protected by city code. PP&R has opened views at Council Crest and is looking at working on several more sites, including Mt. Tabor Park over the next few years. The work will move ahead based on permitting issues and resource availability.

Plans Underway for Mt. Tabor Community Garden – Laura Niemi

Portland Parks & Recreation's Community Gardens program is excited to finally be able to start the planning for development of a community garden to serve the Mt. Tabor neighborhood. A community garden was included in the amendment to the Mt. Tabor Master Plan adopted by the city council in December 2008. The future site of the garden will be on the east end of the long block between SE 60th and 64th avenues on Lincoln Street, sharing the space currently used as a tree nursery by Parks Horticultural Services.

In the fall of 2011, the Community Gardens program recruited a group of people who live and work in the neighborhood, community garden advocates and those who will be directly impacted by the garden to serve on a steering committee. The steering committee is charged with developing a garden that finds balance and benefit for the entire area, helping mitigate community impacts and meeting the goals of the community gardens program. Over the next few months, the steering committee will create a public involvement and outreach strategy and provide input on the design elements in the garden.

Once a design is established, fundraising for the construction can begin. This pre-construction process can take several months, however, and it is unlikely the garden will be open for the 2012 garden season. A waitlist for plots at the new garden will not be available until construction begins. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to receive updates on the garden's progress, please contact Community Gardens Program Coordinator Laura Niemi at laura.niemi@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-1612.

FMTF Foot Patrol – Beau and Nancy Russell

We've completed a very rewarding first year as co-organizers, and wish to thank the Mt. Tabor Foot Patrol members who, due to their sharing of tasks, made the success of this past year possible.

A special note of gratitude goes to Mary and Bob McWilliams, Pat Morgan, and Dave and Guin Hillman for providing meeting space in their homes. Additionally Guin took charge of the foot patrol calendar, recording and completing the final hard copy and updating the online calendar. Glenda Chaite and Mary Edler shared the hut and park information kiosk maintenance, and Lanie Mower handled our recycling efforts. Glenda also coordinated the

holiday potluck, which was a wonderful way to end our year. Dave continued as the patrol's organizational contact, representing the foot patrol at non-FMTP meetings and events. Along with Heidi Gambee, Dave also coordinated our volunteer efforts for the Summer Concerts in the Park series. John McLaren volunteered to assist in writing the biannual articles for the FMTP Newsletter—look for “Meet Your Foot Patrol Members” starting with this issue. And of course, thanks to all our members who showed up for patrols, assisted at events and supported the effort to keep Mt. Tabor Park the gem that it is.

Foot Patrol Stats Past and Present

- Total number of foot patrols in past 11 years – 2,975
- Total number of foot patrol hours during those 11 years – 23,528
- Total number of foot patrols in 2011 – 221
- Total number of foot patrol hours during 2011 – 528
- Total participants on active roster in 2011 – 59
- Total number of new participants in 2011 – 11
- Total hours for foot patrol members in 2011 – 1,004
 - On patrol – 528
 - Training and meetings – 189
 - Summer concerts – 163
 - Administration – 124

2011 Memorable Events

- Produced a New Members' Guide Book—thank you Bunny and Gayle Marechal
- In July, a representative of the Bureau of Environmental Services conducted an informative park walk and talk for foot patrol members and others interested in learning to identify both native and invasive plants
- In August, 26 foot patrol members and their families were guests of the Portland Water Bureau for a fabulous trip to the Bull Run Water Shed
- Portland Parks & Recreation won the National Gold Medal for Excellence, a tribute to the hard work of park employees, private partners and dedicated volunteers; because of its reputation, the Mt. Tabor Foot Patrol was selected to appear in a video highlighting importance of volunteerism to all Portland parks

Looking Ahead at 2012

The proposed cuts to the PP&R 2012/2013 budget will pose some real challenges if implemented. The foot patrol will be ready to respond, as we are able, to the reduction in park services by continuing to work in partnership with PP&R, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, the Portland Police Bureau and Portland Water Bureau to help keep Mt. Tabor Park a pristine and safe destination.

We are always looking for new members, and in light of the above situation, now more than ever. If you are interested, please contact Nancy or Beau Russell at 503-512-0816 or taborfriends@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us.

Meet Your Foot Patrol Members

Bunny and Gayle Marechal – John McLaren

Name a park-related activity, from foot patrol to pulling weeds to parking control at the summer concerts, and chances are one or both Marechals have been engaged. “We got involved with the foot patrol during our first year here (2003),” Gayle Marechal said. “Bunny began volunteering while I was off leading Wilderness Volunteers trips. Getting involved with the FMTP and the foot patrol was our entry into Portland-style volunteer life.”

And they’ve been hard at it ever since. What drives this remarkable couple, who in 2008 received the FMTP Friend of the Year Award?

“We are all part of a larger community,” Gayle said, “and volunteering is a way to connect with that community and provide something positive to the world in which we live.”

“The hours are great!” Bunny added. “Getting to know people with similar sensibilities. Making my city a better place for all. Oh, and let's not forget the sheer hatred of ivy.”

Gayle currently is on the advisory committee for the FMTP Weed Warriors. Gayle and Bunny also volunteer as crew leaders on the Saturday work parties in the park, pulling out the ivy and other invasive growth. Both Marechals served on the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association board for about five years, and Gayle has been story editor of the MTNA newsletter for about six years. Beginning in 2004, Gayle ran the Mt. Tabor area Neighborhood Cleanup program for five years. Both Bunny and Gayle have volunteered with Sunday Parkways, the city’s program to encourage alternative means of transportation, since the program’s inception five years ago. Gayle resigned from the board of Wilderness Volunteers this year after serving for nine years, but he continues as an editor of the WV newsletter.

Bunny’s winters and spring are taken up with singing for the Aurora Chorus. Besides learning all the music for the concerts, she helps manage chorus business. She recently took the lead in producing the musical group’s third CD. Her latest volunteer gig is to shelve goods at Schoolhouse Supplies, a free store for teachers, and she remains active with the city’s Women On Bikes, serving as a volunteer helper on summer rides.

The Marechals were school teachers in San Antonio before moving to Portland in 2003. Bunny taught 7th grade science (life science) for most of her career, while Gayle taught English at the middle school level. Both chaired their respective departments.

Update on Biking on Trails in the Park – Beau Russell

Signage installation prohibiting biking on the green trail that was initiated in June 2011 and later put on hold, is now expected to restart with the installation of the remaining signage planned for March 2012. As noted in previous articles, the January 2000 Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan Report indicates that trails in the park are to be joint use with pedestrians and bicyclists with certain restrictions. Nearly a year ago, in March 2011, an inventory of trails led to categorizing which trails are suited for joint use. With the exception of two small portions of the red and blue trails, only the off-pavement portion of the green did not meet the criteria for joint or shared use.

Sustainability to be Watchword for Board – Phyllis Weih

From its inception, Friends of Mt. Tabor Park has been committed to preserving and restoring the natural beauty of the park and making it a safe and enjoyable place for visitors. To that end, Friends has directed much of its efforts into the foot patrol, whose members clear the park of litter while simultaneously patrolling it to enhance safety and provide information. Similarly, Friends has spearheaded the Weed Warriors program, a project whose volunteers have undertaken the work of removing invasive plant species so native species prosper. While Friends work is limited to the geographic area of Mt. Tabor Park, we are keenly aware that Mt. Tabor is but one part of the much larger ecosystem that is our planet.

Therefore, the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Board has decided to include this awareness of our place within the natural world in our deliberations as a group. We will endeavor to look at all of our activities with consideration of their environmental impact. When reasonably possible, we will choose sustainable and earth friendly products and practices. For example, this may mean spending somewhat more funds on recycled and biodegradable paper plates and utensils for the annual picnic and other gatherings; or it could involve finding an alternative such as wood instead of vinyl for signs we use in the park. It might also mean examining whether a particular project should be done at all given its environmental consequences. While we are aware that all activities have some impact, and that we will not be able to find perfect answers, we are committed to practices that sustain and improve our precious park and planet.

Winter Doesn't Dampen Progress at Off-Leash Dog Park – Chad Kula

Last year was productive for the dog area in Mt. Tabor Park. A new gravel pathway was constructed that runs across the often muddy and slippery center area. Warner Pacific College gave FMTP three great service days, keeping invasive plants at bay, helping with a new drainage plan and with general maintenance. A new doggie bag dispenser was installed, and a plaque was put on the message board thanking Nancy Norby for her many years of leadership and service as steward for the Off-Leash Dog Park.

Now it's winter, and although it can be hard to keep focused and motivated in the weather, there is still a lot of activity. A park user reached out with an idea about installing water faucets that do not freeze and coordination for that is being worked on. I am talking with a local artist who has a history of teaching mosaics to local school kids. We are working on a plan to teach kids about dogs, including safety and education, as well as an appreciation for our parks. The goal includes inspiring the kids to design and install a dog-themed mosaic in the off-leash area. I am also looking into the actual perimeter of the dog park, in hopes of addressing the reoccurring request for a fenced area for timid dogs and runners. I think this can happen without long-term users losing any of the normally used space.

Upkeep as always remains ongoing. A small tree fell across a path a few weeks ago and Parks quickly removed it. The rains are showing us where erosion still needs to be addressed. A new load of bark was delivered and will soon get spread.

Treasurer Report and Funded Projects – Frank Gorshe

2011 was a good year financially for the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park as we took in \$10,281 and spent \$6,040. As in prior years, we saw a continued spirit of giving from our membership base, with many members donating over and above their basic \$15 dues in support of the park. In 2011, FMTP members submitted \$2,880 in basic dues, along with \$4,925 in the higher-level dues donation category.

I am impressed that the income from our optional extra dues donations continues to be significantly more than our base level dues. An additional significant source of income for 2011 was a successful garage sale, from which we earned \$2,088. Two significant expenditures for 2011 were for our Weed Warrior volunteer service coordinator and various startup costs related to the creation of the now active FMTP visitors center.

Since we took in more than we spent in 2011, we had a special board meeting toward the end of the year to fund various activities and projects for 2012. Funds approved for this year's expenditures are for our Weed Warrior volunteer service coordinator, repairs to the kids' soap box derby track, bike rack for the top loop area, access modifications for one of the closure gates and for the drinking fountain at the top loop, and donations for a summer park movie (to be held at Warner Pacific College). We also authorized a project to construct steps on the north side of the top loop, subject to cost sharing with Portland Parks.

FMTP Membership – Pat Morgan

Our records reflect that current membership is 192 as of December 31, 2011, and that many of you are adding gifts of time and talent to your contributions to help meet the growing needs of maintaining Mt. Tabor Park. Currently 59 members are active on our foot patrol. We encourage everyone who uses the park to support it by becoming a member of Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. Yearly dues are just \$15.00 per family. We also welcome volunteers and want to hear about your skills and interests. Go to www.taborfriends.org for a membership application.

Donors and Tree Designations – Pat Morgan

We gratefully acknowledge the following members who have made donations to Friends of Mt. Tabor Park since July 1, 2011. These much-needed donations help finance the projects FMTP undertakes to maintain and improve the park's many amenities, all to the benefit of those hundreds of people who visit each week.

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FMTTP Seeks New Board Members for 2012

FMTTP is seeking nominations for new board members. Members serve for three years. The new term begins after elections are held at the March 20, 2012 annual meeting. Board members have a range of interests that include keeping the park safe and clean, restoring health to the natural areas of the park, maintaining park trails and signage, reducing soil erosion due to off-trail bikes, the geologic/social/cultural history of the park, the off-leash dog park and more. To learn more and/or to be considered, contact board chair Mary Kinnick at m.kinnick@comcast.net or 503-287-6959.

FMTTP Products Now for Sale at Two Locations – Carol Baumann

You can still visit FMTTP member Isabel Zifcak at the Mt. Tabor Realty office, corner of SE 69th and Belmont streets, to see and purchase FMTTP products: t-shirts, quarter-zip sweatshirts, bookmarks, posters and notecards. And now you can also shop at the new FMTTP Visitor Center in the park by the main parking lot, open most weekend afternoons. In addition to the usual offerings, look for the unusual—red shirts which may become a regular item if folks like the color. A few nicely framed posters are available at a very reasonable price.

These FMTTP items make great gifts, but they also serve to promote our favorite park and our volunteer work to inspire people who become volunteers or visit the park more frequently.

Prices remain the same as last year with a discount for FMTTP members on most items. We will reorder products in the spring, so now is a good time to make suggestions on new colors or styles and request special orders. We have heard the request for a more flattering t-shirt style for women and will work on that with the next order. Contact Carol Baumann at cabaum50@gmail.com.

Mt. Tabor Realty is open during regular business hours unless all staff is away for appointments. Call the office number 503-252-9653 to verify that someone is there. It's best to pay for FMTTP products with cash or a check payable to Friends of Mt. Tabor Park.

Spring Bird Walks in Mt. Tabor Park – Mary Kinnick

Learn more about the birds of Mt. Tabor Park by joining the Wednesday morning bird walks that run from April 4 through May 30, 2012. Novice, intermediate and expert birders are welcome. The walks begin at 7 a.m. and last one to two hours; walkers may leave whenever they like. Sponsored by the Audubon Society of Portland, walks are free of charge. Walkers meet at the park's north entrance. At SE 69th Avenue, make a right turn up the hill alongside the park. You may park along the street. In addition, the #15 TriMet bus stops nearby. Don't forget to bring your binoculars! And when you're walking, notice the brush piles constructed by volunteers last year to improve bird habitat. Our thanks to birder Tom McNamara, a member of the FMTTP Weed Warrior Volunteer Service Advisory Committee, for organizing and supervising this special effort.

2012 FMTTP Calendar of Events

January 2012

Tuesday, January 3: **FMTTP BOARD** meets from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at a member's home*

February 2012

Wednesday, February 15: **FMTTP WEED WARRIOR Crew Leader Training**, 10 a.m.–12 noon***

Wednesday, February 22: **FMTTP BOARD**, 7–9 p.m.*

Tuesday, February 28: **FMTTP FOOT PATROL**, 7 p.m.**

March 2012

Saturday, March 17: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR Crew Leader Training**, 10 a.m.–12 noon***

Tuesday, March 20: **FMTP ANNUAL MEETING and WINTER PROGRAM** at 7 p.m., Western Seminary Chapel (SE 55th and SE Hawthorne) with speaker Bob Sallinger, conservation director, Portland Audubon—*From Gray to Green: Mt. Tabor's Role in Creating an Ecologically Healthy Urban Landscape*—presentation of Friend of the Year Award and more. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments provided. The event is free.

Saturday, March 31: **FMTP WEED WARRIORS SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

April 20

Tuesday, April 24: **FMTP FOOT PATROL**, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 28: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

May 2012

Wednesday, May 9: **FMTP BOARD**, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 26: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

June 2012

Tuesday, June 26: **FMTP FOOT PATROL**, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 30: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

July 2012

Tuesdays, July 3, 10, 17, and 24: **MT. TABOR PARK CONCERTS; FMTP PIE TABLE; FOOT PATROL** provides parking and safety detail (~5–9 p.m.)

Wednesday, July 11: **FMTP BOARD**, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, TBA: FMTP participates in **TAYLOR COURT GROCERY NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE**

Saturday, July 28: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

August 2012

Tuesday, August 14: **FMTP ANNUAL PICNIC**, 5 p.m., Picnic Area A

Saturday, August 18: **MOVIE IN THE PARK** (at Warner Pacific College) at dusk; free

Saturday, August 25: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

Tuesday, August 28: **FMTP FOOT PATROL**, 7 p.m.

September 2012

Wednesday, September 12: **FMTP BOARD**, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

October 2012

Tuesday, October 23: **FMTP FOOT PATROL**, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 27: **FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECT**, 9 a.m.–noon

November 2012

Wednesday, November 14: **FMTP BOARD**, 7–9 p.m.

FMTP BOARD MEETINGS, Jan. 3 (6:30–8:30 p.m.), Feb. 22 (7–9 p.m.), May 9 (6:30–8:30pm), July 11 (6:30–8:30pm), Sept. 12 (6:30–8:30pm) and Nov. 14 (7–9pm). If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, call FMTP at 503-512-0816 to learn the location of the next meeting.

****FMTP FOOT PATROL meets 7–8 p.m. on February 28, April 24, June 26, Aug. 28, and Oct. 23.**

For more information, call FMTP at 503-512-0816.

*****FMTP WEED WARRIOR SERVICE PROJECTS, Last Saturday of the month, March–Oct.**

Contact FMTP at 503-512-0816 or taborfriends@gmail.com. Meet in the main park parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring gloves and handheld clippers if available. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and ankle supporting shoes. Projects focus on removing invasive vegetation—English ivy, clematis, etc. **If you're interested in becoming a crew leader**, contact Mary Kinnick at m.kinnick@comcast.net or 503-287-6959.

2011 FMTP Board Members, Committee Chairs and Other Support

Board Members

Mary Kinnick	Chair; Weed Warriors Project Manager
Beau Russell	Vice Chair; Trails Committee; Foot Patrol Co-Organizer
Frank Gorshe	Treasurer and Webmaster; Trails Committee
Pat Morgan	Membership
Theodora Tsongas	Recorder
Patty Turner	Newsletter Editor Assistant
Phyllis Weih	Archivist
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Also Supporting FMTP

Dave Hillman	Visitor Center Volunteer Coordinator
Nancy Norby	Trails Committee
Bertha Guptill	Trails Committee
Nancy Russell	Foot Patrol Co-Organizer
Sharie Andrews	Advisory/Former Chair
Lorene Farrar	Advisory/Former Chair
Isabelle Zifcak	Providing a venue for FMTP products at Mt. Tabor Realty, SE 69 th Avenue and SE Belmont
Carol Baumann	FMTP Products
Chad Kula	Off-Leash Dog Park Steward
Alexa Todd	Weed Warrior Volunteer Service Coordinator
Sue Sell	Newsletter Editor

You can reach the current FMTP chairperson by calling 503-512-0816 or sending an email to taborfriends@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.taborfriends.org. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, call FMTP at 503-512-0816 for details.