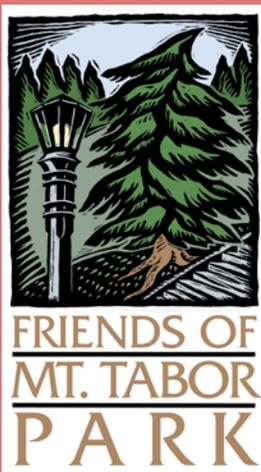


The TABOR TIMES

Newsletter - February 2018

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.



Join Us at the FMTP 2018 Annual Meeting!

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at Taborspace, 5441 SE Belmont Street (taborspace.org). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and mingling, and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The evening will include annual reports, general announcements, and the election of board members. We welcome anyone interested in running for the board to submit a brief bio

and contact information to taborfriends@gmail.com for consideration. New board members are always needed; no experience necessary, just an enthusiastic love for the park.

The annual meeting is the perfect opportunity to catch up with other FMTP members, ask the board and volunteer coordinators questions, and sample some of our members' delicious baked goods! (A heartfelt, "Thank you!" in advance for those who are bringing treats.)



From the Chair – Beau Russell

After having the pleasure to serve on the Board the past nine years, I've decided to step down and not seek re-election to a fourth term. In the future, instead of having a designated Chair, your Board has decided to utilize a Shared Leadership Model. This change will take effect after our upcoming March 13, 2018, annual meeting. More information about this new model will be forthcoming in the August newsletter.

As my term nears an end, on behalf of the Board I would, once again, like to express our appreciation for the continued support of our members, with special thanks for the generous giving of some members' donations above and beyond basic membership dues. Because of membership generosity, the Board is again able to consider funding park improvement projects. We thank our members for trusting us to manage and spend these funds wisely.

A few highlights from 2017/18:

- As of the end of December, the award winning FMTP Weed Warriors, working in

collaboration with PP&R and BES to remove invasive plant species and do habitat restoration, logged a formidable 2127 volunteer hours.

- Since opening in October 2011, the Visitor Center continues to exceed all expectations by having had over 41,188 visitors. During 2017 the Visitor Center volunteers donated 1267 volunteer hours.
- The Foot Patrol continued to keep the park a safe and clean place while racking up 862 volunteer hours in 2017.
- Reelection of Board members Suzanne McCarthy, Laura Mason, and Martrese White to new three-year terms at our March 2017 annual meeting
- Mary Kinnick decided she wanted to rejoin the Board, replacing Deb Hanson, who had to step down. Mary will stand for re-election at the March annual meeting.
- Bing Wong continues to be our representative on the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), which provides community

review of the Portland Water Bureau's plans for the reservoirs and project funding priorities once the reservoirs are disconnected from our water supply.

- Laura Mason, our FMTP representative on the Mt. Tabor Yard Planning Group, will become our new Secretary, replacing Gayle Marechal, whose term is up and won't be standing for re-election. Thank you for your six years of invaluable service, Gayle
- Foot Patrol Coordinator, Dennis Puetz, was chosen to be our 2017 FMTP Friend of the Year. Dennis will stand for election to the Board at the March 2018 annual meeting
- Gayle Marechal and Martrese White have once again teamed up to edit and produce our newsletter. Although he's retiring from the Board, Gayle has volunteered to continue to edit the newsletter.
- Martrese White continues to oversee our FMTP Website. Check us out at www.taborfriends.org

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Project Funding

As previously reported, Chris Olinger has been working with Portland Parks and Recreation to finalize plans and get costs to create a Harrison gate handicap cut-out near reservoir #1, installing a retaining wall by the steps at SE 69th and Yamhill, and possibly contributing to the rebuilding of two sections of the Amphitheater wall. Because of the two landslides in the park this past

winter, the wall projects and the handicapped access cut-out are on hold. Additional meetings with Parks have taken place, but no plan has been established at this time.

FMTTP will be funding a landscaping project around the newly remodeled summit restrooms and will continue and increase funding for our part-time Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator through 2018.

As always, FMTTP continues its commitment to work closely with PP&R personnel to help and support them through efforts by our volunteers, the investment of FMTTP funds for park improvement projects, and in other ways. If you are interested in joining us, please contact one of our coordinators: Lise Gervais (Weed Warriors), Dave Hillman (Visitor center), or Dennis Puetz (Foot Patrol) at 503-512-0816 or taborfriends@gmail.com

Tar 'n' Trail Celebrates Six Years

-Anne Crispino-Taylor

The Mt. Tabor Tar 'n' Trail Walk and Run celebrated its sixth annual event on Sunday, October 1, 2017. This event was a big hit with kids—more than thirty adolescents aged twelve and under entered and ran the 5k! Most of the younger participants were members of two local cross country teams and the Mt. Tabor Girl Scout Troop. The weather was a bit of a challenge, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the participants. Overall, there were just over one hundred runners in the 5k and just over fifty in the 10k allowing us to donate proceeds totaling \$1,700 to the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park.

This year's sponsors included Dick's Sporting Goods, Franz Bread (who served up freshly made grilled cheese sandwiches), Territory Run, Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy/East Portland Physical Therapy, New Seasons, and Vertigo Brewing. And Kristi Notz of the Safeway

Distribution Center provided an assortment of gift baskets. Next year's race is slated for Sunday, September 30, 2018. If you are interested in volunteering or know of a local business that would

like to sponsor the race, you can contact Anne Crispino-Taylor at mtptnt10k@yahoo.com. For more information about the race visit www.runannie.net.



Participants enjoy an early fall run during the Tar 'n' Trail fundraiser.

FMTP Launches a One-Time Fundraising Campaign to Ensure a Healthy Future for Our Park

- Mary Kinnick and Kate Raphael

The award-winning FMTP Weed Warrior program engages 400–500 volunteers each year to remove invasive species such as English ivy and Himalayan blackberry that choke out native plants, destroy habitat, and threaten biodiversity. Volunteers also plant native plants in areas where these plants cannot make a come-back on their own or where new opportunistic invasive species threaten to take over. An educational segment included in each volunteer event has led to more volunteers becoming “regulars” as they learn about the importance of their work to the health of the park and the surrounding community. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds come from local high schools, colleges, business organizations, and from the surrounding neighborhoods.

From 2010 to 2017, the program grew significantly under the leadership of a paid part-time Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator. This leadership resulted in more volunteers, crew leaders and volunteer hours and more effective invasive species removal efforts. The crew leader-training program expanded from two to four hours with more training in the field, and a handbook of best practices was developed. In 2017, we had 24 trained leaders! This enabled invasive species removal efforts to expand to both east side and northwest areas of the park.

Since 2010, these incredible efforts were funded primarily by the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Portland Parks & Recreation (PPR) as part of the Tabor to the River program. Tabor to the River was a seven-year invasive species removal and native planting effort. The aim was to sustainably capture more water run-off to ensure a cleaner Willamette River. The seven-year Tabor to the River program was successfully completed but, unfortunately, this meant the end of City bureau funding for the Stewardship Coordinator position. The part-time Coordinator—who is paid a nominal fee to coordinate the Weed Warrior program—has proven essential to recruiting, training, and leading volunteer efforts that, in turn, help maintain the ecological health and beauty of Mt. Tabor Park.

The FMTP Board has approved a Stewardship Fund Campaign to fill this funding gap and sustain the Weed Warrior program. The fundraising campaign is set to kick-off in March 2018, and run through December 31, 2018. **The goal is to raise \$100,000.** The Stewardship Fund will provide long-term support for the Stewardship Coordinator position, leveraging hundreds of volunteer hours in the park each year.

A Campaign Steering Committee has been formed to plan and carry out the campaign. Members are Mary Kinnick (chair and FMTP Board member),



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Jeff Anderson (Executive Director of Portland Parks Foundation), Amelia Caldwell, Jackie Dingfelder, Kari Easton, Tom Koehler, Kate Raphael, Tim Raphael, and Diane Redd. Thanks to Mary McWilliams for lending her beautiful home for Steering Committee meetings! We want to extend special thanks to Jeff Anderson for sharing his campaign funding expertise and Diane Redd who offers continuous encouragement and enthusiasm for the campaign.

FMTTP received a \$2500 grant from the Portland Parks Foundation's Nancy Hebb Freeman Grant Program to support campaign expenses. Volunteers will carry out the campaign.

We look forward to connecting with neighbors and friends over the course of the year to raise money for this important stewardship work. The health of Mt. Tabor Park depends upon it.

Please stay tuned for more detailed information about the campaign and how to donate. In the meantime, for more information, to make a contribution, or to host a house party, please contact Mary Kinnick at marykinnick@gmail.com or 503-287-6959. And thank you, in advance, for your ongoing, generous support of our City's precious jewel, Mt. Tabor Park.



Mt. Tabor Park Visitor Center

-Dave Hillman

I hope that by now you have wandered into the park Visitor Center, and spent some time reading and viewing the historical photos and histories, the many large aerial photographs, or even our many shelves containing brochures, pamphlets, maps, and other handouts. Those items seem to be growing in number almost every month, especially with new publications arriving with greater frequency from the City, Metro, the State, and other non-profit organizations within our greater Portland area. I'm willing to gamble that we have something new that you've never seen previously! The Visitor Center is also rapidly growing in terms of the hours and days that we are open to receive visitors, but guess what? The Visitor Center can still use more volunteers. Are you

interested in spending a couple of hours a week once, twice, or three times a month? You will meet visitors from all over the Portland region, the Northwest, the USA, and other parts of the world. Just today I met visitors from Korea, Brazil, New York City, Minnesota, Michigan, and Texas. I should also add that I met (and provided treats

for) several dogs! We currently have ten outstanding frequent volunteers, but we can use at least three or four more, which would allow us to remain open later in the afternoons and into the early evenings once summer arrives. If interested, give me a call at 503-720-0979 or send an email to davehillman@comcast.net.



Many people think the Foot Patrol leader is automatically a member of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) Board of Directors. However, this is not always the case. Since 2015, I have reported directly to Beau Russell, and not to the Board, and I have not been a Board member. Beau has assisted me with the Foot Patrol regarding any matters concerning the Board. In March 2018, Beau's term as Chairperson of FMTP will expire, and at that time, I will be running for the Board. My primary responsibility will continue to be the Foot Patrol Leader.

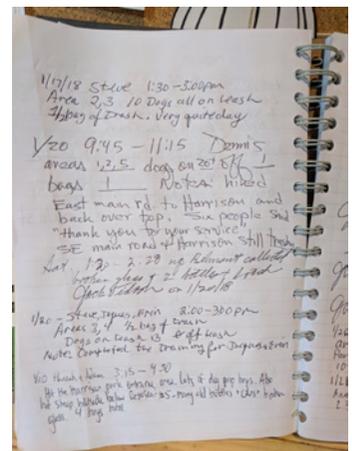
In 2018, Beau Russell will hand off the monthly volunteer report responsibilities for Portland Parks & Recreation to me, the Foot Patrol leader. The report combines the monthly volunteer reports for the Foot Patrol, Weed Warriors, and Visitors Center. Click [here](#) for a typical Foot Patrol Volunteer Hours Report, and if you would like to receive these reports, please email taborpatrol@gmail.com.

As a way to recognize the volunteer efforts of our best Foot Patrollers, there will now be an annual "Top 10" list of the members who volunteer the most. Look for the Top 10 list, in the Foot Patrol Annual Report each February (see page 15).

The Foot Patrol volunteer report is developed at the end of each month. There are fifty-one people on the Foot Patrol roster, with almost half volunteering each year. The Foot Patrol office, ("the hut"), is located inside the small turret-topped building just east of bathrooms, near the main parking lot and visitor center. The hut houses our office and supplies needed to perform foot patrols and trail maintenance. These supplies include: volunteer vests, trash pickup sticks, trash bags, needle containers, FMTP business cards, off-leash dog instruction cards, painting supplies for trail marker maintenance, phone lists, trail maps, and our log book. At the end of each patrol, volunteers

use the log book to record start and finish times, the volunteers' names, locations patrolled, number of trash bags filled, counts of dogs on-leash and off-leash, and observations during patrol time. One of our primary duties is to "observe and report," which is very important for the safe environment of the park. Should any emergencies arise we call police, park rangers, or local park maintenance and issue a report to www.pdxreporter.org. From the log book, the Foot Patrol leader compiles data for each patrol onto a spreadsheet and creates a monthly report, which is then emailed to the person in charge of the final report at Portland Parks & Recreation. Below are photos of the hut, supplies, and a typical page from the log book.

The Foot Patrol training guide is available online.



Meet The Member: Guinevere Hillman

-Dennis Puetz and Donna French

In a recent interview, Guin told her story about her connection to Mt. Tabor Park:

When I moved to Portland twenty-one years ago, I brought my dog with me. She was a large Golden Retriever, and she loved to take walks. So, my first task was to find a place to take her. The choice was easy because I lived just a few blocks from Mt. Tabor Park. Thus, we began our daily walks. I found lots of trails, but none were marked, nor could I find any directions along the way. I have to admit I got lost several times. My dog liked that because we had to take longer walks to find our way home. Thanks to Bertha Guptill, we now have marked trails with maps to guide our many walkers. And thanks to the Foot Patrol, the signs on these trails are well-maintained.

Shortly after moving here, I met Nancy Norby, who was walking her dog in the park. We talked about how nice it would be if our dogs could really play with each other and run free. Nancy talked fondly about days in the past when she would join friends and let their dogs run freely in an open area. This was not sanctioned by the park. Nancy spent years working with PP&R and many others to create what is now a wonderful

fenced area for all our dogs to run and play with their friends. My hat is off to Nancy for her dedication.

When my husband, Dave, finally retired and moved to Portland, he joined me walking with our dog. One thing we talked about was just how much trash there

to meet and talk about creating a Foot Patrol was formed.

Dave took this idea and ran with it. It wasn't more than a month before Dave had set up a meeting with some folks he had met and floated the idea of a Foot Patrol for Mt. Tabor Park. It was an idea whose time had come.

All of us loved Mt. Tabor, so Dave worked with city employees who worked in the Parks department. They were encouraging.

So, it wasn't long before we began having Foot Patrol meetings at our house. We set up a few guidelines and encouraged others to join us. We had a large desk calendar and each of us signed up for days to walk. Personally, I walked once a week, usually with different people. I sure made a lot of good friends. On our early walks, we were picking up one, two, or sometimes three bags of trash. And, oh, the cigarette butts! We added them to our trash and challenged each other for the number of butts we could pick up at one time.

It is one of our founding members who held the record of five butts at a time.

Alas, I must admit that I am a lapsed foot patroller. I hope to start walking more regularly in my beloved Mt. Tabor Park.



Guin Hillman

was around the park. We picked up some of the food wrappers, pieces of plastic, and whatever we could carry. But we soon realized that this was a bigger job than just the two of us could handle. It was during one of these walks that the idea of inviting some friends

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Sixth—Better and quicker transportation—fifteen minute trains into Portland for five cents fare. Two motor lines to Mt. Tabor. 204 trains each day, counting both ways. No other suburb has more than one train per hour.

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Ninth—The entire country surrounding "Mt. Tabor Place" is dotted by elegant and costly homes overlooking the cities of Portland, East Portland, Albina and the river. Many residences costing from \$5,000 to \$20,000 each.

Tenth—Remember, a well only costs \$10 to \$20. Then water is ☞ FREE, and you are not at the mercy of the boomer's windmill or donkey engine, vest-pocket water works.

Eleventh—The Union Pacific railway, the greatest railway system in the world, is within four blocks of "Mt. Tabor Place" addition.

The very best addition at Mt. Tabor, where first-class lots are sold on easy installments, without interest or taxes, is: "Mt. Tabor Place," and "don't you forget it." This addition is on this ☞ (WEST SIDE) of Mount Tabor, and near the Mount Tabor motor. The Portland and Fairview electric railway will pass near it. Only nine minutes' ride into center Portland. Lots, \$250 and upwards. Paste this in your hat or write it on the tablets of your brain; then call on the Clinton & McCoy Co., 9 Stark St., who will furnish free tickets to inspect this splendid property. Remember, the town is growing ☞ EAST.

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Bob Rogers' FREE Monthly Tree ID Walk

Third Sunday of Every Month - 2/18, 3/19, 4/22, 5/27
2:00 p.m., meet at the Visitor Center



FMTP Weed Warriors Work Party

Last Saturday of each month starting in March
9:00 a.m.–noon, meet at the Visitor Center
Website: taborfriends.org/volunteer



FREE Songbird Walks with the Audubon Society

Wednesday mornings in April and May- 7:00 a.m.
audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/walks



Fourth Annual Tabor Challenge 5K

Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Website: taborchallenge.com



Ninth Annual Run Mama Run 10K and 5K

Saturday, May 12, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.–noon
Website: runmamarunpdx.org

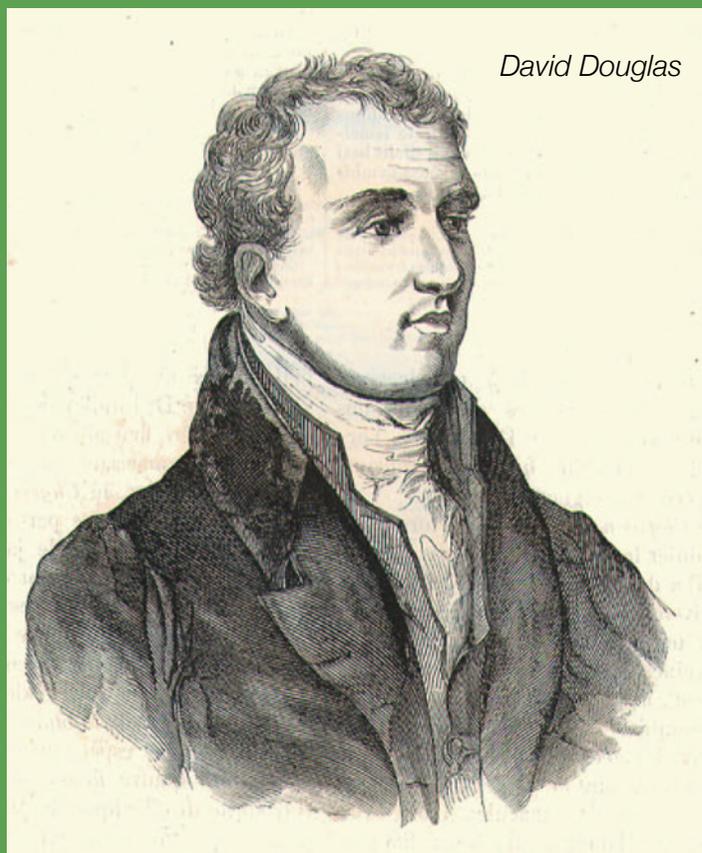


Donate Life NW Tabor Trot 5K

Saturday, May 26, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.–noon
Website: tabortrot.com

David Douglas and the Doug Fir

-Gayle Marechal



David Douglas

Most residents of the Pacific Northwest are familiar with the coast Douglas Fir, the dominant tree west of the Cascade Mountains. This magnificent tree, which can reach heights of more than three hundred feet, is found from British Columbia in the north to as far south as northern California Coast Ranges. The Douglas Fir, commonly called the Doug Fir, was a valuable resource to the early settlers in Oregon and other parts of the Pacific Northwest, and much of the old growth Doug Firs have been cut down for timber. Some old growth trees still remain in areas too difficult for harvesting or in protected areas such designated wilderness. The Douglas Fir is named after David Douglas, a Scottish Naturalist, but the tree was first identified by a rival naturalist, Archibald Menzies, a Scottish physician.

David Douglas was born in 1799, and as a young man was an apprentice to the head gardener at Scone Palace. Douglas spent seven years as an apprentice, and after completing his apprenticeship, spent time at a college in Perth learning more about

the scientific aspects of plant culture. He then went on to study at Glasgow University where he impressed William Jackson Hooker, a professor of botany at the university. Hooker took Douglas on an expedition to the Scottish Highlands before recommending him to the Royal Horticultural Society of London.

Douglas made three separate trips to North America starting in 1823. His second trip, in 1824, brought him to the Pacific Northwest. This most successful of his trips was sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society who sent him on a plant-hunting expedition. Douglas introduced the Douglas Fir into cultivation in 1827. Other notable introductions by Douglas include the Sitka Spruce, the Ponderosa Pine, the Noble Fir, and other conifers which transformed the British landscape.

On his third and final trip to North America, Douglas made a side trip to Hawaii where he became the second European to reach the summit of Mauna Kea. This trip also brought about Douglas's untimely and tragic death. While climbing on Mauna Kea, he fell into a pit trap, which was used to trap wild animals, and was crushed by a bull that had fallen into the same pit. Douglas's name, however, lives on in the Northwest's signature tree. Mt. Tabor Park has some impressive Douglas Fir specimens. Take a look and think of David Douglas the botanical explorer, as he tramped around the Northwest when it was mostly wilderness. For further reading on Douglas and his botanical legacy consider reading [The Collector: David Douglas and the Natural History of the Northwest](#) by Jack Nisbet or [The Tree Collector: The Life and Explorations of David Douglas](#) by Ann Lindsay.

2017 Annual Picnic Fun

On August 8, 2017, Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) held its annual potluck picnic in Shelter A at the park. The event drew a sizeable crowd, despite the heat and the smoke from nearby forest fires. Participants enjoyed plenty of good food while visiting amongst “friends” and other guests. The door prizes, as always, were a hit—many thanks to Tabor Bread and Academy Theater for donating gift certificates! Please mark your calendars for this year’s picnic, which will be held on Tuesday evening, August 14, 2018. We hope to see you there!



Membership Report and Dues

-Suzanne McCarthy

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park closed out 2017 with a robust membership. There are 131 memberships representing 147 people (as some memberships had more than one person).

More and more people are aware of the Friends and the good work performed under its banner. Many pay dues the classic way, by mailing a check to the membership chair at 7705 SE Market Street, Portland, OR 97215, but our online payment system (via Square) is gaining in popularity with over sixty members having signed up online in 2017. To use Square, please visit www.taborfriends.org/membership, and click the “Join FMTP” button.

As expected, most members live in the Portland metro area, but our roster contain several members from such far-flung places as Missouri and New York. Our fame is spreading! On occasion, our memberships have also been obtained as gifts for someone else, an imaginative way to honor someone dear.

If you’re receiving this newsletter, you’re a dues-paying member, and we at the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park **thank you** for your generous support!

Weed Warriors News, Winter 2018

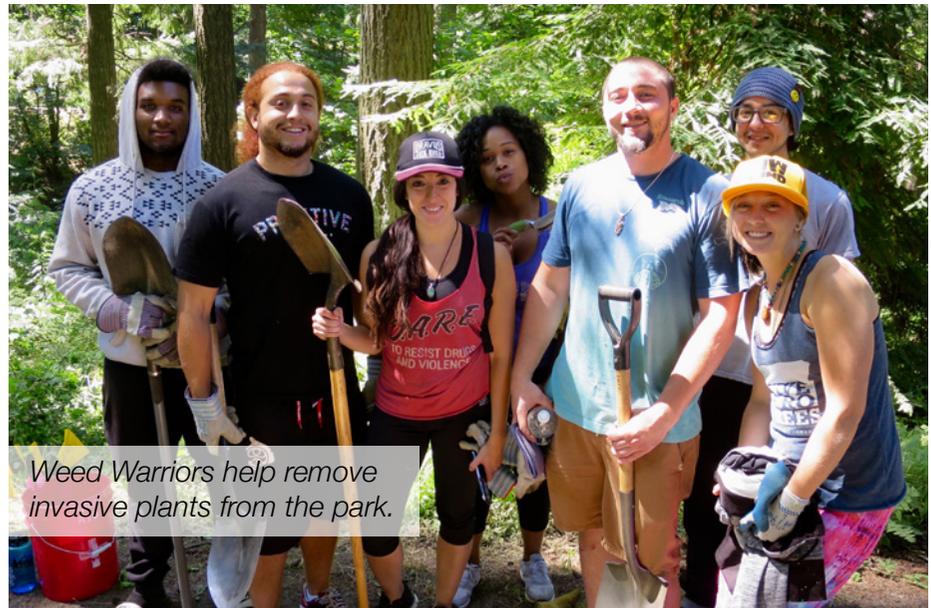
-Lise Gervais

After a successful 2017/2018 work season and a winter break, Weed Warriors (WW) is getting geared up to start a new Weed Warrior stewardship season. Our Last-Saturday-of-the-Month events will commence on March 31. Crew Leader training takes place on Saturday, February 24 and again on Saturday, March 3. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a crew leader, please contact Stasia Honnold, Stewardship Coordinator, at fntp.weedwarriors@gmail.com.

WW continued to see more volunteers returning and becoming “regulars,” and several expressed interest in becoming crew leaders in 2018. Many crew leaders gave generously of their time this year; between eleven and seventeen participated at each event.

Our last work party of the season on October 28 coincided with No Ivy Day, a city-wide event that took place in many parks. However, instead of pulling ivy, work crews returned to a site where WW had been working throughout the season and planted over one hundred native plants. It was a nice way to mark the end of the season and celebrate all of the ivy, blackberry, and clematis that was removed.

We look forward to partnering with The Nature Conservancy and Portland Parks again for our biggest



Weed Warriors help remove invasive plants from the park.

work party of the year, which will take place on Saturday, September 29. Last year 175 volunteers attended, including seventeen Weed Warrior crew leaders.

As WW coordinator, I have looked for new ways to inform the community about the continuing need for Weed Warrior volunteer efforts. I attended two volunteer fairs at PCC Southeast, two at Franklin High School, and helped at the Bureau of Environmental Services table at Sunday Parkways in southeast Portland. If you have suggestions for other outreach events, please contact me at weed.warriors.coord@gmail.com.

WW was happy to participate in a stewardship event during the last session of a class offered through Portland Parks & Recreation. True Nature: Nature Mentoring and Community Building is an

opportunity for children and their adults to build connections to the natural world. Volunteers planted fifty small sword ferns in the area just above the playground near Picnic Area A.

Continuing effort will be needed to remove invasive plant restarts, and to engage in early detection and removal of new opportunistic invasives. Removal of invasive plants will allow native plants to fill in and enable dormant seeds to germinate. Now that reservoirs are offline, WW will be able to expand its stewardship activities into units formerly off-limits.

In the unknown climate of PP&R budget cuts and the end of BES's involvement in the park in June 2017, at the conclusion of the Tabor to the River project, it's important to make the best use of a finite number of volunteer hours

and to impress upon volunteers the value of their efforts and accomplishments. Thanks to Crew Leaders Ada, Alexie, Anka, Bing, Brad, Caleb, Candice, Chris, Corlene, Darvel, Deb, Ellen, Gayle, Gil, Hanns, Izzy, John, Kevin, Lynne, Marj, Mary, Rachel, Robin, William, and Zosia. A special thanks to Dick Anderson for again volunteering himself and his pickup truck for our projects.

Additional hanks to the outstanding leadership of FMTP

Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator Stasia Honnold and PP&R Stewardship Coordinator Isabel LaCourse. Thanks also to PP&R Natural Areas Supervisor Lynn Barlow, Park Technician Johannes Venghaus, and Ecologist Steve Lower.

Thank you to the FMTP Board, especially Gayle (as our WW/ Board Liaison), Bing and Chris who volunteer their time as Board members as well as Weed Warrior Crew Leaders.

I continue to be impressed by how invested our crew leaders are in keeping the park healthy and what a great job Stasia Honnold is doing leading the effort. It is an honor to be involved with such a great group.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors Stewardship Events are the **last Saturday of the month, March–October, 9:00 a.m.–noon.** Crew Leader Training: Sat 2/24 or Sat 3/3.

Treasurer's Report

-Isabel Johnson

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park finished 2017 in good financial health. Donations from members increased for the third straight year and were up 15% over 2016. Thanks to the generosity of our members, FMTP was able to fund the Weed Warrior coordinator position after losing City funding in 2016. The Weed Warrior program accounts for the majority of FMTP's expenditures for the year. The Visitor Center and the Tar n' Trails run are the next major source of funding for the organization, and in addition to helping fund the Weed Warrior program, they contribute to the long term financial health of the organization. 2017 also saw the receipt of a \$2,500 grant from the Portland Parks Foundation to help with FMTP's upcoming endowment campaign.

In 2018, in conjunction with Portland Parks, FMTP will fund plantings by the newly restored summit restrooms as well as continue funding the Weed Warrior coordinator position. Although FMTP is currently in good financial health, the conservation needs of the park are ever present, and it is our hope that funds raised through an endowment campaign will allow us greater presence in maintaining the ecological health of the park.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Statement of Income and Expenses for year ending December 31, 2017

Income:

Individual Memberships:	\$7,520.00
Other donations:	\$1,341.75
Visitor Center:	\$3,970.00
Tar n' Trails Run:	\$2,500.00
PPF Grant:	\$2,500.00
Total income:	\$17,831.75

Expenses:

Weed Warrior Program:	\$4,337.03
Visitor Center:	\$2,797.91
Administrative:	\$ 721.69
Brochures:	\$ 487.27
Foot Patrol Program:	\$ 155.07
Square Fee:	\$ 126.39
Total expenses:	\$8,625.38
Net income:	\$9,206.37

Net Assets as of December 31, 2017:

Unrestricted Net Assets:	\$12,927.48
Temporarily Restricted:	\$35,000.00
Total Net Assets:	\$47,927.48



**“The clearest way into
the Universe is through
a forest wilderness.” “**

-John Muir

Fog drifts between Doug Firs
on the east side of Mt. Tabor.

Photo by Martrese White

Foot Patrol

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7. August 29 - What appeared to be an M4 rifle was found; Portland Police verified it to be an air rifle.
8. August 9 - A man threatens Park Tech Johannes with a gun.
9. August 9 - A runner hides keys while on a run, dog finds keys and takes them!
10. August 22 - Adult Soapbox Derby organization leaves park immaculate after event ... thank you!
11. Smartphones are being used more and more to document events and problems in the park. All problems are reported to www.pdxreporter.org web site, and photos are provided when possible.
12. Mt. Tabor Park is immaculate and as clean as it ever has been.

In 2017, I created a trail maintenance adoption program for the Blue, Green, and Red trails. This includes the maintenance, weeding and painting, of the wooden trail posts. The following Foot Patrol members stepped forward to adopt a trail:

Red Trail: Patricia Morgan

Blue Trail: Dave Beltz

Green Trail: Steve Bingold

In 2017 the Foot Patrol (FP) continued to be successful in keeping the park clean and orderly while creating a safe environment with its members' presence in the park.

Events reported from FP members while on foot patrol:

1. 12+ needles and syringes were found and disposed of.
2. Graffiti is a constant problem; the new Summit bathroom was opened in August, and during the first week it was tagged twice. Harvey Scott statue continues to be a target.
3. Campers continue to be a problem, but not as much as in 2016.
4. In January, after major snow event in Portland, an extremely large number of dogs were off-leash every day for a few weeks (it was as if the on-leash rule had been eliminated).
5. June 27 - Trail marker posts (Blue, Green, Red) were cleared of vegetation, cleaned, and painted.
6. FP Google account is the basis for all record-keeping.

In 2017, as leader of the Foot Patrol, I have been looking for a way to recognize individuals who volunteer the most, contributing to the success of the Foot Patrol. Our most active volunteers will be recognized in an annual Top 10 List, based upon volunteer time. The Top 10 volunteers for 2017 are:

1. Steve Bingold
2. David Beltz
3. Jack Vidosh
4. Terry Jenness
5. Ellen Simmons
6. Beau Russell
7. Donna French
8. Julia Smith
9. Nancy Russell
10. Pat & Suzanne McCathy

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At the March 13 annual meeting, I will be submitting my name as a candidate for a member of the FMTP Board. Since 2015, I have reported to Beau Russell, Chairperson of FMTP, who is stepping down in March 2018 after serving nine years on the board. Prior to 2015 the Foot Patrol leader was a member of the Board.

Foot Patrol Stats for 2017:

Total number of members at end of 2017:	51
Total volunteer hours for foot patrol members:	807
Total number of foot patrols since 2000:	4281

Challenges for 2018

1. Off-leash dogs remain the biggest problem for the Foot Patrol and for visitors in the park. The monthly reports of off-leash dogs has dropped dramatically from over 130 dogs off-leash for the first three months of 2017 to about 30 dogs off-leash for last three months of 2017.
2. Increase membership and participation, especially participation from members who have not performed a foot patrol during the previous year.

2018 Meeting Schedule, on Tuesdays:

- 2/27, 1 pm, Mary & Bob McWilliams, 6825 SE Pine Ct.
- 5/22, 7 pm, Patricia Morgan's home, 6135 SE Taylor Ct.
- 8/21, 11 am, Picnic Area B in Mt. Tabor Park (near tennis courts NE corner of park)
- 10/23 7 pm, Patricia Morgan's home, 6135 SE Taylor Ct.

Gratifying Stories

Several times in recent months a comment has been made by visitors, *"the park is so clean; do you think visitors are more respectful and help keep the park clean because they see it is clean and want to do their part?"* This is a wonderful testimony that Foot Patrol efforts are making a difference, even greater than we could have expected.

Other comments by visitors: A woman at the dog park said *"[she] drives all the way from NE to [our] park because it is so clean and the folks are so friendly."* Not an uncommon remark, we often hear this from visitors. People from all parts of Portland and beyond come to Mt. Tabor Park "because it is clean and safe." Kathleen Phipps from Forest Grove *"... drive[s] to Mt. Tabor Park because I feel it is safe, peaceful and Mt. Tabor is inspirational ... I connect with my thoughts and feelings here ..."*

Foot Patrol Purpose: To keep park clean, safe, and secure. Act as ambassadors who observe, record, and report issues such as theft, vandalism, graffiti, improperly secured facilities, lost and found items; assist visitors in park; and pick up litter. Report all reportable items to www.pdxreporter.org.



At long last, Portland Parks and Recreation installed a "Visitor Center" sign at the north entrance at SE 69th and Yamhill. The center is open when volunteers are available to staff it (see page 5). Want to help keep the center open more often? email the center coordinator at davehillman@comcast.net to learn more about volunteering. And thank you to PP&R for the sign!

Update: Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Preservation Project

-Bing Wong

The Portland City Council allocated \$4,000,000 to restore the historic Mt. Tabor reservoirs and provide an interpretive program to tell the history of the city's water system through a collaborative effort and a committee composed of Portland Water Bureau personnel and Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association representatives.

After a year of planning, prioritizing, hiring consultants, contractor bidding, Historic Landmarks Commission reviewing where necessary, at the end of 2017 visitors to the park saw work in progress with the removal of the chain link fence between Reservoirs #5 and #6 with installation of a new fence underway and the start of restoration work at Reservoir #1.

Users of the long staircase on the dam face have lost access with construction of the new fence, which started on December 4, 2017. The new fence should be completed later this winter. The staircase fences will take longer to complete than scheduled due to incompatibility of the manufactured fence to match the slope of the dam face.

The patch work on the south wall of Reservoir #1, the oldest reservoir, is more involved due to decomposition behind the face, which was discovered after work began. Most of the diamond facing had to be removed and screws installed to anchor the new concrete. A mold has been made to replicate the original diamond pattern. The reservoir basin surface will be cleaned, inspected, and patched. Further inspection, using ground penetrating radar, will map the ground about 12 inches behind the concrete revealing potential areas of repair.

Costs for repairs are exceeding the initial budget estimates, and the committee is adjusting project priorities as work progresses.

Historic lighting restoration and replacing the "pole" lights around the reservoirs are in the planning and research phase. Some historic light fixtures have been found in storage and will be used for reference and reused if possible. The restored lights will utilize LED lighting. Most lighting work will be done in the third and fourth years of the project and are lower on the budget priorities list. Despite the lower priority, the committee is excited about the prospect of restoring the historic lighting around Reservoirs #5 and #6.

The first of two or three public outreach meetings are tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2018, with a presentation by the interpretive consultants, Historic Research Associates. Outreach for the meeting will be city-wide, and public feedback on interpretive material will be sought. Most of the historical information will be developed on the app "Next Exit History," which is free for smartphones and tablets.

The Portland Water Bureau/Mt. Tabor Neighborhood committee continues to meet monthly and will be present at the public meetings. The Portland Water Bureau's web page for Mt. Tabor Preservation Project is <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/64097>. Preservation Construction Projects, Interpretive Program, Documents, Reports, and a Contact button for questions, comments, or concerns can be found there.

Photos by Bing Wong.



Reservoir #1 south wall repair in progress.



Chain-linked fence removed, posts for new fence in place.

We gratefully acknowledge those who donated more than the basic \$15.00 to the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park during 2017. These additional funds enable the organization to help fund much-needed upgrades and maintenance, to the benefit of all those who visit the park. This list, categorized by tree names, honors those who contributed during 2017. Those who give more than the minimum in 2018 will be included in the year-end donor list.

DONORS AND TREE DESIGNATIONS

\$25 - \$49.99 - Linden

Baller, Gretchen
Crispino-Taylor, Anne
Dietz, Wayne and Darlene
Dougherty, Erin
Galín, Jane
Guptill, Bertha
Hanson, Debra
Johnson, Sheryl & Ben
Lloyd, Darvel
Larson, Dirk
LeCavalier, John
Livingstone, Laurie
Makinen, Lori, and Carlson, Jeffrey
Mason, Laura and Mark
McCarthy, William & Suzanne
McWilliams, Robert & Mary
Mealey, Joe
Meyer, Paulette & Richard
Michael, David
Nelson, Chris, Rainbow, & Frances
Nussbaum, Steven
O'Reilly, Kathleen
Owens, Kelly
Pater, Gertrud
Patterson, Kate & Keith
Rose, Jacob
Russell, Beau & Nancy
Ryan-Baxter, Barbara
Shattuc, Susan
Souvignier, Douglas
VanKrieken, Fred
White, Martrese
Williams, Rosalie & Floyd

\$50 - \$99.99 - Red Leaf Maple

Baker, Sarah
Baumann, Carol & Duckwall, Larry
Bishop, Lynda
Cooney, Catherine
Corrigan, Dennis & Phyllis
Creel, Brad
Gartrell, Bryce
Gibbs, Charae and Kelly Plummer
Graham, Janet
Haliburton, Andy & Melanie
Hicks, Gary, & Bangert, Kathy
Kast, Phillip
Keenom, Bonnie
Kice, Ned & Sandy
Lawson, Barbara & Terry
Leonard, Jennifer
LaPaglia, Nancy & Slusarski, Stephen
Lindke, Joanne
Little, Ian
Mull, David Bruce
Powell, Michael
Puetz, Dennis
Quetel, Michael
Raher, Stephen
Risser, William
Rubinstein, Ellen
Ryan-Mapolski, Cassie
Schay, Pete & Magda
Scudder, Nancy
Sheibley, Kathryn
Smith, Julia
Steely, Robin and Varner Seaman
Vanden Bosch, Peter
Williams, Janis and Clark

\$100 - \$249.99 - Red Alder

Anderson, Richard
Beltz, David A.
Bingold, Steven
Brim, Evona
Carlson, Todd
Carmody, Gloria
Christian, Lance
Ganey, Stephen
Gleason, Richard & Karen
Goodwin, Donna J.
Gummere, Barbara
Harper, Joanna
Hillman, Dave and Guin
Johnson, Isabel
Ketola, Emily
Kinnick, Mary & VanCleave, Mary Beth
Lipske, Joanna and Rotert, Joel (200 total)
McLaren, Jessica
McQuade, Dot
Mt.Tabor Veterinary Care (B.Sulis)
Olinger, Catherine (Chris's aunt)
Olinger, Christopher
Patel, Roopal
Raphael, Kate
Rence, Brad and Eileen
Sany, Rick
Schapp, Stephen
Simmons, Ellen P.
Thompson, David Brian
Wong, Bing

\$250 - \$499.99 - Madrone

Leupold, Norbert & Christine
McLaren, John
Schloe, Roger & Margret

\$500 - Sequoia

N/A