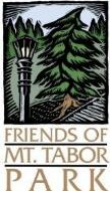


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Re: FRIENDS OF MT. TABOR PARK, ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

From the Board of FMTP: Hannah Dondy Kaplan, board chair; Rachel White, treasurer; Steve Law, secretary, newsletter editor; Bing Wong, liaison with MTNA; Dennis Puetz, Foot Patrol; Marco Petri, board vice chair, membership chair, visitor center co-coordinator; Annie Crispino-Taylor; Tar 'n' Trail Run coordinator; Linda Fogerson, communications coordinator; Hap Pritchard, visitor center coordinator. (Ex officio, Lise Gervais, Dave Hillman, Martrese Beck, Mary Kinnick)

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park

Annual Report: 2020

February 2021

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park proudly presents our report of activities and outstanding events of 2020, a year of challenges and changes, in which we were still able to contribute safely to the betterment of Portland's precious Mt Tabor Park . FMTP continues to work with city agencies, neighborhood associations, and other community groups, as well as our dedicated members and volunteers to meet our goals. To contact FMTP, you may phone 503-512-0816 or email taborfriends@gmail.com. Visit the website at www.taborfriends.org to learn more about the organization.

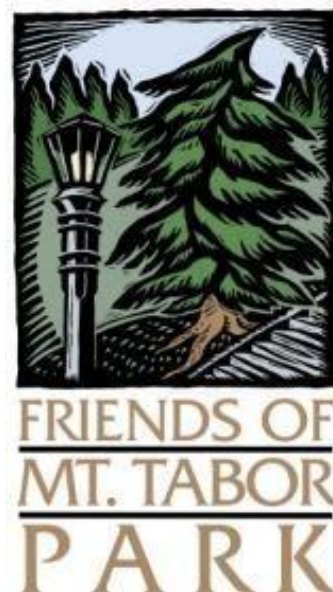


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Purpose Statement: Friends of Mt Tabor Park

The purpose of Friends of Mt Tabor Park shall be to improve and/or help maintain Mt. Tabor Park for the benefit of individuals, organizations and the Park Bureau of the City of Portland, to identify and solve

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problems, and to fund and participate in park projects. FMTP also offers programs to educate the public about the park's ecological health, and its unique geological and rich cultural history. Finally, FMTP works with Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R), the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association, and other neighborhood, community, and user groups to monitor park use and operation, support effective management and maintenance of the park, and the vision and goals of the Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan, dated January 2000.

FMTP Advocacy Role

Bing Wong is our representative on Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Preservation Project, which meets monthly with representatives from Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association, FMTP, city officials representing the Portland Water Bureau, an official from Portland Parks and Recreation, plus an at-large member. FMTP continues to be a member of the Intertwine Alliance, a coalition of public, private, and nonprofit organizations working to integrate nature more deeply into the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. Dave Hillman is the co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Council for SE Portland which meets monthly (though less frequently due to COVID-19) to work with the Portland Police Bureau.

Special Awards and Memberships

The Friends' Annual Meeting was held in Copeland Commons (Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church) on Monday, March 9, 2020, in person. A special award of appreciation went to Park Technician Shawn Snyder for his tireless work keeping Mt Tabor Park safe and clean. We were pleased to recognize Suzanne McCarthy as Friend of the Year, for her long-time volunteering efforts, and being Membership Chair for six years. Among many other activities, Suzanne worked with Mary Kinnick on fundraising for the Weed Warriors, and oversaw the voting at the Annual Meetings. She rotated off the board, along with Mary Kinnick, Laura Mason, and Martrese Beck.

Newly elected to the board were Hap Pritchard, Steve Law, Marco Petri and Sarah Moore. In April 2020, Marco Petri was elected by the board as membership chair, and Steve Law was elected as secretary. In May 2020, Dave Hillman retired from his role as coordinator of the Visitor Center, and Marco Petri and Hap Pritchard were voted by the board to co-coordinate until further notice. In July 2020, Gil Wistar tendered his immediate resignation from the board, as did Sarah Moore in September 2020. In November 2020, the board elected Hannah Dondy-Kaplan as board chair, and Marco Petri as board vice chair. In November 2020, Dennis Puetz gave notice that he would not run for re-election to the board in 2021, but would still coordinate the Foot Patrol.

Volunteer Efforts and Accomplishments

COVID-19 brought difficulties and adjustments to our volunteer groups in our three main facets of stewardship, Weed Warriors, Foot Patrol, and the Visitors Center. Our thoughtful and diligent Coordinators deserve appreciation for their quick thinking and can-do attitudes. For example: Foot Patrol

ordered more supplies to avoid sharing tools, the Visitors Center offered items and information through a window at their door, and created an online store with curbside pickup; Weed Warriors created a QR code eliminating the need to sign in, and participants wore masks and observed social distancing guidelines.

<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>2020:</u>	<u>2019:</u>	
Weed Warriors	1074	2565	
Foot Patrol	834	839	
Visitor Center	1100*	1880*	*Approximately Calculated
Membership Administration:	60	90	

Improvements and Accomplishments

- There is a new section of green trail (modified for the first time since 2010), complete with elegantly constructed switchbacks and stairs, thanks to the trails committee and the Portland Parks’ Youth Conservation crew.
- Our [Online Store](#) was created during covid, with curbside pickup and free delivery to Mt Tabor area residents, with additions of items such as lamp post and gate house wooden ornaments, and prints from local artists Georgina Ottaviano and Andrew Halliburton.
- [Rock Star Wall of Fame](#) - Dennis Puetz
 - On 11/23/2020, the Rock Star committee submitted the following candidates as approved Rock Stars to the FMTP Board. The Board unanimously approved this list of Rock Stars.
 - 1. Mary Kinnick: Weed Warriors (2008), Endowment Fund (2019)
 - 2. Nancy Norby: Founding member of FMTP, Foot Patrol, Dog Park (2005)
 - 3. Dave Hillman: Founding member of FMTP, Foot Patrol, Visitors Center (2011)
 - 4. Bertha Guptill: Founding member of FMTP, Foot Patrol, Tabor hiking trails (2009)
 - 5. Martrese Beck: Web Page, Electronic Communications, & Tabor Times
 - (2015 modern; first website by Frank Gorshe, year unknown)
 - The committee also suggests that FMTP include a new section on the website for Friend of The Year members. This section will include a photo, and short description as to why they are Friend of the Year.
 - **Past “Friend of the Year” recipients:** Tony Cole, 2005; Bertha Guptill, 2006; Bunny & Gayle Marechal, 2007; Nancy Norby, 2008; Tim Van Vactor, 2009; Frank Gorshe, 2010; Nora Hanna, 2011; Beau & Nancy Russell, 2012; Martrese Beck, 2013; Mary Kinnick, 2014; Dave Hillman, 2015; Dennis Puetz, 2016; Carol Baumann & Larry Duckwall, 2017; Patricia Morgan, 2018; Suzanne McCarthy, 2019; Lise Gervais, 2020
 - The committee hopes that more effort will be done to document the history of FMTP, and of the park itself, and to keep important records for the future of FMTP.
- Hap Pritchard created a Bird Brochure, and updated our existing reservoir information brochure (to include that they are no longer supplying drinking water!)

- Weed Warriors continues to be self-sustaining due to generous fundraising and the rising market. Thanks to Emily Lytle and Lise Gervais for their hard, undeterred efforts to keep invasive non-native plants mitigated at Mt Tabor.
- Foot Patrol continued to operate every day during the virus, without any problems. Visitors were grateful to see the volunteers walking the park. The park is the cleanest it has ever been, even visitors have started taking ownership to pick up trash.

Publicity

Many thanks to those who make sure that the Friends' news reaches the public:

- Linda Fogerson, communications committee chair
 - Sends out our e-blasts from Constant Contact, and manages our email list
 - Membership always surges via donation immediately after her posts, but especially (and most effectively) after her "membership drive" posts.
- Kris McDowell, Editor of the Southeast Examiner, for continually keeping us in their print, with updates like [this one](#) for our annual meeting this year. Thanks, Kris!
- Martrese Beck, Friends Website and [Facebook Page](#) manager
- Emily Lytle, [Weed Warrior Facebook Page](#)
- Hap Pritchard, Coordinator of Visitor Center, has undertaken managing the information kiosk at the main parking lot. He has added educational stories about such things as the "Witch's Broom" tree phenomenon, an updated history of the reservoirs at Mt Tabor, and a new [birding brochure](#).
- Steve Law, Board secretary, for his article "[Unburying History: Portland's shameful anti-Chinese violence](#)," Portland Tribune, December 10 2020
- Gina Scalpone, from the Portland Tribune, wrote a terrific article written about Dave Hillman, "[The Mayor of Mt Tabor](#)" by, Aug 3 2020, talking about all of the beneficial work FMTP has done to make Mt Tabor one of the most visited parks of Portland, and what Dave has done to make FMTP impactful.
- The single most frequent comment from visitors to the Foot Patrol volunteers is "Mt Tabor is so clean, it is the cleanest park in Portland." Thanks to Dennis Puetz, outgoing board member, for his continued leadership as Coordinator of Foot Patrol.
- In 2021, an unknown artist independently erected a statue (or bust) to replace the toppled statue of Harvey Scott, at the top of Mt Tabor. It depicts York, the "Enslaved Explorer who accompanied Lewis & Clark" - [Smithsonian, 2/24/21](#), which has since gained national attention, being covered in the [New York Times](#), [Oregonian](#), [OPB](#), and other large media. FMTP was not involved in this installation, however there have been many new visitors asking where to find the artwork. Reports of people lining up to get a closer look, while observing social distancing, have been heard by the FP, VC, and the board.

Special Challenges

Although the park's stewards, both professional and volunteer, work hard to keep the park in good condition, maintaining generally high standards of cleanliness and attractiveness, there are always problems, many of which are long-standing. These include (but are not limited to):

- The roads in and around the park are in terrible shape, not only unpleasant but also unsafe. Some roads are park roads and others belong to the City, which creates confusion and delay in conducting repairs. Although this is clearly a high cost item, it should be a high priority one.
 - Our crosswalks and street markings are dangerously faint, and make the crosswalks on the curvy parts of the road very hard to see - it's an accident waiting to happen.
- Controlling car prowls and break-ins continues to be important.
- Keeping drivers from driving down the hillside north of the main parking lot to exit after hours needs a solution. This damages the hillside, the sidewalk on Yamhill Street, and annoys the local residents.
- Off-trail biking and the creation of 'bandit' (unauthorized) trails continue to be a problem. Note: Lise Gervais and Anka Sepulveda (of Weed Warriors) will be working on plantings and fallen branch placement throughout those bandit trails to stop them... in their tracks.
- Fire Season Danger- Concern over fire danger from campers, fireworks, and other igniters is something the board has been discussing over emails on how to address. So far, it seems agreed that a more unison effort from adjoining/overlapping groups would be an effective way to mitigate fire danger in Mt. Tabor. The horrific fire season of 2020 thankfully passed by SE Portland, but opened our eyes to how quickly things change if we don't pay attention and have a plan.
- COVID-19 was a challenge worldwide. Locally, Mt Tabor has become a hub for people to get outside and get some space, so the park was very busy in 2020. There were reports about runners being too close, and bikers going too fast, and the lack of mask wearing; however, some effective measures like signage and the complete closure for several weeks of all roads on Mt Tabor made great strides in keeping people safe while enjoying Mt Tabor.
- The Visitors Center was forced to close for 170 days due to either COVID-19 or fire danger, losing revenue and the ability to attract Taborphiles to joining FMTP.
- Weed Warriors hours were significantly reduced due to COVID-19 safe distancing measures, and limited mostly to group leader events.
- Almost all events were cancelled in 2020, from Summer Concerts to our Annual Picnic.
- The beautiful, iconic lamp posts, 90 in all, are still in need of repair/replacement, a high cost item.
- Before COVID, Mt Tabor was a regular stop for tour buses, elementary schools, community colleges, who would have someone from FMTP to talk to them about geologic and park history. We have missed this impact FMTP has had with educational groups. In 2021, Hap Pritchard created a plan for some Saturday morning outdoor educational activities that is in committee form with much promise.
- Homeless Encampments, Open Space Code: This has been a big topic for the board in 2021. There are differing views on the best approach, and there has been no movement so far.
- Winter Storm 2021 proved damaging to Mt Tabor, and power was out around the state for days. Park techs were swamped trying to clean things up all over town. Thanks to Dennis Puetz, an impromptu cleanup crew started one day from Foot Patrol to help clear some of the storm debris.

Treasurer's Report

Rachel White, Treasurer

Despite challenges imposed by the coronavirus pandemic, Friends of Mt. Tabor Park had a strong year financially. Membership dues reached their highest level ever, and despite being closed for months at a time, the Visitor Center still achieved substantial sales (only \$1,590 less than last year). So we are in a

strong position to continue supporting the volunteer stewardship programs that make Mt Tabor Park such a gem.

This report summarizes our fiscal year, including the status of our stewardship fund and our income and expense totals for the year. We started 2020 with a bank balance of \$37,762 and ended with \$46,145. Notable expenditures in 2020 included the purchase of Directors and Officers insurance for Board members (\$1,078), and higher than normal expenses for the Foot Patrol (\$1,180) owing to a backlog of maintenance needed for trail signs and tree identification posts.

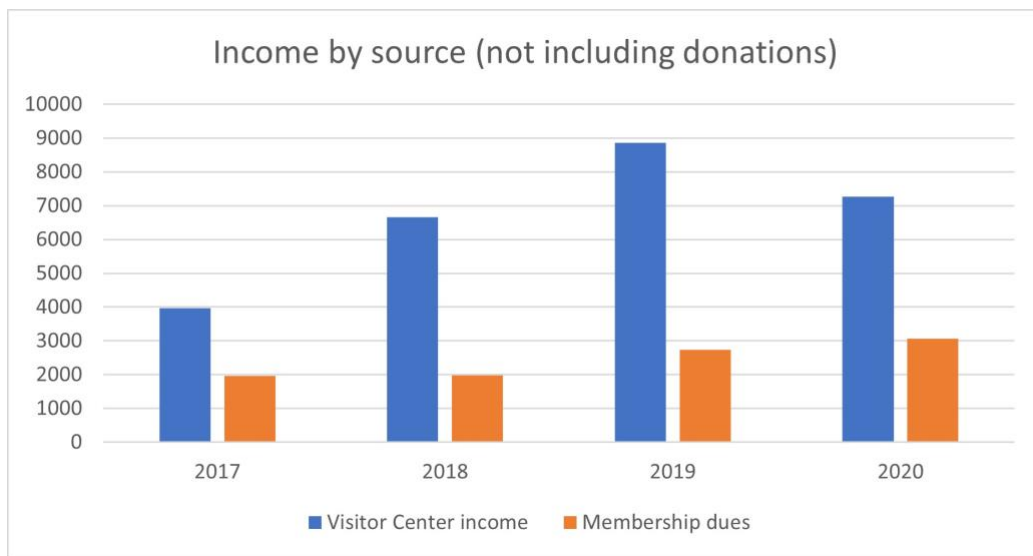
Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) stewardship fund

In 2021, the Board will begin taking annual distributions of \$4,400 from the fund to pay our Weed Warrior Coordinator. Our intention is that the distributions from the OCF fund will cover approximately 2/3 of the annual contract for this position, which is our largest fixed expenditure.

The OCF fund began 2020 with a balance of \$121,815. In the first few months of the year the fund took some losses, but quickly recovered and we ended the year with \$135,431 (market value).

Income and expenses

Once again we are breaking records with annual membership dues! For the first year ever, membership dues topped \$3,000, greatly augmented by additional donations. The Visitor Center continues to pay for itself with a small profit margin. In 2020, the Visitor Center brought in a respectable \$7,265, for an overall profit of \$1,800. The pandemic made this year unusual and the Visitor Center was closed for months in the spring and again in the fall. Nonetheless, we stayed close to the income averages for the past three years.



Friends of Mt Tabor Park Statement of Income and Expenses for year ending December 31, 2020:

Income	Dollar s
Individual membership dues	3,063

Donations	15,199
Visitor Center product sales	7,265
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Total income	25,527

Expenses	Dollars
Weed Warrior Program	6,600
Foot Patrol Program	1,179
Visitor Center product expense	5,468
Administrative expense	2,523
Park projects	1,077
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Total expenses	16,847

Net assets as of December 31, 2020:

US Bank:	\$ 46,145.00
Oregon Community Foundation:	\$ 135,431.00

Communications Committee Report

Linda Fogerson, Committee Chair

This past year as we waited out the Pandemic, communications were more important than ever. Although we did not meet in person, we had a lot of information to share with FMTP Friends. Our mailing list has grown from 350 to more than 500 constituents and we sent more than 30 e-newsletters. During this time, the communications committee has begun to define its responsibilities within the operations of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, and the board will soon consider making the Communication Committee a standing committee. Electronic communications has enabled the continuation of our electronic membership drive, facilitated the recruitment of new volunteers, and publicized FMTP's new on-line store. In addition, the e-newsletters are allowing FMTP to educate readers about member activities and celebrate the many and significant contributions of our founding volunteers who built this vibrant organization. Through communications we are building a community of friends and volunteers who care

deeply about Mt. Tabor Park and are willing to give of their time and/or financial resources to protect and enhance our commons.

Membership Report

Marco Petri, Membership Chair

Despite an extraordinarily turbulent year, membership to FMTP has remained on-track to beat last year's record household memberships and total donations. We are extremely grateful to our ardent park lovers and supporters of our work - without your membership and your generous donations, our work wouldn't be possible.

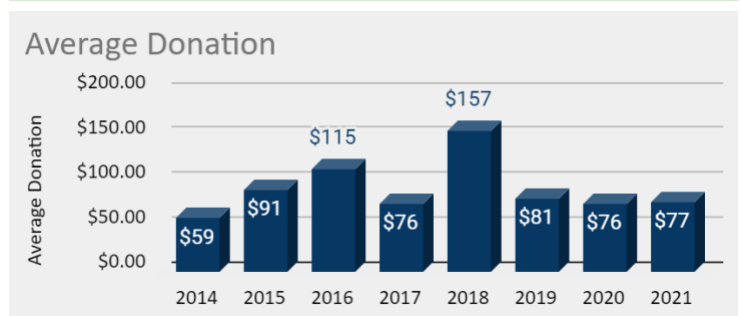
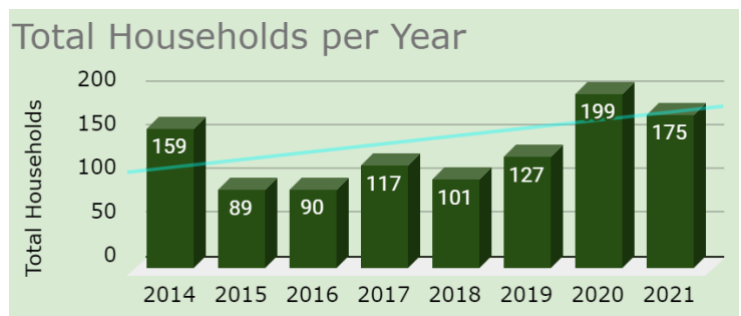
I took over as membership chair from Suzanne McCarthy soon after joining the board in 2020, and have worked to maintain the excellent records that Suzanne kept. So far, it's been fun work, and Suzanne has been readily available (virtually, of course!) to help with any questions/problems.

The membership year started October 1, 2020 for the 2021 year. 2020 memberships ended with a record-high 199 household memberships, with a \$76 average donation, for a total of just over \$15,000!

We collect membership primarily in three ways: Signing up online at www.taborfriends.org, mailing a check to our P.O. Box, or signing up at the Visitor Center.

The graphs provide insight on where our membership stands. We are on an upward trajectory for household memberships (remember, one membership could be a single person, or a household).

Our total donations for year 2021 have not yet hit the RECORD HIGH of 2020 of over \$15,000. This is in no small part due to the years of hard work from Suzanne McCarthy, previous membership chair and well-deserved recipient of 2020's Friend of the Year Award. This accomplishment is also due to the well-calibrated email blasts, social media posts and website design from Linda Fogerson, Martrese Beck and the communications committee.

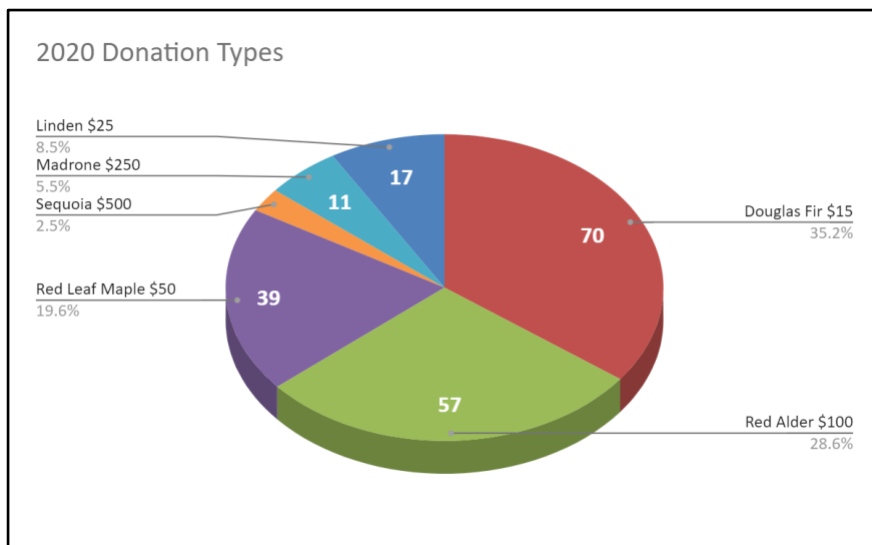


Currently, we are at \$13,555 in membership donations, with an incredible average of \$77 per membership, with 175 household memberships. By comparison, on this date last year (2/25/20) our total donations were \$12,860.

To join Friends of Mt Tabor Park, you can either mail a check to: Friends of Mt Tabor Park (FMTP), 4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd #312, Portland, OR, 97214; OR go to www.taborfriends.org/membership and join online.

Although basic membership is \$15 per annum per household, many people generously donate more than the minimum. Those who give \$25 or more are placed on our honors list, with giving levels named after trees in the park.

2021 is off to a terrific start, and with the membership year not ending until September, we have a ways to go (though, traditionally, most giving is done in the October/November/ December months).



Foot Patrol Annual Report

Dennis Puetz, Coordinator

This year the Foot Patrol (FP) had another successful year keeping the park clean and orderly; we created a safe environment with our presence in the park. There are important updates on FP operation in 2020, so please read further. I am into my Fifth year as the leader; I am delegating some of the duties, in order to reduce the workload for myself. Options are to take over one of my duties: assemble the monthly FP volunteer hours report to the City of Portland, manage the trails committee, write articles about FP for Tabor Times. Currently delegated is training of new members, hut maintenance, and adoption of trail maintenance by members.

Foot Patrol had no virus related problems during the 2020 Pandemic year. Since late 2017 the park has reached an almost trash-free status. Visitors to the park can see & experience this, and are doing their part to keep it clean. I am very proud of this achievement! We plan to continue this high level cleanliness, with almost every foot patrol receiving many compliments from visitors: “thanks for cleaning up the park”, “you are awesome”, “thanks for what you do”, “this is the cleanest park in the city” ... the Foot Patrol volunteers are motivated to keep up the great work they do.

Mt. Tabor Park is immaculate!!

Foot Patrol continues to find graffiti, campers, and dogs off leash, but I am glad to say there are fewer needles/syringes and other more serious problems than in previous years. Smartphones are being used frequently to report problems to Portland Parks website ParkScanPDX.org, and to park employees and management.

New Members:

10 new foot patrol members were added during the year 2020. In 2020 we gave volunteers the option to take home a grabber stick, and a vest because of the virus. Many volunteers took this option, and as a result we purchased more grabber sticks, and more vests, especially small size vests to fit the ladies.

Steve Bingold continues to be our valued new member trainer. Steve also keeps the hut clean, orderly, and is adopter of the Green trail maintenance. Thank you Steve!

Trails Committee:

A total of 11 trail & tree posts were made or repaired or reinstalled; (note the posts were originally installed in 2009.) This is very time consuming and hard work. The FMTP Board approved hiring a carpenter in 2019 to help maintain the posts, and this has proved to be a good addition to the Trails committee. The function of the carpenter is to make, repair, and install trail & tree posts as directed by the Trails committee. Portland Parks closed the center path on the Salmon St canyon due; there were 3 paths up this short canyon. Parks placed split-rail fences at top and bottom of the middle path to prevent further use; they rebuilt the north path with more split-rail fencing, rock retaining walls, switchbacks, and overall made this previously poor path a very nice new option for hikers. The Trails committee decided to split the Green trail at the intersection of Green trail and Salmon St. A new sign will be added indicating the option to continue on the original trail, straight, easier path, and a new option to the left, an intermediate level path. Additional Green trail sign posts will be added at bottom and top of path to aid hikers. The following is a link to the work order regarding Green trail modifications: Carpenter Work Order Green Trail Modifications . It should be noted that the carpenter expects more trail and tree posts will deteriorate to the point of needing replacement, due to the type of soil on Mt Tabor Park.

The following Foot Patrol members continue to adopt a trail:

Red Trail: Ellen Simmons

Blue Trail: Dave Beltz

Green Trail: Steve Bingold

Foot Patrol Stats for	2020	2019	
Total number of members at end of 2020:	68	63	(email list)
Total Patrols by members in 2020:	290	318	
Total volunteer hours for foot patrol members in 2020:	834	839	
Total number of foot patrols since year 2000:	5113	4,823	

Top Foot Patrol Volunteers 2020:

Name	Year	Patrols This Year	Total Patrol time (hours)
Mike Bragg	2020	53	151.25
Dennis Puetz	2020	64	123.75
Glenn Kayes	2020	26	89.5
David Beltz	2020	38	77
Steven Bingold	2020	34	70.5
Terrence E. Jenness	2020	31	52
Beau Russell	2020	29	49
Ellen Simmons	2020	18	37.75
Gretchen Baller	2020	17	35.25
Stasia Honnold	2020	18	34.5
Donna French	2020	9	15.5
Gayle & Bunny Marechal	2020	8	12
Joe Mealey	2020	4	10
Margaret Brown	2020	5	9.5
Geof Donovan	2020	4	8.75
Chuck Lukacs	2020	4	6.5
Patricia Morgan	2020	3	5.5
Nancy LaPaglia	2020	3	5.5
Mary Kinnick	2020	3	4.75
Julia Smith	2020	2	4
Linda & Dave Fogerson	2020	2	3.5
Meg Hartley	2020	2	3.5
Kohan Hartley	2020	2	3.5
Rachel White	2020	1	2.5
Steve Pixley	2020	1	2.25
Glenda Fay Chaite	2020	1	1.75
Joel Stibbe	2020	1	1.5
Jim Simmons	2020	1	1.5
Bridget Stollfus	2020	1	1.5
Gayle Marechal	2020	1	1.5

2021 Foot Patrol Meeting Schedule

The schedule is changed for 2021, and special meetings can be called anytime as needed. This change is a trial; the major benefit from past meetings has been with the summary I send out after the meeting. Hence, I will continue to send out a summary, which I have retitled as a Newsletter. You can still look forward to these newsletters as so many of you have told me (“I love reading your summary, the summary is very good reading, thank you, the summary is excellent,” ... etc).

March, newsletter

May, newsletter

August xx, Mt Tabor Park, picnic area B, 11:30 am, potluck, plates & napkins & utensils provided.

October, TBD, meeting or newsletter

December, Holiday party depending on interest

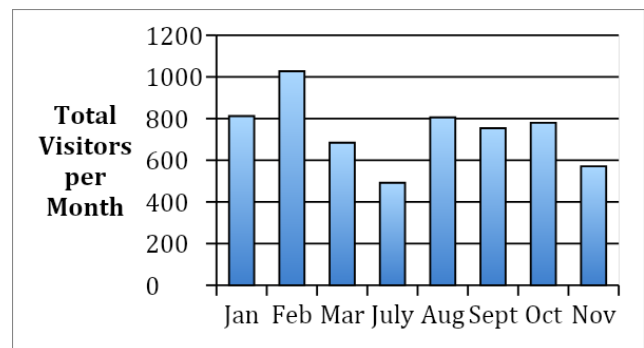
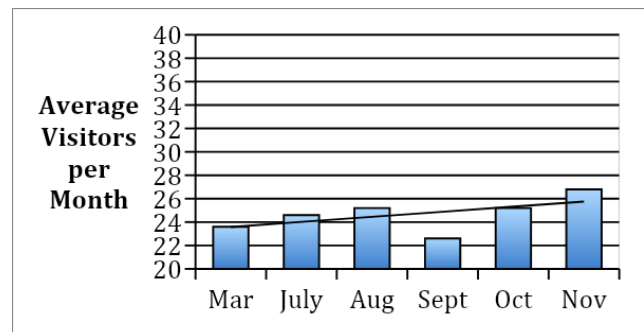
Visitor Center Report

Hap Pritchard, Coordinator, Marco Petri, Co-Coordinator (ex-officio: Dave Hillman)

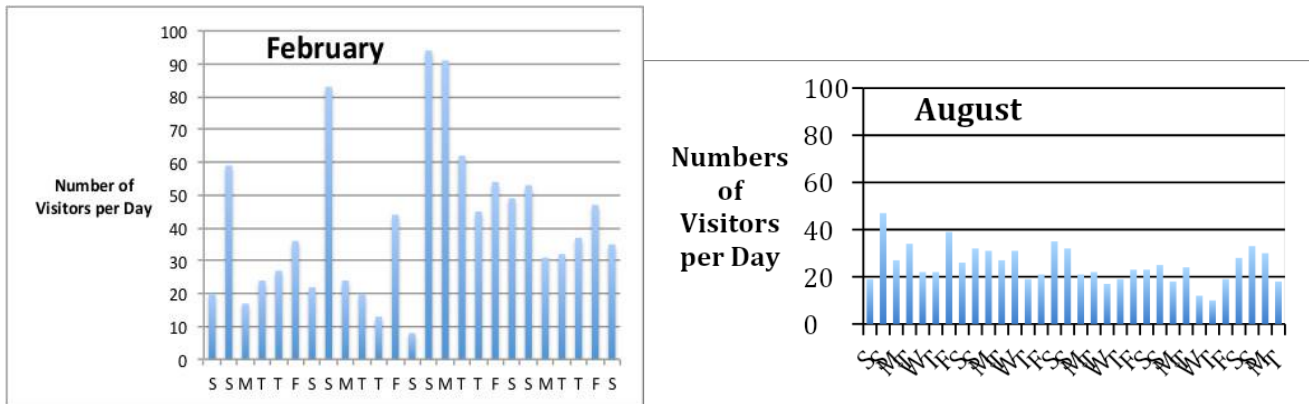
The visitor center this year experienced two major shutdowns due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The shutdowns occurred from March 17 until July 12 (117 days) and from November 17 until present (44 days to January 1). The visitor center was also closed from September 11-20 due to smoke from forest fires.

Several trends were apparent this past year:

1. Despite the closures and inclement weather, the average number of visitors per day increased steadily for the six months where we have data. The lower average in September may have been due to the smoky conditions in Portland at the time. For comparison, averages for 2019 were higher, in the range of 31-33 visitors per day.
2. The trend in total number of visitors per month generally decreased. Data for January and February correspond to similar levels in 2019 (i.e., approximately 1000 visitors per month), but upon reopening after the COVID shut down, total visitors averaged 780 visitors per month.
3. Prior to the shut downs (February 2020 for example), it was common to see high numbers of visitors around the weekends. But after reopening (August for example) the number of visitors is significantly lower and the weekend



spikes are less intense. One explanation for this is that non-Portland visitors were probably reduced due to the pandemic.



The total number of volunteer hours for 2020 was approximately 1100 hours. This is based on 6 hours of volunteer time per day. Following the reopening in July, we started opening the visitor center on Wednesdays. Although this was not as busy a day as others (average visitor per day 16.2), we were still pleased with the turnout.

There are currently 18 volunteers serving the visitor center. With our safety arrangements (no visitors allowed inside the visitor center ...except dogs!), we have lost no volunteer hours lost to sickness.

Also note that Dave Hillman, the person responsible for establishing the FMTTP visitor center 9 years ago and running it since, retired in September. Hap Pritchard and Marco Petri took over his duties on July 12, 2020. This year, Dave Hillman contributed approximately 40 hours of volunteer time and Hap Pritchard and Marco Petri contributed approximately 180 hours of volunteer time.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the visitor center was closed for 23 weeks. Also note Marco Petri initiated (November 23, 2020) a very successful online shopping capability that netted a record sales income for the months of November and December.

Weed Warriors Report

Lise Gervais, Volunteer Program Coordinator

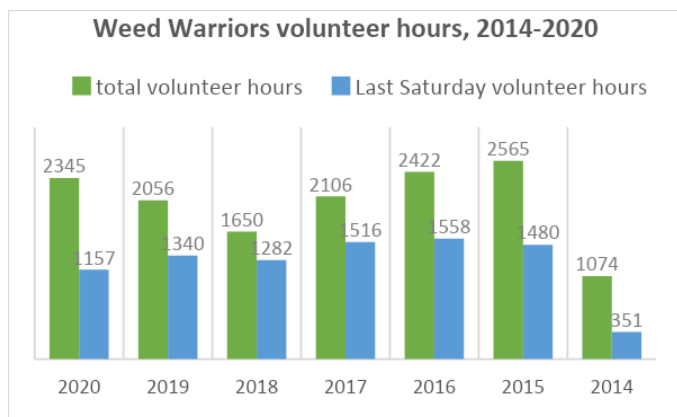
2020 was a year with a lot of stops and starts, and stops and starts. We held our Crew Leader training on the last Saturday in February, per usual, and then as COVID became widespread, Last Saturday Events were cancelled for March, April, May and June.

This break gave us an opportunity to find out how other groups were conducting volunteer events and what COVID precautions were being used, as well as gauging the comfort level of our Crew Leaders towards leading events in the park.

For the Last Saturdays in July, August, September and October, we opened up the events to the public using COVID precautions. Our Stewardship Coordinator, Emily Lytle created a QR code so that volunteers were able to scan with their phones to sign in when they arrived, eliminating the need to pass

around clipboards and pens. Participants wore masks and we observed social distancing guidelines-- a good idea anyway when sharp tools are in use.

Because our Crew Leaders have been trained by Portland Parks, we were allowed to take on small independent projects around the park. Throughout the year, Crew Leaders worked in groups of up to 5 people, removing invasive plants like Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, *clematis vitalba*, cherry tree saplings and Scotch broom. In 2020, Crew Leaders volunteered 181 hours of their time to independent projects around the park. Gil contributed about a third of that, logging 68 hours of invasive species removal. Bing, Anka, John and Rex and others also contributed many hours on independent projects.



Crew Leaders devoted 160 hours to the 5 Last Saturday events that were not cancelled. Anka, Marj and Misty together contributed a third of those hours.

Crew leaders also contributed 65 hours to special work parties including No Ivy Day in October, and events with groups such as Sunnyside Environmental School, a group from All Saints school, the Passion Impact group from Franklin High School and an Eagle Scout project.

Compared to past years, volunteer hours are down, but considering that we are in the midst of a global pandemic, and suffered through many days of hazardous air quality caused by forest fires, I'm impressed that we've accomplished as much as we have. Until vaccination is widespread, we are going back to Crew Leader only work parties for our Last Saturday events and coordinating a few small events with outside groups. In 2021, along with other projects, we will be concentrating on decommissioning trails that were replaced by the new section of the Green Trail with vegetation and downed limbs. This new section which runs through the Ravine, was constructed by Portland Parks' Youth Conservation Crew in the summer of 2020.

Emily Lytle, in her role as Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator, continues to do a terrific job coordinating projects and guiding Crew Leaders and other volunteers with enthusiasm and skill. Fortunately for us, she has agreed to stay on for 2021. David Grandfield, our Portland Parks Natural Areas liaison, has moved on to a different job for the City of Portland and his position has not yet been filled. We continue to get guidance from Park Ecologist Steve Lower, and invaluable assistance from Kim Guess and Shawn Snyder.

On a sad note, one of our long time, wonderful Crew Leaders, Darvel Lloyd, passed away in December. Darvel walked through the park every day and was always finding Scotch broom that no one else noticed. I'll miss his great stories about frequent hikes with his brother to look for the largest trees in forests across the western US and Canada. He was very devoted to Mt Tabor Park, where he walked several miles every day, and to Mt Adams, where he grew up and helped preserve as wilderness. As one of our Crew Leaders, Chris Olinger put it, all will miss Darvel except for the Scotch broom.

As always we're trying to make the best use of a limited number of volunteer hours, to improve the ecological health of the park. We look forward to when we can safely invite the public back to our Last Saturday events.

Tar 'n' Trail Run 2020 Report

Annie Crispino-Taylor, Coordinator

Tar 'n' Trail update: Due to Covid -19 restrictions, the 2020 Tar 'n' Trail had to cancel what would have been our 9th annual race. We are tentatively scheduled to hold the event on Sunday, October 3, 2021. For race updates please go to our website at [FMTP Tar n Trail 5K and 10 K Run](#), check out the results for 2019 here:



<https://www.hubertiming.com/results/2019MtTabor>

Other Services

1. FMTP has a website (www.taborfriends.org) with an online store for gifts and apparel, and a Facebook page, as well as an instagram account, ably maintained and updated by Martrese Beck and Linda Fogerson with the communications committee. This is used to update members and other followers about upcoming events, concerning issues, and Mt Tabor news, as well as our new online store.
2. Normally our annual potluck picnic is held around September, but it was canceled for 2020 due to COVID-19. We look forward to holding this safely this year, if possible.
3. Sales of clothing with the FMTP logo at the Visitor Center were managed by Randy Lawler, but in mid-2020 the move was made to consolidate the two square accounts into one, the one used on our website for donations. Hap Pritchard has taken over the ordering and inventory of Visitor Center goods for sale.

Listed Internet Resources:

- **Our Website:** <http://www.taborfriends.org>
- **Email:** <mailto:taborfriends@gmail.com>
- **FMTP Online Store:** <https://taborfriends.square.site/s/shop>
- **FMTP Rock Star Hall of Fame:** <https://www.taborfriends.org/rock-stars>
- **SE Examiner Update:** <https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2021/02/friends-of-mt-tabor-annual-meeting/>
- **FMTP Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/TaborFriends/>
- **Weed Warriors Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/FMTP.WeedWarriors>
- **Birding Brochure:** https://a1f30dab-7bea-4070-b7be-daa0b1682f3b.filesusr.com/ugd/91bb26_902926299b0b4dfebcdf9a48eff2cfab.pdf
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