



# The TABOR TIMES

Newsletter - August 2017

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.



## Come to the Annual Potluck Picnic!

It is almost that time of year again! The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park annual summer potluck picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 8 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Picnic Shelter A across from the main parking lot and Visitor Center. This is the perfect opportunity to socialize with your fellow FMTP members, chat with the board, learn the latest Mt. Tabor news, sample delicious homemade treats, and

**WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES!**  
Each guest will receive a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win prizes from Cheese Bar (60th and Belmont), Academy Theater (78th and Stark), and more. We encourage you to wear your finest FMTP gear, and please bring a dish to share; drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided. No R.S.V.P. is needed. We hope to see you there!



# From the Chair – Beau Russell

On behalf of the Board, I would 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 able to consider funding a number of park improvement projects. We thank our members for trusting us to manage and spend these funds wisely.

A few highlights so far in 2017:

- The award-winning Friends of Mt Tabor Park Weed Warriors working in collaboration with PP&R and BES to remove invasive plant species and do habitat restoration. As of the end of June, they have logged a formidable 989 volunteer hours.
  - Since opening in October 2011, the Visitor Center continues to exceed all expectations by having over 36,500 visitors. Through June 2017, the Visitor Center volunteers donated a total of 532 volunteer hours.
  - The Foot Patrol continued to keep the park a safe and clean place while racking up 404 volunteer hours through June.
  - Reelection of Board members Suzanne McCarthy, Laura Mason, and Martrese White to new three-year terms.
- FMTP was approved to be added to the PEW Charitable Trust and the Nonprofit Association of Oregon.
  - Bing Wong continues to be our representative on the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), which provides community review of the Portland Water Bureau on the reservoirs and project funding priorities once the reservoirs are disconnected from our water supply.
  - Deb Hanson, who was our representative with the Intertwine Alliance, had to step down from the board this year. We thank Deb for her expertise and service.
  - Laura Mason is our FMTP representative on the Mt. Tabor Yard Planning Group.
  - Foot Patrol Coordinator, Dennis Puetz, was chosen to be our 2017 FMTP Friend of the Year.
  - Gayle Marechal and Martrese White have once again teamed up to edit and produce our Newsletter.
  - Martrese White continues to oversee our FMTP Website. Check us out at [taborfriends.org](http://taborfriends.org)

## Project Funding:

As previously reported, Chris Olinger has been working the past year with Parks 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. After much prodding on Chris's part to move this process along, he was recently told that because of the two landslides in the park this past winter, the wall projects and the handicapped access cut-out are on hold. They have become Capital Improvement Projects, which puts them under the control of a different division in PP&R. Additional meetings with Parks will take place.

On a positive note, we have continued to increase funding for our part-time Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator.

As always, FMTP continues its commitment to work closely with PP&R personnel to identify how we can best help to support them through efforts by our volunteers, the investment of FMTP 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](mailto:taborfriends@gmail.com)

# Meet the Member: Jack Vidosh

Interview by Dennis Puetz, Written by Dennis Puetz & Donna French

“The Foot Patrol has extended my life, and given me more years to be active; I am grateful for that.” Jack has a lifelong love the outdoors: hiking, camping, running marathons, and being a Marine.

Jack moved to Portland a few years ago and found a home in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood, but did not know about Mt. Tabor Park. While walking the neighborhood, he discovered the park with his dog Ransom. Whenever Jack walked, he carried his own garbage bag and picked up trash. He and his wife soon found the information board at the Visitor Center as well as the membership form for FMTP. He immediately joined the Foot Patrol (FP), was trained by Ellen Simmons, and started patrolling with Ransom. Jack was often patrolling four to six days a week, not for one hour, but for 2-4 hours, and soon became a super-patroller, accumulating more logged hours and bags of trash than anyone had done before on the Foot Patrol. In 2016 Jack logged more hours than the entire combined efforts of all Foot Patrol members, performing 142 patrols, 365 hours of service, and picking up 142 bags of trash.

Other members of FP would write in the FP log book, “Jack, leave some trash for the rest of us.” ... Jack is a one-man platoon for the Foot Patrol!



His favorite place on Mt. Tabor is “all of it ...hiking relaxes me. I think hiking Mt. Tabor produces a zen effect.”

Jack’s most significant event during a foot patrol came on February 29, 2016, when he and his

partner were walking along East Main Road and found an athletic bag. Inside were magazines for automatic rifles along with lots of bullets. They contacted the police, and the police took possession of the bag.

What Jack likes best about being a member of the Foot Patrol is being part of a team, and “team” to Jack means all of the FMTP efforts: Foot Patrol, Weed Warriors, Visitor Center, and the Board. He feels everyone does his or her part to appreciate the park and to make a difference. Jack commends Johannes for his stewardship of maintaining and protecting the park and believes we are lucky to have such a dedicated public employee assigned to the park.

Jack feels the Foot Patrol is a very important group within FMTP. Foot Patrol members

are meeting the public and keeping the park clean. These “ambassadors” answer questions for visitors, monitor for dogs off-leash, and visitors to the park feel an additional level of safety when they see folks on patrol.

# Book Review:

*Take a Walk, Portland: More Than 75 Walks in Natural Places from the Gorge to Hillsboro and Vancouver to Tualatin*

by Brian Barker

-Deb Hanson

Mt. Tabor Park is featured in a new field guide titled [\*Take a Walk, Portland\*](#). This guide describes 77 nature-oriented walks in or near the greater Portland Metro area. Published in March of 2017, the guide is easy to use and features excellent maps, descriptions, and practical advice for enjoying each walk. Author Brian Barker walked every one of the trails during the spring of 2016 and includes personal anecdotes to illustrate each listing.

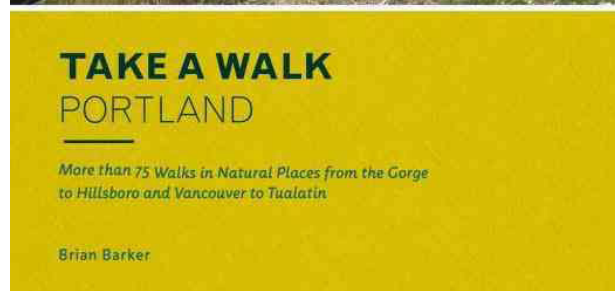
A chart at the front of the book shows the walks at a glance, including mileage; accessibility; whether there is access for horses, bicycles, or dogs; restroom and picnic area availability; and more. In his introduction, Barber discusses how he chose the walks, how to stay safe on the trails, and how to be respectful of the trails and other visitors. I was delighted to see that he also suggests readers consider volunteering at the parks and natural areas included in the book. Since Mt. Tabor depends on volunteers to run the visitor center, monitor park activity, pick up trash through Foot Patrol, and remove invasive weeds and restore native plants through Weed Warriors, this call for volunteers may very well entice more folks to help at Mt. Tabor.

The book is divided into chapters by geographic area, such as Southwest Portland, East Portland, Vancouver, and the Columbia River Gorge. A simple map at the beginning of each chapter shows the locations of each walk in that area. The descriptions for each walk include location, highlights of the

area, acceptable activities, and contact information. Mt. Tabor Park is walk #27. Barber describes it as “a summit with the city’s best sunset views” and states “birders swear by the springtime migration here.” He’s right on both counts, of course!

I’ve done a lot of walks and hikes in and around Portland during the past three years, but there were many in this book that were new to me. So, if you’re looking for some new ideas for walks in and around the city or just want to read what Barber says about our own Mt. Tabor Park, pick up *Take a Walk, Portland* at your local bookstore or library and see what it has to offer. Brian Barker is a

contributing editor for Portland Monthly magazine. For the past decade, he has written the magazine’s “Trail of the Month” column. He lives in a “century-old bungalow” at the foot of Mt. Tabor.



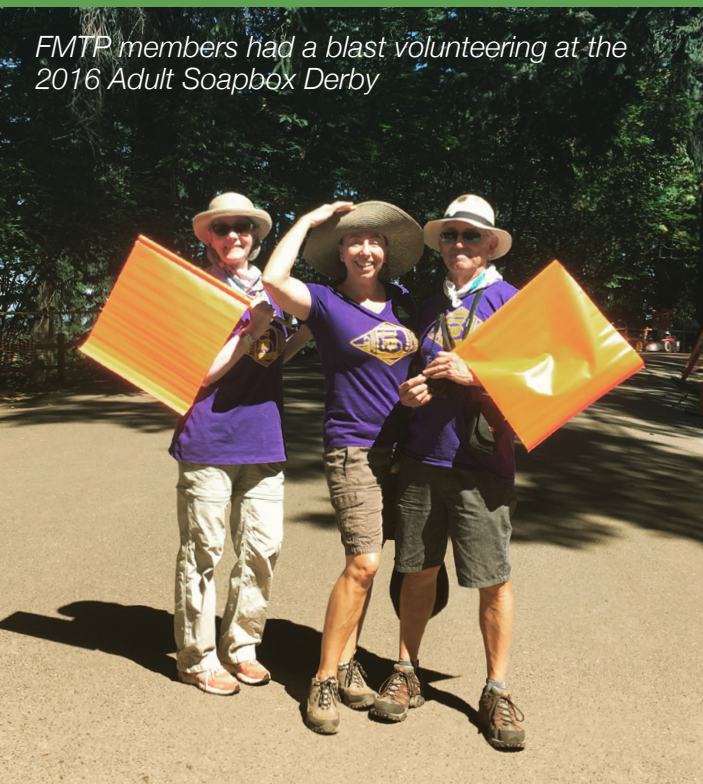
# Volunteer Reflections

Julia Smith is the most recent addition to the roster of dedicated volunteers who staff the Visitor Center in the park. Below are some of her reflections on how she discovered the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, what she has experienced so far, and what the park means to her.

*“One year ago this month I retired from a long and satisfying career and moved to beautiful Portland. I was excited that my new home’s bedroom window looked right at the south side of Mt. Tabor. Forests have always been my “happy place,” and I spent hours walking the trails of what I considered my new forest. I definitely felt like a friend of this park, so when I got an email announcing the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park’s annual meeting, I went! I immediately liked the mission of this group, and that very night I signed up to volunteer at the Visitor’s Center and for Foot Patrol. I love these two positions, and I have met some incredible people who also love this park. Please don’t hesitate to say, “Hi,” if you see me at the Center on Thursday afternoons, or picking up trash on the trail with my pup Pearl!”*



## PDX Adult Soapbox Derby 2017



*FMTP members had a blast volunteering at the 2016 Adult Soapbox Derby*

FMTP volunteers are often willing to lend a hand at park events not organized by our organization. Case in point: you’ll often see familiar faces directing traffic, managing crosswalks, and judging racecars at the annual PDX Adult Soapbox Derby (see Bunny and Gayle Marechal and Martrese White at left). Why not come join the fun?

This year’s event will be held on **Saturday, August 19, 2017, starting at 10 a.m. in Mt. Tabor Park**. Volunteers can register for a variety of posts during a range of timeframes. Spend some time in the park assisting with this fun event as you watch dozens of teams propel their vehicles down the curves and straightaways, attempting to win prizes for speed, engineering, and fan-favorites.

If you’d like to assist with this popular event, email [volunteer@soapboxracer.com](mailto:volunteer@soapboxracer.com) to be added to the volunteer list and learn more about what’s expected. It’s a day you won’t forget!

Shortly after forming the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, the founding members felt a distinctive logo would assist in identifying and attracting more people to become members of our organization. That decision opened the door for us to meet Lydia Hess, a graphic designer who lives in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood. Lydia is an accomplished art director, designer, and the author/illustrator of five books. After we met with her, she readily accepted our request to create a unique logo for the FMTP. In her words, this is the story of how the logo came into being in the year 2003.



Lydia Hess  
Photo by Robbie McClaran

“I recall strolling through the park, taking photos of the lamp posts for reference. I wanted to capture the feel of the park, and to me that also included the steps, trees and lamp posts that have such a Lion/Witch/Wardrobe\* sensibility and I wanted to include that magic and history in the icon. I think certain features set it apart from other parks. The steps are a strong symbol of the mountain part of the park. And then the trees, I chose a signature conifer as a focal point and others on the hill in the distance which allude to forested areas of the park.”

Here’s how her creation took shape:

“My technique used to create the image is called scratchboard art or clay-board carving. This technique remains my signature style of artwork and has the organic feel of a woodblock print or linocut style. I develop a concept with pencil sketches, and once the client has signed off on a sketched idea the art is transferred onto the clay-board. Then using a paint brush and india ink, I paint black onto the white board. I carve away some of the clay surface to reveal the white, carving marks into the black area. When complete, the artwork is scanned into the computer, adding text and color for the final artwork.”

Lydia certainly did capture the essence of Mt. Tabor Park, and the logo has become our true identification. You will find the logo printed on posters, note cards, cloth patches, decals, bookmarks, magnets, hats, t-shirts, and sweat shirts. It also appears on all FMTP brochures and publications. We frequently receive compliments on our distinctive, eye-catching logo, and we give many thanks to Lydia for her outstanding vision and talent. She did a superb job!

To see more of Lydia’s beautiful work and for additional details about the artist, please visit her website at [lydiahess.com](http://lydiahess.com).

\*A reference to *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the most well-known novel in C. S. Lewis’ *The Chronicles of Narnia* series.



*The distinctive FMTP logo captures the essence of the park.*

# 2017 Tar 'n' Trail Park Benefit -Anne Crispino-Taylor

The 6th annual Friends of Mt. Tabor Park 5k walk/run and 10K run will be held on Sunday, October 1st to celebrate autumn in the park. Prices for the races remain the same at \$25.00 for the 10K, \$15.00 for the 5K, and \$5.00 for kids 12 and under entered in the 5k. The race is a fundraising event to benefit The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. Over the past five years the race has raised over \$7,000 for the organization!

Mt. Tabor Park has a well-designed forested trail system consisting of three trails -- the Red Trail, the Green Trail, and the Blue Trail -- that circumnavigate Mt. Tabor. The Red Trail is a 1-mile loop running counter-clockwise; the Green Trail is a 1.7-mile loop running clockwise; and the Blue Trail is a 3-mile loop that runs counter-clockwise. The 10K utilizes all three trails, while the 5K utilizes the blue loop.

The 10K race begins at 9:00 am and the 5K race begins at 9:05. For check in and same-day registration, please come to the parking lot near the caldera between 8:00 - 8:45 am. After the race mingle with other runners and enjoy post race snacks generously donated by local businesses. There will also be a raffle after the race for other donated prizes.

Please come join us for a fun run (or walk) around the park, and help support FMTP!

To register [on line](#) or by mail, and to learn more about the race, go to [www.runannie.net](http://www.runannie.net)



# Update: Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Preservation Project

-Bing Wong

The work of the Portland Water Bureau/Mt. Tabor Neighborhood committee has completed more than a year of work since the Portland City Council approved founding of \$4 million to restore and preserve the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs. After a lengthy hiring process, the two consulting firms, one for preservation and the other for interpretative work are working and giving the committee monthly updates. The city approved funding for the next fiscal year (July–June) after lobbying by neighborhood committee members John Laursen and Stephanie Stewart when the City Budget Office recommended cutting the budget for the project.

Visitors to the park will start seeing work later this summer. The first work will be the replacement of the cyclone fencing west of Reservoir #5. The fence on both sides of the stairway down the slope of the dam face and the bottom fence will be replaced with fences in a style complementing the reservoir fencing. New landscaping and benches are also planned. This location will become a greater attraction to visitors due to its unobstructed views of downtown and West Hills.

Work at Reservoir #1, the oldest reservoir in the park (*below left*), is a priority due to wear and damage, especially on the south wall. AKANA is the consulting firm, and the committee learned that concrete is complex, and selecting the right mix is important to ensure long-term preservation. The

work may start later than we would like due to high demand in construction with the current building boom in Portland.

The committee is recommending that the lighting around the reservoir be replaced with LED bulbs and structures complementing the reservoirs. A presentation from the lighting consultant was given at one of the monthly meetings. Lighting, like concrete, is complex and historical lighting is a special field. For efficiency and cost, the lighting work may occur at multiple reservoirs simultaneously and be coordinated with sidewalk repairs. The committee is acutely aware of the need to spend funds on as many of the projects on a lengthy list as possible.

The interpretive consultant, Historic Research Associates, is examining boxes of historic documents and photos at the city archives and other places such as the Oregon Historic Society. The latest report is for eight interpretive signs in the park and extensive information on an app that visitors can use while they tour the park reservoirs.

The committee is taking a PWB tour of Bull Run Watershed on July 25.

A new web site replacing the Mt. Tabor Adjustment Project may be on line by the time this newsletter goes out. Go to [www.portlandoregon.gov/water](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water) and click on “Learn About Construction Projects.” Look for “Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Preservation Project.”





# Thank You Rick! -Dave Hillman

Rick Slagter is the owner of the Natural Furniture Store located in the Montavilla shopping district. He recently donated a new, finely-finished four-tier bookshelf for use in the park Visitor Center. It replaced a much smaller bookshelf, and we needed additional display space for our growing collection of maps, brochures, and pamphlets. Please stop in and visit Rick in his shop at 7960 SE Stark. Tell him “thanks” and make sure that his products are on your shopping list. So, Rick, “thanks,” the bookshelf is great and in full use.



## Trail Marker Maintenance

On June 27, 2017, seven loyal Foot Patrol volunteers met at the hut near the Visitor Center where the Foot Patrol stores its supplies to take on the task of cleaning and repainting all the trail marker posts and many of the tree marker posts as well. The group volunteers included Dave Beltz, Beau Russell, Jack Vidosh, Kim Vidosh, Pat Morgan, Terry Jenness, and Dennis Puetz. Volunteers divided into three teams, one for each trail, and headed out on the Red, Blue, and Green trails. Many visitors to the park rely on the marked trails to lead them around the park and back to the Visitor Center parking lot without getting lost. Earlier this month the Foot Patrol cleared the weeds and vegetation from the posts, making them ready for the next step, cleaning and painting. While the trails have different lengths and challenges, all three teams finished at nearly the same time, about 12:30. A big *thank you* to the volunteers who assisted with this much-needed project! Next time you are at the park, notice the bright new paint on the posts.



Foot Patrol members continue to be very active in keeping the park clean and safe while also acting as ambassadors for the park. Without a doubt, the Foot Patrol makes a very important contribution to Mt. Tabor Park with its presence, creating a feeling of safety when park users see members on patrol answering questions, giving directions to people, finding lost items, reporting vandalism and graffiti, assisting visitors in the park, and helping with July Concerts in the Park. Foot Patrol started using the new City of Portland “PDX Reporter” app, which is a web page to report issues such as campers in park, graffiti, maintenance problems, and off-leash dogs. <http://www.pdxreporter.org>

This summer the trail markers for the red, blue, and green trails were cleaned and repainted, as were some yellow tree post markers (see article on page 9).

## TRAIL STEWARD NEEDED

The Foot Patrol is seeking volunteers to adopt the maintenance of the Red, Blue, and Green trails; you may adopt one trail or all three. The adoption would require an annual check to clear weeds/brush and cleaning and painting as needed. The average amount of time for trail maintenance is 1–2 hours annually to clear weeds/brush and 2–3 hours for cleaning and painting; however, the posts often do not require painting every year, just weed/brush clearing.



The weeding and brush clearing can be done with a simple hike of the trail. Rewards for adopting a trail include your name being published twice a year in Tabor Times as Trail Maintenance Coordinator, recognition at all Foot Patrol meetings, pride of ownership, and bragging rights to friends and neighbors about your contribution to Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. If you can adopt a trail, please contact Dennis at [taborpatrol@gmail.com](mailto:taborpatrol@gmail.com).

## FOOT PATROL LEADERS

**Coordinator:** Dennis Puetz

**New Member Training & Hut Maintenance:** Steve Bingold (*below left*)

**Red Trail Maintenance Coordinator:** Vacant (your name goes here!!)

**Blue Trail Maintenance Coordinator:** Vacant (your name goes here!!)

**Green Trail Maintenance Coordinator:** Vacant (your name goes here!!)

## 2017 Foot Patrol Stats (through June):

Total Members: **49**

Total number of foot patrols: **135**

Total hours for patrol members: **301**

Total trash bags collected: **213**

If you are interested in joining the Foot Patrol, contact us at [taborpatrol@gmail.com](mailto:taborpatrol@gmail.com).

The next Foot Patrol meeting is August 22, Mt. Tabor Park, picnic area B, 11a.m. This meeting will be a potluck salad event, so please bring a dish to share if you attend.

# Weed Warriors Update

-Zosia Lynch

We are now more than halfway through the 2017 stewardship season, and the Weed Warriors has logged over 968 volunteer hours. We are grateful to our hardworking Crew Leaders and other volunteers and hope this high level of participation will continue at future work days in the park.

Weed Warrior work is shifting from monoculture removal to weeding among mixed stands of native and invasive species. Since there are usually several invasive species in these stands and some of our natives have invasive lookalikes, identification skills are becoming even more important. Fortunately, our crew leaders have risen to the challenge, picking out subtle differences among species and teaching volunteers to do the same.

Our volunteers learned about another type of native wildlife at a spring work party where Brad discovered a dark-eyed junco nest in the grass. Several children who had come with their Scout troop had a chance to look at the junco eggs, a real-life example of the importance of a healthy habitat.

In addition to Scout Troop 46560, groups who came to one or several work parties included the First Presbyterian Church, the Remix Adventist Church, Providence, Essendant, New Seasons, and the St. Ignatius Church. And, of course, many volunteers showed up alone or with family and friends. We were all kept going by the snacks, coffee, and pizza generously donated by KIND Bars, the Essendant Company, BiPartisan Cafe, and Flying Pie Pizzeria.

We wouldn't be able to get as much accomplished without the great planning and leadership from our Stewardship Coordinator, Stasia Honnold, and the terrific support from Isabel LaCourse, our Portland Parks liaison, and of course, Johannes Venghaus of PP&R.

## WELCOME NEW CREW LEADERS:

Anka, Caleb, Candice, Gil, Hanns, Izzy, John, Lynn, Mark, Misty, Nash, and Robin-- and our newest crew leader, Kevin

Thank you to our continuing crew leaders:

Ada, Alexie, Bing, Brad, Chris, Corlene, Darvel, Deb, Ellen, Gayle, Lise, Mary, Rachel, and Zosia



# Tuna Cole's Latest Literary Effort

Longtime environmentalist and neighborhood activist Tony (Tuna) Cole has within the past few years turned his attention to the literary field and has written and self-published several books. His fourth literary effort, *Demons Be Gone*, is what Cole describes as “a kind of gonzo primer of Japan--its history, culture, geographical features, and non-stop curiosities--as seen through the eyes of a gaijin\* English teacher throughout his decade of Japanese residency.” Initially taken from the journal of his time in Japan, Cole chronicles his experience of coping and adapting while simultaneously posing philosophical musings and odd cross-cultural collisions.

The process of writing this book took in excess of two and a half years, and Cole says was “fraught with concerns as to how accurately I was characterizing Japan, this ancient and complex culture. Overall, however, I enjoyed the challenge and am guardedly pleased with my effort.” Cole expects to have hard copies in hand by August 1 ready to foist on the likes of Powell's Books and eager readers. Copies will also be available via Amazon or Lulu.com, Cole's printer, even sooner.



\*Japanese word for foreigners and non-Japanese

## Membership Report and Dues -Suzanne McCarthy

A hearty *thank you* to all our dues-paying members! Halfway through the year there are 117 memberships. Since there are 38 household memberships, this number of memberships represents 155 people. This count also includes several local business or professional interests who are loyal supporters of FMTP.

We are happy to note that there are twenty-five new members for 2017!

At the end of the year, those who donate more than the minimum (\$15) are honored by having their names published on our Tree List in the winter newsletter. Listed below are the current numbers of donors in each category above the minimum.

Linden - \$25.00 to \$49.99:	32
Red Leaf Maple - \$50.00 to \$99.99:	33
Red Alder - \$100.00 to \$249.99:	26
Madrone - \$249.99 to \$499.99:	4

FMTP accepts membership donations through the [Square Online Store](#). Memberships may also be paid via check mailed to:

FMTP • 7705 SE Market St. • Portland, OR 97215



# Meet Our Award-Winning Members!

-Martrese White

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park annual meeting was held at TaborSpace on Tuesday, March 14. We saw lots of familiar faces as well as some first-timers (see “Volunteer Reflections” on page 5). Board members Suzanne McCarthy, Laura Mason, and Martrese White, whose three-year terms had concluded, were reelected to the board.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards. Our tireless Foot Patrol Coordinator Dennis Puetz (below) was recognized as the Friend of the Year. Not only does Dennis patrol the park regularly, but he also keeps meticulous patrol records for the group, coordinates scheduling, organizes group meetings, and creates handouts/manuals for the patrol. A detailed profile of Dennis can be found in the February 2015, newsletter. Congratulations to Dennis on this much-deserved award!

Dennis wasn't the only award-winner that evening. The board voted to bestow an honorary FMTP membership to our much-loved park tech Johannes Venghaus (right). Johannes grew up in Germany and moved to the United States at the age of 19. He began his career at PP&R nine years ago as a seasonal



technician, rotating between Lentz, Essex, Kern, Laurelwood, and Mt. Tabor. In 2008 he accepted a full-time Park Tech position working solely in Mt. Tabor, Clinton, and Berrydale parks.

While raising his family in nearby Richmond, Johannes enjoyed bringing his children to play on magical Mt. Tabor. He wistfully dreamed of having his own keys to the beautiful park he enjoyed so much. Lo and behold, his dream came true!

Johannes can always be seen with a smile on his face, and his love of Mt. Tabor is evident. Congratulations to Johannes on his honorary membership, and we thank him for all his hard work.

# Notable Douglas Firs in Mt. Tabor Park

-Darvel Lloyd and Martrese White

Tree enthusiast Darvel Lloyd spends a lot of his free time hunting down trees—the tallest, the thickest, the oldest. Darvel recently checked in on two of Mt. Tabor's largest Douglas Fir trees. The park's tallest tree (below left), located below Salmon Dr. in the upper part of the western draw, is a whopping 200-foot tall. It's the tallest tree in Portland between Forest Park (Balch Cr.) and Powell Butte Nature Park.

Powell Butte has a 209-ft. Douglas fir, and the tallest tree in Oxbow Regional Park is about 289 ft.

The park's largest-diameter Douglas fir (below right) has a 6.3 ft. dbh\* diameter and is 152 ft. tall. For comparison, the giant sequoia Heritage Tree near Reservoir 6 is 8.3 ft. in diameter and 142 ft. tall.

*Photos by Darvel Lloyd.*



*Mt. Tabor's tallest Douglas Fir tree*



*The Douglas Fir with the largest circumference*

\* *diameter at breast height*, the standard method for measuring a tree's diameter

# Board Explores Fundraising Initiative for the Weed Warriors

-Mary Kinnick

Over the past seven years, the vital position of Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator has been funded annually with \$5,000 from Bureau of Environment Services (BES) - Tabor to the River Project, FMTP, and Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R). Funding from BES and PP&R ended June 30, 2017, since the Mt. Tabor Park part of Tabor to the River Project was completed.

In the coming months, the FMTP Board will consider several options for replacing this deficit by raising funds for the Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator position. Options may include raising sufficient funds to support the position for ten years (or some other specific amount of time), developing an endowment that can provide sustainable funding, expanding our membership base, or some combination of these.

We're currently in the process of identifying individuals with interest in the Weed Warrior program fundraising effort. **If you are interested**, contact me directly at [marykinnick@gmail.com](mailto:marykinnick@gmail.com) or 503-287-6959. For more information on the habitat restoration work of the Weed Warriors go to [www.facebook.com/FMTP.WeedWarriors](http://www.facebook.com/FMTP.WeedWarriors).



SAVE THE DATES!

## AUGUST 8

FMTP Annual  
Potluck Picnic

Tuesday, August 8,  
5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Picnic Area A

Join your fellow FMTP members at this fun annual event, which will include yummy food and beverages, door prizes, and the latest FMTP news. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening in the park.

## OCTOBER 1

Tar 'n' Trail 5k/10k  
Walk/Run

Sunday, October 1,  
9:00 a.m.

Picnic Area A

100% of entry fees go to FMTP! Organized by board member Anne Crispino-Taylor, this family-friendly event is a fun way to be healthy while helping the park. Register **online** or contact Anne at [anniect@gmail.com](mailto:anniect@gmail.com).