

The Rookery

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The Western Meadowlark

Buford Park's prairies provide prime habitat for a declining population

by Dick Lamster

Past President, Lane County Audubon Society

Do you know the state bird of Oregon? More importantly, have you ever seen one in Oregon?

The western meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) was adopted as the state bird of Oregon in 1927 by a vote of the school children of Oregon. In those days, the meadowlark was plentiful in Oregon and easy to identify with its yellow throat, breast and belly and black "V"-shaped necklace. When it flies, look for the white outer tail feathers.

Its song is also distinctive and easy to remember, frequently described as a flutelike, gurgling, descending warble. Meadowlarks can frequently be seen along grassy fields, standing on fence posts or on the tops of small trees and bushes with its head pointed upwards, singing loudly.

The western meadowlark is a year round resident of Oregon living in grass or sage brush habitat throughout the state. It's diet is mostly insects, spiders, grubs and seeds, and eats more insects in the summer and more seeds in the winter.

Nesting in prairies

The nest of the meadowlark starts as a shallow depression at the base of a clump of grass. But then the bird weaves the tops of the grass blades into an elaborate domed roof completely covering the nest. This roof is so tight that it sheds the rain and keeps the nest dry. The bird then creates an opening in one side of the nest so it can enter without disturbing the roof.

Nest building begins in March and only the female meadowlark builds the nest. Eggs are laid in late April and early May with only the female incubating the eggs. Usually five eggs are laid, but there could be three to seven. After 13 to 15 days the eggs hatch. The nestlings are ready to fly around 11 to 12 days later. Most female meadowlarks will have two broods each a year if the conditions are good.



Oregon's state bird, the Western Meadowlark, is identifiable by its yellow belly and black "V"-shaped necklace.

However, ground nesting birds face many hazards. Human development has reduced the population of western meadowlarks in Oregon by as much as 50% in the last 50 years. Activities responsible for this reduction include habitat loss due to increased farming, housing and industrial developments of open grassland formerly used by meadowlarks. Domestic and feral cats are deadly to all ground-nesting birds, not only killing the adults but also destroying the nest, eggs and young. Dogs running through meadowlark nesting areas will destroy nests and scatter the young.

Howard Buford Recreation Area has good habitat for meadowlarks and they can be seen with some regularity in all open, grassy fields in the park. For the sake of our state bird, please keep your dogs on a leash, especially in prairies and report feral cat sightings to park authorities.

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A Call To Action

by **Chris Jones, Board President**

Since 2002, Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah (FBP) has experienced significant growth in the scale of its activities. We are justifiably proud of the habitat stewardship projects we have undertaken; many serve as models for similar efforts throughout the Willamette Valley and beyond.

So far, we have been able to achieve great things with a small staff and hundreds of volunteers. But we have realized that if we want to sustain our existing projects and increase the acreage we can enhance, we need to increase FBP's capacity to achieve its goals. We need more funding from the community, more board members, and more volunteers working on our committees. We have a plan to meet these three needs, and ask for your help.

Raising Friends & Funds: In our last message to you in this newsletter (Fall 2007), we announced that Meyer Memorial Trust had awarded FBP a three-year capacity-building grant. In October, we hired an Office Manager and were searching for a Development Director.

On April 1, Ronnel Curry began as our first Development Director. We are looking forward to working with her to establish better communication with you, our generous donors, as well as thousands of other people in our community who love Mt. Pisgah but may be unaware of the great work FBP is doing to enhance native ecosystems and compatible recreation in the Mt. Pisgah area.

Board of Directors: We need volunteers who love Mt. Pisgah to contribute to its protection and enhancement by serving on our board of directors. The board meets every other month to guide and plan FBP's activities. If you love Mt. Pisgah and want to help guide FBP's efforts to make it even better, the board could be the place for you.

Committees: You don't have to be a board member to serve on any of these board committees:

- **Education:** Plan special events and help FBP communicate important messages to Mt. Pisgah visitors and the community at large.
- **Trails:** Maintain Mt. Pisgah's scenic all-weather hiking trails and plan ecologically-friendly additions to the park's trail system.
- **Development:** Raise friends and enhance community support for FBP so that we have the funding necessary to achieve our organization's goals.

These committees are open to community members and are a great way to get involved.

If you are curious about serving on FBP's board of directors or any of the above committees, please contact Val Rogers, volunteer coordinator at volunteer@bufordpark.org or any of the people listed on the masthead to the right of this message. Even if you don't know exactly how you might help, we would love to talk with you.

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OUR MISSION

To protect and enhance native ecosystems and compatible recreation in the Mt. Pisgah area.

Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah was founded in 1989. A tax-deductible donation of \$35 (\$25 for limited income or \$50 for a family membership) entitles the contributor to membership, which includes a trail guide, invitations to special events, and this publication. Your support is warmly welcomed!

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Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah (FBP) is an entirely separate organization from the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum (MPA). MPA manages a 209-acre leased area within Buford Park. FBP works to enhance the rest of the 2300-acre park, and other natural areas surrounding Mt. Pisgah. Together, we help care for Buford Park's natural & recreational values in partnership with Lane County, the landowner.

Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah's Native Plant Nursery Open House & Plant Sale

Sat. May 3 • 10 am to 1 pm

Native wildflowers, shrubs and trees for sale

Nursery tours & info • Refreshments

*Directions: Take Seavey Loop Rd. to entrance of Buford Park.
After crossing bridge, turn left and follow the signs to the nursery.*

Cougars in Our Midst

Tips on staying safe in cougar country

Cougars, or mountain lions, are native to Oregon and range across large territories throughout the state. As cougar populations grow, the likelihood of encountering one of these big cats increases. At Buford Park, there have been at least 4 cougar sightings in 2007.

A cougar can be identified by its large size, cat-like appearance, consistent tan or tawny body color, and long tail. Because cougars sometimes traverse Buford Park, we urge you to be aware while recreating and follow the simple guidelines below to ensure your, and their, safety. As always, report any sighting to a local Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife office or Oregon State Police office, and enjoy the park for its pristine habitat and wildlife opportunities! For complete information, visit www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/living-with-cougars.asp.

While recreating in cougar country:

While cougars will generally shy away from people, there are a few simple things you can do to ensure that a cougar encounter remains positive and healthy for all involved. It is important to remain calm whenever you encounter any wildlife.

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Leave your dog at home or keep it on a leash.
- Hike in groups. Make noise to alert wildlife of your presence.
- Keep children close to you. Teach them about wildlife.
- Carry deterrent spray. (Available at most outdoor supply stores.)
- Be cautious at dusk and dawn, when cougars are most active.
- Never feed any wildlife. Prey attracts predators.
- Do not approach wildlife; stay at least 100 yards away.
- Stay clear of baby wildlife. The mother is likely nearby.
- Be alert when sitting quietly or stopping to rest.
- Be aware that animal calls and animal kills can attract a cougar.

Encountering a cougar:

Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity. Always leave the animal a way to escape.

- Stay calm and stand your ground.
- Maintain direct eye contact.
- Pick up any children, but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar.
- Back away slowly.
- Do not run. Running triggers a response in cougars which could lead to an attack.
- Raise your voice and speak firmly.
- If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make you look larger and clap your hands.

IDENTIFYING A COUGAR TRACK



Tracks do not generally include claw marks because cougars have retractable claws.

The heel pad has three distinct lobes at the base of the heel pad, forming an "M" shape.

This information courtesy of Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Growing a Stronger Organization



by Ronnel Curry, Development Director

I'm honored to join the staff of Friends of Buford Park. As a frequent visitor to the park, I'm impressed with FBP's continued success working as diligent habitat stewards, obtaining grants and funding for programs and projects, and managing positive partnerships with outdoor and community organizations.

My charge as development director is to assist the staff

and board of directors to carry out the capacity building plan to grow a stronger organization. Our plans include increasing general public awareness, growing support from individual donors, and broadening our membership base. Creating a stronger organization will prepare us to better steward the park. For example, plans to build a South Meadow Trail system (pg. 5), expand the native plant nursery (pg. 8), and acquire and restore the Wildish lands (pg. 6) require a broader base of support.

This is a very exciting time for FBP. Please call or contact me at 541-344-8350 or development@bufordpark.org to discuss your continued participation.

False Brome Control Ahead of Schedule

With partnerships and volunteers, FBP tackles this invasive weed

by Val Rogers, Volunteer Coordinator

After conducting an extensive population survey and mapping project with student interns from Lane Community College and the University of Oregon, Friends of Buford Park (FBP) began strategic treatments to control false brome in 2006. We are currently attacking this weed on three fronts simultaneously.

Because park visitors, dogs and wildlife can transport false brome seeds to pristine areas, we're targeting trailside populations for early treatment in an effort to reduce the weed dispersal within and outside Buford Park. By the fall of 2007, all known populations outside the Arboretum and within 10 feet of official trails had been treated at least once.

Arboretum & FBP Partnership

Both FBP and the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum recognize the threat false brome poses to the park's botanical and wildlife resources. To expand the trailside control effort, FBP and the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum are partnering with REI this spring to mobilize dozens of volunteers to manually remove false brome from the entire Arboretum trail network!

In remote, steep and poison oak

False Brome Work Party!

**Sunday, June 1
9 am to 1 pm**

Friends of Buford Park, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum & REI will host a joint work party to manually remove False Brome along trails in the 210-acre Arboretum.

Meet at the Arboretum Parking Lot

choked areas where mobilizing volunteers is not feasible or effective, our method of last resort is herbicide. We apply low-impact glyphosate in the fall when native plants are dormant. Licensed applicators apply the least toxic effective formulations to large contiguous patches of false brome that threaten native plant diversity.

As the smothering false brome cover is reduced, we are observing robust native plants re-emerging to occupy these sites. We are also growing native seed at our nursery to aid in re-establishing a diverse native plant community in areas once dominated by false brome. After only two seasons, some of the worst infestations are under control and we're able to expand the acreage treated faster than expected.

REI funds manual treatments

An important method we're employing is to manually remove scattered small populations before they form the large, thick, solid patches that smother native plants. REI is a sustaining supporter of this part of the project, providing a \$5,000 community grant, in-kind contributions through employee service projects, and additional recruitment and coordination of community volunteers.

We've also worked with fraternities, Northwest Youth Corps, and many other groups and individual volunteers to successfully accomplish



Longtime volunteer Sabine Dutoit and FBP's volunteer coordinator Val Rogers get ready to go get the grass!

the first round of manual removal in a 70-acre area of the park.

Follow-up treatments to remove seedlings will be needed, but we're already shifting our focus to a new, additional area of the park, increasing the acreage of manual treatment. You can help by joining spring work parties to remove false brome or the June 1 joint work party with the Arboretum (see Volunteer Calendar). Every plant pulled is one less patch created.

Our success with manual removal is extremely encouraging! Special thanks go to **Sabine Dutoit**, a highly motivated volunteer who took initiative and persistently demonstrated that this simple method could be successful under the right conditions. Because of her care in observing and documenting results, FBP was able to plan and implement this treatment strategy with confidence.

Individuals DO make a difference at the park and at FBP – that individual could be you!



False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*)

This lovely, hairy grass stays bright green late into the fall. Unfortunately, it forms dense monocrops that replace diverse native understory plant communities in large areas of forest and woodland, especially in rare oak habitats. Although it prefers shady areas, it also is known to eventually spread into open meadow habitats. Currently, False Brome is a great threat to native habitats on Mt. Pisgah, and it is exploding across western Oregon.

South Meadow Trail Planned

Lane County Parks approves conceptual interpretive trail plan

by Kevin McGraw, Vice Chair, Trails Committee Chair

Restoring floodplain habitats in the South Meadow area (upstream of the Arboretum water garden) on Buford Park has been a top priority for Friends of Buford Park (FBP). We have created and improved wildlife habitat and ecologic function of this floodplain site through a range of measures. These include, in 2003, removing a number of obstructions in a complex of river side channels and breaching a Corps of Engineers levee or "revetment" to "reconnect" the river with its floodplain.

In 2006, we created a five-acre backwater area that provides habitat for fish, western pond turtles, and other aquatic species. Since 1999, we have also planted over 40 acres of former pasture with a diversity of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers. Another 40 acres once covered with dense exotic blackberries have been cleared and now flourish with native plants.

Developing the trail plan

The South Meadow Management Plan, adopted in 2002 by Lane County, established goals to enhance this area's floodplain habitats and improve visitor's recreational and educational



An interpretive overlook along the restored backwater would educate visitors about the wildlife, fish and water quality benefits of healthy floodplains.

South Meadow Floodplain Interpretive Trail Conceptual Plan



The South Meadow Floodplain interpretive trail will lead hikers along a backwater slough that FBP created in 2006. A wildlife viewing blind, interpretive signage, and a backwater overlook are part of the conceptual plan. Map by Ryan Heidt.

experience. A "Floodplain Interpretive Trail" to interpret the site and project was an important plan element. However, specific trail alignment and features had to wait until the bulk of the channel restoration work had been completed.

In Fall 2007, FBP's Trails Committee worked with University of Oregon landscape architecture student **Ryan Heidt**, who developed an impressive, detailed conceptual South Meadow Trail Plan. Lane County Parks has approved implementation of the first phase (see map).

The entire plan envisions several trail loops and three foot bridges

across seasonal channels, and is expected to take several years to develop.

The interpretive trail

From a trailhead north of the South Meadow (under the powerlines), the first phase of the trail will follow the restored side channel along the Army Corps of Engineers levee. The first footbridge would lead to an interpretive overlook with a view of a perennial backwater pool. The trail would continue along the backwater channel to a wildlife viewing blind overlooking water to the south and prairie to the north. The trail would then loop around the backwater, to offer another view point, then cross a second foot bridge over a seasonal channel and traverse the "west lobe" where a young floodplain forest is growing. From there, this trail connects with the "Point Bar Road" to provide access to the Coast Fork.

Time to seek funding

With Arboretum support and Lane County's approval, our next steps are to develop a work plan, budget and secure funding. Some trail work using volunteers could begin in Fall 2008, but full implementation is dependent on obtaining funding and permits, so significant work is unlikely until 2009. The complete South Meadow trail system will probably be built in phases over several years.

South Meadow Hike!

Hike the conceptual South Meadow floodplain interpretive trail.

Sunday, May 18
1 pm to 3 pm

Meet at the FBP Booth during the Wildflower Festival

Led by Chris Orsinger,
Executive Director

Wildish Acquisition Advances

1200-acre purchase offers recreation opportunities, ecosystem services

by **Chris Orsinger, Executive Director**

Negotiations to acquire the 1,200-acre Wildish parcel next to Buford Park continue. The Wildish Land Company offered to sell the land for \$26 million to Lane County in November 2006. In February 2007, Lane County, with FBP's support, asked The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to assist with the transaction.

Since then, we have been working in partnership with TNC and the county to advance the acquisition. We have educated public agencies and leaders about this extraordinary opportunity, and developed a video that offers an aerial tour of the Mt. Pisgah area, its existing public lands (including Buford Park), and the strategic location of the Wildish parcel.

In November 2007, Oregon voters passed Measure 49, which reduced the extent of development Measure 37 had allowed. Instead of the 408 houses that the Wildish Company believed feasible under Measure 37, a maximum of 10 houses are now allowed.

Recreation and ecosystem benefits

Acquisition of the Wildish lands, including the northwest slope of Mt. Pisgah and six miles of riverfront on the Willamette's Middle Fork, will fulfill the park's original vision and link it with another 1,000 acres of public open space at the confluence and on the north bank of the Middle Fork. The resulting 4,500-acre complex of open space and habitat would help sustain fish and wildlife, and provide outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities for our growing metropolitan area. Connecting Mt. Pisgah

to the metro area's riverfront bikeway, expanding the Mt. Pisgah trail system for hikers and equestrians, and restoring habitat along the rivers are among the potential benefits of acquisition.

With higher fuel costs and concerns about global warming, more people will choose to recreate closer to home. The Wildish addition will expand opportunities for nearby recreation, and also protect and improve valuable "ecosystem services." For example, reforested cleared land provides oxygen and "sequesters" carbon from the atmosphere that otherwise would contribute to global warming. Restored wetlands with native vegetation not only filter and clean water, benefiting downstream users, but also increase fish and wildlife habitat.

Road map to acquisition

Quiet negotiations proceed. The next major milestone will be to secure an "option" to purchase the land, which is required by the public agencies that would fund the acquisition. After that, we will work to secure public funding commitments and launch a capital campaign to rally private funding to match public funds and provide a stewardship endowment to care for the land.

This important public land addition will help sustain the quality of life in our community, but will require a broad consensus and wide support to fund the purchase and stewardship. We hope you will support our park land expansion efforts.

Visit www.bufordpark.org to view project maps.

Mt. Pisgah's Piedmont

Discover rare species in this special habitat

by **Jason Blazar, Stewardship Coordinator**

A walk through the Piedmont along Mt. Pisgah's southeastern slope affords spring time discovery. Standing at the East Trailhead payment post you will be greeted by the cackle, squawk, CHUCK of the **yellow breasted chat** broadcasting its position from atop an Oregon ash swollen in bud.

As you follow Dery's South Summit Trail #6 through the Piedmont, look for **great copper butterflies** fluttering through the oak prairie sipping nectar and visiting **willow dock**, their host plants, common along the trail.

Moving further along, remember to watch your step... please be careful not to trample the few populations of the rare **timwort** (*Cicendia quadrangularis*) growing adjacent to the trail.

Be sure to stop and listen as you approach Buckbrush Creek. You may hear the sound of **winter steelhead** flipping about in the creek as they scope the drainage for a meal of insect larvae. Amongst the chaparral (a unique

Hike the Piedmont!

Enjoy a spectacular display of wildflowers while learning how FBP is enhancing this habitat.

**Saturday, April 19
10 am to Noon**

Meet at Buford Park's East Entrance

Led by Jason Blazar, Stewardship Coordinator

habitat utilizing Mt. Pisgah as its northern range) species uncommon to the southern Willamette valley are welcomed. Scan the **buckbrush** (*Ceanothus cuneatus*) for **blue-gray gnat catchers** and **vesper sparrows**, unusual sightings in Lane County.

To discover the Piedmont yourself, begin at the East Trailhead and follow Dery's South Summit Trail #6 to West Slope Trail #3. Continue on Trail #3 until you reach Trail #56 immediately after crossing Buckbrush Creek. Follow it upstream, then follow the right fork of the trail leading you across the creek again. The trail leads upslope to the east and then north through the prairie. At the intersection with Trail #6 turn right (east) to complete your loop through Mt. Pisgah's Piedmont.

Oregon's Rare White Oak Habitat

FBP to demonstrate oak enhancement measures on Mt. Pisgah

by Sara Nelson, Office Manager

Oregon's white oak savannas and woodlands are among the most endangered ecological communities in the Pacific Northwest. According to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), less than 1% of the region's oak habitats remain. Mt. Pisgah is home to what may be the largest block of oak habitat in public ownership in the Willamette Valley. Oak woodlands and savannas sustain a wide range of native plants and wildlife. Over 20 native species of wildlife use this habitat including the **northern pygmy owl**, the **western meadowlark**, and the **red-legged frog**, a state listed vulnerable species.

With approximately 1,000 acres of oak savanna and woodland at Buford Park, FBP is exploring ways to effectively protect and enhance this habitat into the future.

The role of fire

Fire has long been a method for maintaining the delicate oak ecosystem. Prior to European settlement, wildfires and intentional fires set by Native American tribes, including the Kalapuya, maintained the open character of prairies and oak savanna in the Willamette Valley. The fire resistant oaks benefited from periodic fire.

Fire suppression since pioneers arrived has created changes. Without fire or active management, conifers can out compete the stately oaks, overtop them, and in a relatively short time, kill them by shading them out.

Through partnerships with Lane County and Oregon Department of Forestry, FBP has facilitated eight prescribed burns on Buford Park's prairie and oak savanna habitat since 1999. This year Friends of Buford Park is initiating an oak enhancement project utilizing various habitat management methods to explore ways in which we can become better stewards of oak habitats. This project is to help us understand on a small scale the ways we can maintain these habitats.

Oak enhancement project

To help park users appreciate oak habitats and how we can care for them, FBP will initiate an oak enhancement demonstration in a visible location along Beistel's West Summit Trail #1. This site provides an opportunity to implement restoration of native species in prairie, oak savanna, and oak woodland habitats. It also allows for maximum visibility and accessibility from trails while limiting its impact on the recreational experience. FBP will apply several different enhancement methods currently used by land management agencies to favor oak habitats.

Lessons learned from this small 61-acre project can then be considered for application elsewhere on Buford park, if appropriate.

FBP's Stewardship Technical Advisory Committee has identified several enhancement measures to demonstrate in this project.

Oak Habitat Hike!

Tour the Oak Enhancement Project Site!

**Saturday, May 31
10 am – Noon**

Meet in the Arboretum parking lot prepared to hike near the summit.

Led by Jason Blazar,
FBP Stewardship Coordinator

- Arrest Douglas fir encroachment of white oak habitat. In the absence of fire, these taller growing trees choke out the white oak and create a greater risk of destructive wildfire. Thin young firs and create snags for wildlife. Consider using large woody debris in stream restoration projects to enhance fish habitat on the park.
- Foster vigor in oak trees with larger canopies (and acorn production) by thinning selected, small diameter Oregon white oak trees with sparse canopies to reduce competition for limited amounts of water, nutrients, and sunlight.
- Retain woody debris within understory to provide wildlife habitat. Piled slash to benefit small rodents, reptiles, and other wildlife. Large limbs and branches will be scattered to provide perch points and structure for insects, reptiles, and small birds.
- Enhance understory native woody and herbaceous vegetation. Increase diversity of plants for the benefit of native pollinators. Continue to control invasive vegetation and replace with a diverse mix of native grasses and forbs from our nursery. Plant plugs of herbaceous plants and containers of select shrubs.
- Collaborate with Oregon Department of Forestry to conduct periodic controlled burns to reduce woody encroachment.



A legacy white oak on Mt. Pisgah, typical in oak savanna habitat at Mt. Pisgah.

Growing Mt. Pisgah's Future

FBP's native plant nursery produces largest crop of native seed yet

by Val Rogers, Volunteer Coordinator

FBP's native plant nursery is *growing* strong. We produced our biggest crop of native seed ever in 2007, harvesting and processing a total of 117 pounds from 47 different forb and grass species. Yields ranged from just 3 grams for the rare wildflower *Aster vialis* to almost 14 pounds for the native grass known as Sitka brome (*Bromus sitchensis*). Whether quantities were small or large, seed harvest and cleaning kept us quite busy all summer and into fall.

We increased the number of species in propagation from 86 in 2006 to 116 in 2007. In addition, we propagated thousands of container plants, both for sale and for stocking future production beds. Having lovely native plants in our information booths at community events helps draw people in and gets the conversation going about FBP, Mt. Pisgah and native habitat restoration. These wonderful plants are ambassadors for FBP as well as a source of renewal for Mt. Pisgah's native habitats.

Volunteers at the nursery

As always, volunteers played a major role in the success of nursery operations, investing over 1900 hours during 2007 into tasks from seeding to weeding, mulching and trimming, transplanting, inventorying, and harvesting and processing. Not only does all that physical activity in a beautiful setting keep adults looking and feeling young, it also provides the youth of our community with service-learning opportunities.



Moffitt Elementary students offer a helping hand at the Nursery through one of many service learning opportunities with FBP.

Students lend a hand and learn

This year, for the first time, elementary-age children worked at the native plant nursery. One group from Willamalane's Kids Club program came every week during the summer, a time when other volunteers are typically in short supply. In total, 52 elementary, 52 secondary, and 59 college students helped out at the nursery last year.

College interns were also important to our success. Interns who work a steady schedule every week taking care of the "small stuff" help balance the episodic influx of groups who can accomplish a lot of the "big stuff" quickly. Four LCC interns (see photo, lower left) were an outstanding team in the fall!

Plot adopters

Last, but certainly not least, are the nursery plot adopters. These folks take independent responsibility for maintaining the health and productivity of a particular plot, nurturing it through the growing season and helping harvest and process the seed. Often extra seedlings germinating in the plot must be transplanted out to avoid overcrowding. These extra seedlings are then available for sale or replanting in the park.

Helping grow natives connects you to the rhythm of the seasons. Come on out to a nursery work party this spring and join the growing community of nature caretakers who are growing the future at Buford Park.



LCC interns helping at the nursery. Clockwise from left, Gina Bono, Matt Grobin, Emily Yokum, Annie Tobin.

FBP Salutes Our Volunteers

Over 500 community volunteers offered their time to Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah last year. We thank each and every one of you. Your hard work and dedication is key to meeting our restoration goals at Buford Park. It is your support that truly maintains the beauty of Buford Park. Thank you for helping enhance one of Lane County's finest parks.

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Stewardship Technical Advisory Committee members Bill Castillo (left) and Bruce Newhouse (center), and FBP stewardship assistant Hal Hushbeck (right) survey the oak enhancement demonstration site.

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 Delta Gamma Sorority
 Gamma Phi Beta Sorority
 Kappa Delta Sorority
 Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
 UO School of Law
 UO Biogeography Class
 UO Service Learning Program
 UO Environmental Studies Department

PLUS over 100 individual volunteers!

THANK YOU!



A giant spider at the Native Plant Nursery captivates this group of kids from Willamalane's Kids Club program.

We Appreciate Your Financial Support!

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All work parties are "rain or shine." Tools and supervision are provided. Office and committee opportunities are available.

Tours & events are shaded; work parties are not.

EVERY MONDAY all spring	April 7th thru June 30th	9 to 12	Monday Morning Regulars - Ongoing Native Habitat Enhancement Activities	Arboretum Parking Lot
APRIL EVENTS				
Saturday	4/19	9 to 12	Invasive Grass Removal - False Brome	North Trailhead
Saturday	4/19	10 to 12	Native Prairie Hike - View a rare plant community in bloom! Learn how FBP is enhancing this habitat. Led by Jason Blazar.	East Entrance - call or email for directions
Saturday	4/26	9 to 12	Nursery Work party	Native Plant Nursery
Sunday	4/27	9 to 12	Western Pond Turtle Work party - A yearly habitat enhancement tradition at FBP.	Arboretum Parking Lot
MAY EVENTS				
Saturday	5/3	10 to 1	Nursery Open House/Plant Sale - Support FBP & take home plants from Mt. Pisgah.	Native Plant Nursery
Saturday	5/10	9 to 4	Oregon Plant Fair - Stop by our booth	Alton Baker Park
Sunday	5/11	1 to 4	Invasive Grass Removal - False Brome	North Trailhead
Saturday	5/17	9 to 12	Nursery Work party	Native Plant Nursery
Sunday	5/18	10 to 4	Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Show	Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Sunday	5/18	1 to 3	South Meadow Floodplain Interpretive Hike - See floodplain wetlands and wildflowers. Led by Chris Orsinger.	Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Meet at the FBP booth
Saturday	5/31	10 to 12	Oak Enhancement Demo Tour - Check out this new project and learn more about threats to Mt. Pisgah's oaks. Led by Jason Blazar.	Arboretum Parking Lot
JUNE EVENTS				
Sunday	6/1	9 to 1	Invasive Grass Removal - Join this 3 way partnership with REI, FBP, and Mt. Pisgah Arboretum to remove false brome	Arboretum Parking Lot
Saturday	6/7	9 to 12	Invasive Grass Removal - False Brome	North Trailhead
Sunday	6/15	1 to 4	Nursery Work party	Native Plant Nursery
Saturday	6/28	9 to 12	Nursery Work party	Native Plant Nursery