

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Take a walk with Paul Edgerton at the Metolius Preserve and you'll feel like you've brought your own personal—and extremely personable—encyclopedia. As a long-time leader for the Land Trust's Walks and Hikes program—Paul is often referred to as our plant guy. But in practice, he is so much more.

When Paul, a retired US Forest Service research ecologist, identifies a Douglas fir, he not only tells you its key characteristics (soft, spirally arranged needles, pointed buds, cones with 3-pronged bracts), but he also tells the story of its naming (from the epic 1824 expedition to the Pacific Northwest, where the Scottish botanist David Douglas first discovered the conifer), and then the intriguing story of Douglas' mysterious death in Hawaii at the age of 35 (involving pit traps, bulls, and an escaped convict).

Paul is a wellspring of intriguing and valuable information. He makes a walk around the Metolius Preserve a fascinating lesson in forest ecology, plant identification, ethnobotany, and history. In Paul's own words: "I enjoy helping people develop an appreciation of plants, animals, and the human activities and ecological processes that shape their habitats. I like to think we're instilling a sense

of stewardship and planting the seed of a land ethic with Land Trust members and beyond."

The Land Trust has been privileged to have Paul as a volunteer since 2003. In addition to his walks, he helps with events, and has donated his time for office projects and work parties. We are hugely indebted to Paul for helping make our outreach efforts such a success and are pleased to award him this year's Volunteer of the Year Award. Thanks Paul for your dedication! —

PAUL EDGERTON (CENTER RIGHT) TAKES A MOMENT WITH TOUR PARTICIPANTS AFTER A HIKE.



A THOUSAND THANKS TO THE NEARLY 200 INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO DONATED 4,885 HOURS TO THE LAND TRUST LAST YEAR!

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