

Fruit Flies like a Banana

The old joke says that time flies like an arrow and fruit flies... like a banana. Both statements seem to be true for the Drift Creek Nature Center in its first year of planning. The year has flown by and the enthusiasm of the DCNC advisory board is as high as ever.

The annual meeting on November 3, 2007 marked one year of progress for the budding learning center. Key accomplishments included publishing a new website, crafting mission and vision statements, writing a strategic plan and gathering initial resources.

A new information center has been designed for one corner of the Drift Creek Camp lodge. The nook already features beautiful new cabinets and workspaces in its first phase. Tony Kauffman and Ken Snyder worked hard to construct the cabinets before the annual meeting took place.

This first year marks just the beginning of what we hope to be a long tradition of enriching visitors' experience when they come to Drift Creek. The nature center's mission statement reads: *Developing awareness, appreciation and stewardship of creation through education, exploration and interaction with nature.*

New Website Unveiled

If you were not in attendance at the annual meeting, you may not know about the new website that has been designed with great help from Kauffman and Associates Inc. of Portland. Our address is driftcreeknaturecenter.org

and already has several interesting features.

On the *Resources* page you will find a nature guide that includes photographs and descriptions of native plants found at Drift Creek. This was compiled by Kenton Brubaker, Ph.D., retired professor of Biology.

By clicking on the *About Us* link, you will find bios of the nature center advisory board members along with several ways to get involved. A calendar of events and map and directions can be found by visiting *Home*. The *Programs* link will expand as we develop further.



Common Foxglove
photographed by Kenton Brubaker

Drift Creek Nature Center

is under the guidance of the Drift Creek Camp board of Directors. DCNC committee members are: Mary Jane Eby, Bruce Flaming, John and Louise Gingerich, Tony and Brenda Kauffman, Mervin Kropf, Glen Oesch, Ken Snyder, Jon Yoder and Anna Williams.

📄 Visit us online at

driftcreeknaturecenter.org

Vehicle Donation Program Rolls Out

Who needs more hassles around the Christmas season? When it comes to selling your car, we can help you save time! Consider a donation program like the one we just started. Your car does not have to be running, or even be in good condition. It just needs to possess an engine and be towable.

Speed's Supertow in Portland is our partner in the program and tries hard to keep overhead costs at a minimum. The car will be sold at a weekly auction in Portland, and we will receive about 75% of the proceeds.

To donate your car, send an email to donations@driftcreek.org with your phone number. For more information you can also check out our *Get Involved* page on our website. We will happily issue you a tax receipt for the amount your car fetches at auction.

This is just another way you can support our mission. If you don't have extra cars sitting around, see more options below.

2007/2008 DCNC Wish List

- Pocket Magnifiers, 1 dozen (or gift of \$60)
- Birding Binoculars (or gift of \$75)
- Digital Camera (or gift of \$200)
- Stereomicroscopes (or gift of \$225)
- Tripod (or gift of \$250)
- Digital Camcorder (or gift of \$400)
- Birding Scope (or gift of \$500)
- Microvideo Camera (or gift of \$600)
- Laptop Computer: iBook or MacBook (or gift of \$1000)
- Desktop Computer: iMac G4 or newer (or gift of \$1250)

Contact a committee member or email donations@driftcreek.org



Tom Brenneman helps a child look at macro-invertebrates collected from the creek at the 2007 annual meeting.

A Special Thank You to Our Donors!

- Tom & Dorothy Brenneman
- Sarah Deumling
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- All those who honored the 50th wedding anniversary of Larry and Mary Jane Eby with a gift to Drift Creek Nature Center



The new cabinets in the lodge take shape. They will house the 32" LCD TV with VCR and DVD player donated by Bruce Flaming.

Look for the next issue of *Footprints* inside your next *Drift Creek Camp Currents* newsletter.