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### Dates to Remember

May 17	ExploraTalk—Antarctica
May 27	Potluck—Biker Boys
June 1	Board Meeting
June 4	National Trails Day

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#### 2011 Activities Schedule Available



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### Saturday, June 4:

# National Trails Day

By Janet Jacobsen and Elle Weaver

**A**RE YOU READY for National Trails Day? Did you know the United States celebrates such an event? Since 1993, the first Saturday of every June is known as National Trails Day, inspiring the public and trail enthusiasts nationwide to seek out, discover, learn about, and celebrate America's trail system. And Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, marks the 17<sup>th</sup> annual National Trails Day!



Obsidians will celebrate the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day with three trips. The theme - Made With All Natural Ingredients - encourages everyone to get outside and to connect with local outdoor clubs and other

groups to "experience, appreciate and celebrate the natural places where we can find a spread of scenery, a plateful of peace, and a heap of happiness and health."

**Brice Creek:** Jim Pierce will lead an easy 5.5-mile hike with 500 ft. elevation gain. Ferns and mosses carpet the forests, lacy falls splash over the black rocky creek sides, making for many photo-ops on this beautiful relatively close-in hike.

**Goodman Creek:** Paul Flashenberg will lead a moderate hike, just a 30-minute drive on Highway 58. The 6-mile trail with 500 ft. elevation gain starts in an old growth Douglas fir forest, with a stop at a lovely waterfall.

**Spencer Butte:** Janet Jacobsen will offer a trail maintenance project to pick up litter and fill in cuts in switchbacks while hiking to the summit. The 6.2-mile hike with 1,530 ft. elevation gain will begin at the Martin Street trailhead. If you want a shorter trip, it will be possible for you to participate in the trail project only on the Amazon Headwater section.

**Save the date! June 4! Sign up online!**

# Leader's Lament

By Joanne Ledet and Chris Cunningham

**D**ON'T WE ALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE EXCUSE for not wanting to lead a hike? For some Obsidians, just the idea of writing the post-hike report is more irritating than stones in their hiking boots.

They might say, "I have to do WHAT after the trip? Write a report?"

Or, "Oh no, I couldn't do that. I'm not a writer, and I wouldn't know what to say."

Haven't we all heard that before or had those kind of thoughts ourselves? While being in the great outdoors and sharing some of our favorite hikes with good hiking companions is a major benefit of being an Obsidian member, writing a report afterwards can leave even an experienced leader weak in the knees. Staring at a blank computer screen can be intimidating, but it doesn't need to be. With a few tips and suggestions, writing a trip report might even be an enjoyable part of the trip.

First, relax. No one is expecting an award-winning article.

Second, think about five basic elements when writing a report or an article:

- Who (Obsidian members)
- What (A hike)
- When (Not just the date, but season)
- Where (Sweet Creek Falls)
- Why (To explore the falls)

Example: You can begin with a rough statement such as, "Six Obsidians hiked along the Sweet Creek trail on a recent spring day to view waterfalls and wildflowers."

There's the foundation. Now continue by filling in the blanks by answering the following: Was the terrain smooth? Where is Sweet Creek? What are the waterfalls like in the spring?

What wildflowers did you see?

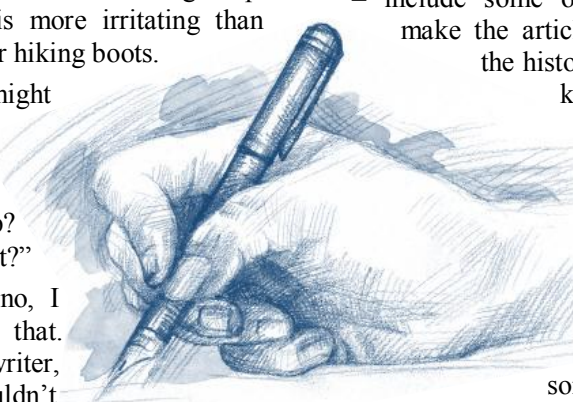
While the trips committee needs the basic facts – date, location, participants – include some of the following to make the article more interesting: the history of the area if you know it, sightings of unusual birds or the topography, any unique circumstance in arranging the trip or getting to your destination or even an interesting person the group met on

the trail. Any one-of-a-kind experience on the trip is fair game in writing your report.

For an extended trip where more planning is involved, include some tips on how far in advance to start planning, who good contact sources are, and some of the highlights – or hazards – along the way. These tips can be beneficial to other extended trip leaders.

Lastly, take pictures, not with a cell phone but with a digital camera of at least 7 megapixels. Action pictures show better than a lineup of all participants, but any picture is welcome. You might want to consider submitting a couple of shots to the bulletin so the staff can pick what will work best for the newsletter.

Now, the next time you are asked to lead a trip, just say "Yes, I'll give it a go!"



**Welcome!**

**New Member**

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## Meet the Committee Chairs

# Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Concessions Chair

**I**F YOU DON'T KNOW ME, I'm the chairwoman of the Concessions Committee. You'll often find me standing behind the concessions table at the potlucks hawking vests, caps, cards and t-shirts. When I'm not selling Obsidians merchandise, you'll see me cycling the back roads of Lane County. I love to bike, and perhaps my proudest achievement is bicycling cross country from San Diego to Saint Augustine in 2008 with my good friends and fellow Obsidians Royal Murdock and Bill Aspegren.

I'm married to Paul Garrick, as Hyman Kaplan would say "the love from mine life". He's a local bankruptcy lawyer and one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. We met the first day of law school in 1979. (As fate would have it, they sat us alphabetically in all our classes.) After graduating, I went on to practice juvenile law for several years in Portland. When we moved to Eugene, I switched careers completely and managed a local holistic veterinary practice and pet supply store. Since retiring, I've volunteered for lots of non-profits including Pro-Bone-O, which provides free veterinary services to the homeless, Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah, which restores habitat, and builds and maintains trails in the Buford Park area, and Cascade Health Solutions Hospice, which assists families when a loved one is dying.

What else can I say... I am crazy about dogs. We have a Portuguese water dog named Maisie who is a wild child and a little mutt named Daisy who rules the roost. I also love reading, hiking, taking photos, swimming in the mountain lakes in August, and eating, though I am always on a diet. I really enjoy being a member of the Obsidians...such an amazing, interesting, and fun bunch of people. My only regret is that I waited so long to join.



# Barb Revere, Membership Chair



**M**Y FIRST FORAYS INTO THE WOODS were probably high up on my dad's shoulders, but I can recall, at about five, trying hard to climb after my older sisters up the steep canyon near home in Santa Barbara. My parents shared a deep passion for the outdoors and passed it on to all six of us kids. When my husband and I retired to Springfield in 2002, searching out the Obsidians was in the top ten on my to-do list, but that had to wait until 2004, as I was suddenly plunged into two years of family caregiving.

Hiking is always my passion and I indulged to my heart's content that summer, racking up over 20 trips. In winter of 2005 I helped with leader contacts and later that summer, I asked about helping with the Obsidian Bulletin. I've been immersed in the club ever since. Though sidelined with arthritis for the moment, I love snowshoeing, biking, and hiking and I try hard to meet new members and guests at all the potlucks. (I had planned to include all the scandals in my life in this bio, but I see I have run out of room!)

# BOARD NOTES

**May 4, 2011**

*By Kathy Hoeg, Secretary*

President John Jacobsen called the meeting to order. Board members present: Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Verna Kocken, Elle Weaver, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present: Wayne Deeter, Jim Duncan, Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Lenore McManigal, Tom Musselwhite, Doug Nelson, Jim Pierce, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, and Laurie Funkhouser.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stewart Hoeg reviewed financial status. Board approved payment of bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (Brian Hamilton):** Eight trips completed. Fees: \$57; 30 Members; 16 Non-members.

**Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier):** 29 Obsidians and guests went on a trip exploring several food companies.

**Extended Trips (Jim Duncan):** A new extended trip added: Hiking at Mt. Hood, Sept. 15-17.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing):** April ExploraTalk had 21 viewers and \$18. May 17 will feature Jim Pierce and his Antarctic Adventure.

**Publications (Joanne Ledet):** The cost for the April Bulletin was \$337.65: \$271 for printing 300 copies and \$66.65 for mailing.

**Entertainment (Susan Wanser):** The April potluck was attended by 94 for dinner and 110 for the presentation. \$93 was collected. The May potluck will be on May 27th and will be about a bicycle trip that followed the Lewis and Clark trail.

**Membership (Barb Revere):** One new membership application: Barry Taub. There are currently 494 members: 442 Active, 23 Associate, 3 Honorary, 8 Junior, and 18 Life.

**Publicity (Elle Weaver):** REI invited us to do a presentation at one of their evening community events. On April 27th, John Jacobsen showed slides describing our activities. Chris Stockdale spoke about the upcoming Spring Basin extended trip and invited the group to the potluck featuring our Nepal trekkers. As a new member, Juliana Cichy discussed why she joined. Janet Jacobsen and Elle

Weaver filled in about various trips. Forty-two people showed up and several have since registered as guests.

**Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick):** The concessions committee took in \$194 at the April potluck and \$40 at the April ExploraTalk. We plan on setting up shop at future ExploraTalks. We have ordered new bandanas and more note cards. We have decided to have a drawing and a sale at the May potluck to draw people to our table and to increase excitement about our merchandise.

**Online (Wayne Deeter):** The new data base vendor worked with John to resolve a problem with our online signup system using too much processing time.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** All of the club members who participated in the trips listed in the April Bulletin have had their trips recorded on their activity sheets. The new members who joined the club last month, now have new activity sheets in the current books.

**Lodge Building (Doug Nelson):** One lodge rental fee to submit - nonmember, Defenders of Wildlife, used the building for a day and a half for a symposium on oak habitat on April 26 & 27. \$215.00. Upcoming rental events on May 6 and May 7.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** Work parties held April 19 and April 29.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion of how to decide which members to contact about leading summer and winter trips. John Jacobsen described the committee-level access to the database that is available. Jim Pierce and Tom Musselwhite described lists that they have used in the past.

Kathy Hoeg mentioned the many outstanding accomplishments that can be seen in the committee reports this month: the increased attendance at ExploraTalks, the extremely high potluck attendance, the productive publicity presentation at REI, the large revenues for concessions, the Lodge rentals, and the beneficial Lodge grounds work parties. A suggestion was made to note these things in the Bulletin.

John Jacobsen said that the information about the FWOC Conference has not arrived yet, so the topic was postponed until next month.

## NEW BUSINESS

Stewart Hoeg asked for and obtained Board approval of a new Finance Committee member, Barb Bruns, who has been coordinating the club's insurance coverage for many years.

The Board approved a Nominating Committee which will nominate three members for the Board of Directors for the coming year: Janet Jacobsen, Jim Pierce, Laurie Funkhouser, Verna Kocken, and Brian Hamilton.

There was a discussion of how to increase the involvement of members in the activities and committees of the club:

- Create a process for gathering information about which members are interested in more involvement.
- Would be useful to have one person as the central contact for this information.
- Contact trip leaders to ask them to pass along names of likely people who they meet on their trips, and we could include in the Leader Packets a sheet specifically asking leaders to do this.
- A 'Notes' field could be added to the Trip Report where leaders note members interested in more involvement.
- A good place to start being more involved is the Entertainment Committee because the work is straightforward and you get to meet a lot of people.
- Having a greeter at the potlucks is very useful in helping new and prospective members feel welcome.
- Having a permanent name tag available for new members is important to help them feel like part of the club.
- A short, informative sheet that describes the committees and solicits involvement that could be handed out routinely by trip leaders.
- Calling new members a few months after they join is useful.
- Look at the database to find people who have participated in a lot of trips, since they might be more likely to get involved in other activities.
- Membership Committee could have two subcommittees - one that manages membership signups and renewals, and one that focuses on activities that promote involvement.



# Fire Lookouts

By Janet Jacobsen

**M**ANY HIKES ON THE OBSIDIAN SUMMER TRIPS SCHEDULE take you to summits where bits and pieces of abandoned fire lookouts still remain.

Familiar ones are Maxwell Butte (1933-1965), Maiden Peak (1923-1958), Fuji Mountain (1928-1968), Three Pyramids (1934-1968), Iron Mountain (1933-2007), Rooster Rock (1927-1966), Tidbits Mountain (1926-1967), Grizzly Peak (1934-1965), Grasshopper Mountain (1933-1968), Twin Buttes (1932-1986), Black Crater (1925-1930s), Castle Rock (1921-1974), Crescent Mountain (1922-1980), Scott Mountain (1929-1960), Substitute Point (1933-1963), Tipsoo Butte (1934-1966), and Horse Pasture (1922-1965). The Iron Mountain lookout was destroyed in 2007 and replaced with a fenced viewing platform. There are also summits where lookouts still perch and a few are even staffed. Black Butte is unique with two fire lookouts.

While eating lunch on one of these fire lookout summits, you might notice pieces of wire, probably no. 9 galvanized wire that was stretched overhead from tree to tree, along trails and roads to connect the handcrank telephone with the dispatcher. The lookout would have used a non-electronic Osborne Fire Finder to report the locations.

Why did (or does) someone take a job at an isolated fire lookout, with steep trails to pack in water and food, and then deal with lightning, mice, garbage, and the outhouse? Were they hermits, poets, solitary adventurers, or did they just want to escape the bustle of everyday living and brush their teeth while looking at the sunrise and panoramic views? It couldn't have been entirely for the money. In earlier days, I read that the salary could be \$80 for 3 months with a \$25 expense account. In 1989 the salary was around \$5.50 an hour, and by 2009 one lookout was making \$12.70 an hour.

If you want to know more, I recommend three books. *Hiking Oregon's History* (1999) by William L. Sullivan gives a short overview of Oregon's 805 fire lookouts and describes several best hikes of the 80 that are left. *Go Tell It On the Mountain: A Collection of Essays, Stories, and Journal Writings by Fire Lookouts* offers historical and contemporary anecdotes about life in nineteen fire lookouts. *Poets on the Peaks* by John Suiter is an interesting literary portrait of Jack

Kerouac, Philip Whalen and Gary Snyder who spent several summers in the 50s as firewatchers in Washington State. Suiter includes black and white historical and contemporary photographs of Crater Mountain, Sourdough Mountain, Sauk Mountain, and Desolation Peak. The book begins in 1952 when Gary Snyder requested "the highest, most remote, and most difficult-of-access lookout," and was thus assigned the lookout on 8,129 ft. Crater Mountain. It was 14 miles from the nearest road, plus being 2,000 ft. higher than any other lookout in the state.

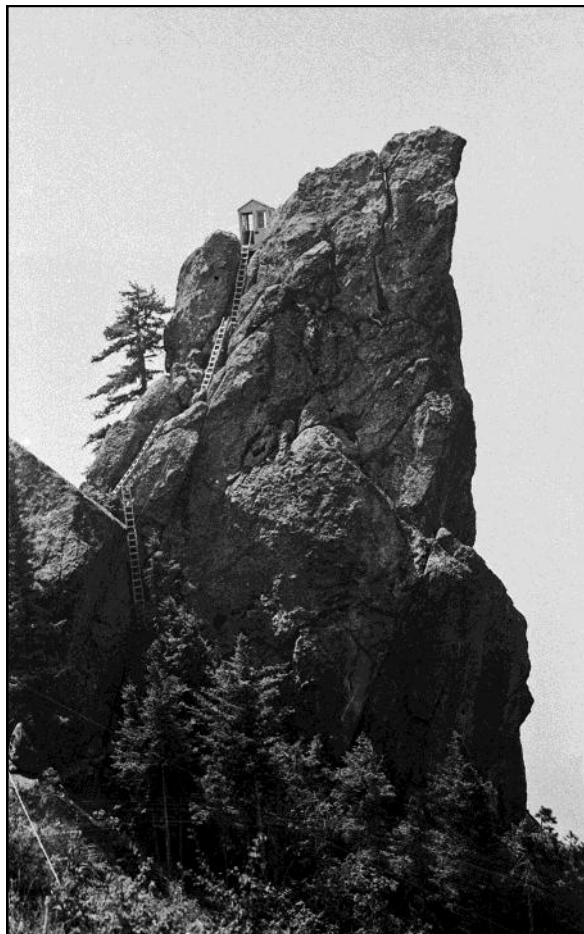
If I were to volunteer to staff a lookout, I would ask for an easier assignment like Cinnamon Butte, a 41-foot fire lookout tower accessible by road near Diamond Lake, where there are showers and cold beverages. The Osborne Fire Finder might be a challenge but the two-way radio, gas appliances and Obsidian visitors would be a plus. The woman who staffs this lookout has been there several summers and has no plans to give it up.

Suiter said, "Another less obvious reason for reading *Poets on the Peaks* is that there are trails up to all of these lookouts." That is a cue for Obsidians to take note of the trails to lookout summits in our area. The Forest Fire Lookout Page ([www.firelookout.com](http://www.firelookout.com)) has links to

the Pacific Northwest lookouts with a brief history and a photo if available. This site is perfect if you want to lead a hike to a lookout and are not sure which one.

Former member Curtis Irish has worked for years to develop an extensive collection of historical lookout photos, including some from the Obsidian scrapbooks. He suggested a few rental lookouts that have easy access by car or foot such as Warner Mountain, Fairview Peak, and Indian Ridge. Timber Butte (a ground cabin) "is a recently built lookout on Fall Creek which was built for a rental. It is gated off about a mile down the mountain so a key should be obtained from the Forest Service if you wish to drive to it." He also commented, "Sand Mountain Lookout is only a short walk but the road was terrible the last time I was there and I don't wish to go back."

Whether we drive or hike, one has to appreciate the many trails that are available to us to reach the fire lookout summits and enjoy the views.



Rooster Rock Fire Lookout—built 1927. Note the ladders.

# TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



## Hikes

### Skinner Butte - Eagles' Nest

March 29, 2011

Leaders: Margaret and Richard Essenberg

Photo: Rich Locus

Hike: 1 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

#### SITTING EAGLE

White head, yellow beak,  
framed by arching maple branch.

Where? Where? I see it!

Patient and distant,  
above exub'rant birdsong –  
robin, siskin, wren.

Members: Rick Ahrens, Keiko Bryan, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Margot Fetz, Janet Jacobsen, and Barb Revere. Nonmembers: Rich Locus.

### Ridgeline Trail Shuttle

April 2, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WAS AN 80% CHANCE OF RAIN: SURPRISE! Sun and spring flowers! Just in time, hail and rain kissed us a cold good-

bye as we scurried into the car at the end of the 3-hour, ten-minute hike. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Lisa Marcus, Maria Munoz, Sarah Praskievicz, and Rod Wood.

### Spencer Butte/Amazon Headwaters

April 6, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.4 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

HAIL AND RAIN NEAR THE SUMMIT suddenly dampened our positive outlook about the weather. The temperature dropped and we picked up our pace to hike down to a warmer climate. Wildflower update: plethora of blooming trilliums and calypso orchids plus fawn lily buds waiting for a warmer day. Member Janet Jacobsen and nonmember Myhra Gonzalez.

### Kings Valley

April 7, 2011

Leader: Dan Christensen

Hike: 5 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

THE WEATHER LOOKED VERY IFFY for this early-season venture into the foothills of the Coast Range, west of Philomath. However, the weather gods smiled on us. Pleasant temperature, no wind, and a nice mix of clouds and sun. The hike combined historical elements with the beauty of a Coast Range forest. The first leg of the hike was into the Beazell Memorial Forest, now managed by Benton County, which still contains the original 1875 Plunkett farm house. The intention is to convert portions of the forest to oak savannahs. The 3-mile trail follows Plunkett Creek, circles up the ridgeline above the creek, then follows the ridgeline and eventually takes you back to the trailhead. The



*Sitting Eagle*



second leg requires a drive a few miles further north to the Ft. Hoskins historic site, also managed by the county. A very well done series of interpretive signs describes the history of the location as you circle the site. Again, the original 1869 farmhouse, built by the family who bought the property after it was decommissioned by the military, is well-preserved. Considerable exterior restoration has occurred, but funding appears lacking for the interior. The 2-mile trail extends around the fort site and then climbs a ridge above the fort on a circular trail. The south side of the ridge contains a large savannah in which the intention is to replace Douglas firs with oak trees. We left Eugene at 9, stopped at the Philomath DQ on our way back, and returned home about 4 pm. Members: Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Dan Christensen, Clara Emlen, Jim Whitfield, and Kathleen Willett. Nonmembers: Bob Graff.

## **Mt. Pisgah Sunset-Moonrise**

**April 17, 2011**

**Leader: Royal Murdock**

**Hike: 4.2 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy)**

The U.S. Naval Observatory predicted that the Eugene sun would set at 7:59 and that the moon would rise 7 minutes later. Despite the heavy cloud cover and a few sprinkles of rain, our 10 hearty hikers labored up the back side of Mt. Pisgah in the hope of observing their togetherness. The sun set about on time. No one was sure if time of sunset is when it touches, is half way down, or at disappearance. We all agreed that the sun was quite a show-off in coloring the western horizon. We could not confirm that the predicted moon ever showed up. The next predicted togetherness will be on the other side of the day. Members: Mari Baldwin, Royal Murdock, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Kristen Simmons, Michelle Friedner, Marie Stringer, Rick Harris, Laurie Marshall, Lynda del Nero.



## **Byways By Bus**

## **Food, Food, Food**

**April 12, 2011**

**Leader: Mary Ellen West**

**F**OOD WAS THE INTENT OF THIS OBSIDIAN BUS TRIP. Twenty-nine members and guests managed to handle the eating assignment well, visiting three home grown food enterprises in the Willamette Valley. The first stop was Allan Bros. coffee headquarters in Albany for our morning coffee break. We learned about the processing of coffee from the tree to the cup, while enjoying a variety of coffees and their in-house baked goods. They work diligently to produce quality coffee. Their products are for sale in the local area.

Our next stop was Bob's Red Mill in Milwaukie, where they use millstones as in ancient times. The mill is a 320,000 square foot milling, packaging and distribution facility that claims to be the world's premier natural grain supplier. The excellent tour took us through a production area (viewable through windows)

where packaging was in progress. A mile away, we visited Bob's Red Mill Whole Grain Store and Visitor Center where their 400 different products are available. Obsidians were eager shoppers. Breakfast and lunch are also available, so the group enjoyed a healthy meal.

The final stop for a piece of pie was the Willamette Valley Fruit Company east of Salem. We visited the pie making facility and watched (through windows) as pie crusts were readied for yummy fruit. Willamette Valley Fruit Company began with three berry farms and later a pie maker coming together to produce frozen fruit and pies which are available in local markets. The day was full of wonderful tastes and flavors.

Members on the trip were: Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Dark, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Donna Halker, Kess Hottle, Janet Jacobsen, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Natalie Newlove, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Margaret Prentice, Virginia Prouty, Elizabeth Reanier, Dick Speelman, Janet Speelman, Mary Ellen West, Leader, Christy White. Nonmembers: Cathy Christian, Barbara Hottle, Joyce Nolte, Judith Phelps.



## **Snowshoe Trips**

### **Lava Lake**

**April 3, 2011**

**Leader: Scott Hovis**

**SSHoe: 5 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)**

**T**HERE WAS PLENTY OF SNOW at this late date. It was starting to melt and that caused a creek to flow in much of the trail close to Lava Lake, making it tricky in spots. The solitude was great, as only a few people were out. Thanks to Keiko for a fun trip. Members: Keiko Bryan and Scott Hovis.

## **Many Thanks!**

**A** SUCCESSFUL LEADER TRAINING SESSION was held on March 31. It was both informative and fun. Some lucky members were recipients of door prizes that were generously donated by merchants and interested individuals. We want to recognize and thank the following for their support to our club:

**Berg's** - Socks and two certificates for rentals

**Backcountry Gear** – two \$25 gift certificates

**REI** – a small backpack

**Bill Sullivan** – an autographed book

**Concessions Committee** - a whistle and an Obsidians tee shirt.

Our thanks to all!

# North Coast Hiking

By Janet Jacobsen

April 16-19, 2011

Leader: Mary Holbert Photos: Pat Soussan

**M**ARY HOLBERT'S FIRST EXTENDED TRIP was a delight for the six of us who hiked and shared the house at Cannon Beach. Mary found a house on *Craigslist* near the beach, with four bedrooms that matched our budgets. Amazingly, the weather cooperated for our three days of hiking. We knew we would be in good hands since Mary had taken a two-day Sierra Club leadership training course. On Sunday, Mary led us up the 2.6-mile trail to Saddle Mountain. We added more clothing so that we could sit on the bench where there used to be a fire lookout (1920-1953), to eat our lunch and enjoy the views of the coastline.

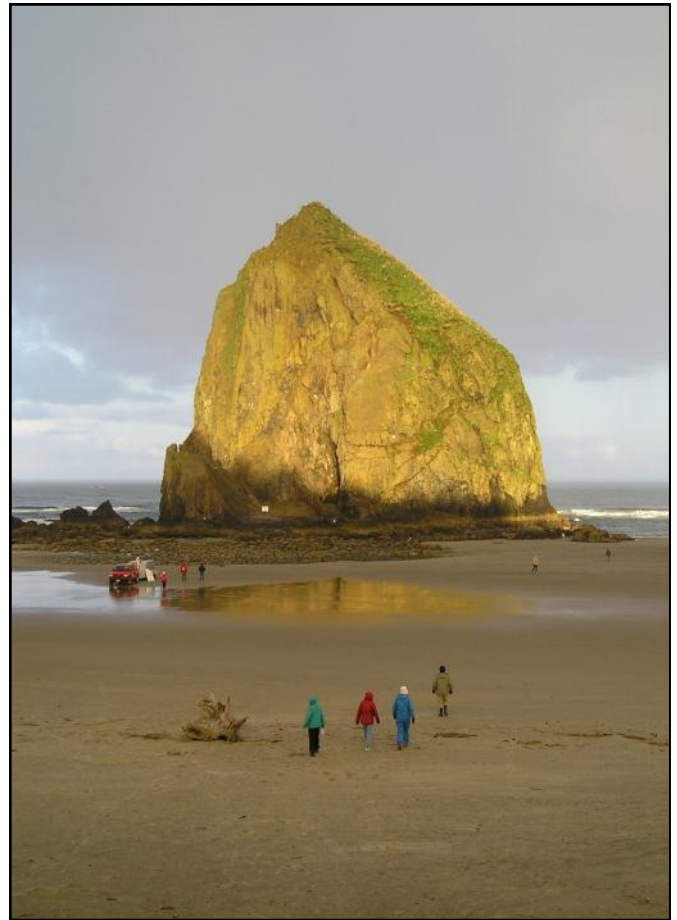
At 7:00 am on Monday, a minus low tide and a dramatic rainbow over Haystack Rock greeted five of us. We had a front row seat for puffin viewing and tide pool sea life. Back at the house, Mary had coffee waiting. Pat Esch, our breakfast chef, quickly whipped up a pot of oatmeal. We were then ready for Mary's next trip; a car shuttle allowing us to hike 6.1 miles over Tillamook Head from Seaside to Ecola State Park on the Oregon Coast Trail. Wallowing in the mud did not keep us from enjoying the views of the coast. We took time to walk to a viewpoint to see the Tillamook Lighthouse and the World War II concrete bunker that once housed a radar installation.

Our last hike on Tuesday was a shuttle at Oswald West State Park over Neahkanie Mountain with its spectacular views down to Short Sand Beach, where we watched the surfers and ate our lunch in the sun.

Our three evening meals were a shared culinary experience.



*On the trail... so, why do you suppose they call it Saddle Mountain?*



*On the beach at low tide.*

Highlights were Mary's salmon and elk meat, Jeannie Schmidt's chocolate mousse cake with raspberry sauce (from America's Test Kitchen), Pat Esch's gingersnap cookies, and Pat Soussan's gluten-free pasta with Italian vegetarian sausages. We thank Lana Lindstrom and Richard Hughes who had to cancel at the last minute but sent their tasty Moroccan stew. After a day of hiking, the best treat was a second piece of the mousse cake dripping with raspberry sauce. I hope that we can persuade Jeannie to again spend a whole day creating a fabulous dessert. We promise this time we will save a piece for her husband.

The last time these hikes were on the schedule was 1989. Thank you, Mary for luring us to this spectacular part of the coast! She is already planning a second extended trip this fall to Ashland where I won't have to worry all night that my car was not parked in the right direction in case of a tsunami.

Enjoying this coast get-away were Clara Emlen, Pat Esch, Mary Holbert, Janet Jacobsen, Jennie Schmidt and Pat Soussan.



# Forests Health: Stream & River Preservation

By John Hartman

April 19, 2011

Presenter: Tom Musselwhite

**T**OM GAVE US A TOUR OF FOREST ISSUES, and beautiful images from his lifetime of fun and work in the woods. He worked in stream restoration.

Forest watersheds provide many important ecosystem services. They are seriously degraded by human activity, especially logging. After moving here in 1978, Tom asked, "Where are the big trees?" Ecological restoration attempts to restore the forest to a previous, healthier state. Tom reviewed the condition and restoration prospects for our streams, forests, and climate.

In Lane County only vestiges of salmon habitat remain, and the Willamette River is channelized and flood controlled. Restoration by dam removal and flooding are unlikely. ODFW attempted to improve trout streams by removing vegetation, then by replacing it. However, 'fish sticks' in the rivers are opposed by whitewater boaters and fishing guides. Other vegetation treatments and improved culvert designs are helping.

Tom showed spectacular pictures of big old trees, stumps, and logging history, e.g. a single log overburdening a logging truck. Only small pockets of old growth remain. He asked, "Can a 450 year old forest be recreated, given that flora, fauna,

soil, climate and policies are different now?" Small-scale restoration ideas were discussed, such as the importance of stumps and snags, planting strategies, and selective salvage. Nobody will be entirely happy. He quoted an old-timer, "There's no more logging. It's just re-logging."



Forests have a major role in climate change. "Carbon that accumulated in forests for 1,500 years has been released in the last 150 years," Tom said. He discussed climate science and issues, e.g. biomass power and timber exports to China.

Beautiful pictures of memorable trees, plants, streams, waterfalls and fish balanced the heavy topics. They showed how Tom enjoys the outdoors with his children and grandchildren, some of whom live in the forest.

For learning about forest science (and politics, poetry etc.), Tom and I recommend HJA Day 2011, a gathering to share information about research, education, and management at the Andrews Forest. It's Thursday, June 23, near Blue River, with free registration requested by June 17:

<http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/new/hjaday/hjaday.cfm>

## UPCOMING BYWAYS BY BUS



### The Oregon Zoo

Tuesday June 21, 2011

Leaders: Rick Ahrens, and Liz Reanier

Cost: \$40 members, \$42 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle, 689-1085

**W**E'RE OFF TO THE ZOO! Washington Park is the jewel of Portland's extensive park system. The zoo (zoo admission included) is just one of its many attractions. We plan on spending the day so you may distribute your time as you wish. Other options: Train (\$5, not included) for a 4-mile ride through the zoo and surrounding wooded hillside to the International Rose Test Garden (no charge) and Japanese Garden (\$7, not included) is just across the parking lot. There

are a number of food vendors around the zoo. Cart transportation is available and, of course, lots of good walking paths. So, we are going to the zoo, but you have many other options that you can consider on your own.

### Fort Vancouver/Hudson's Bay Co.

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$38 members, \$40 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Janet Speelman, 344-3019

**V**ENTURE BACK IN TIME to the Hudson's Bay Company, British fur trading fort. Walk the garden, climb the bastion, watch blacksmiths, bakers and other costumed interpreters work. We will visit Officers Row to view the exterior of 22 restored Victorian era homes. We will visit inside the George. C. Marshall House.

As time permits, we will view the Vancouver barracks and the two replica houses representing the village where 500 workers lived. Plan to bring a picnic lunch - we have the perfect setting.

## UPCOMING EXTENDED TRIP

### Hikes Mt. Hood Area

Thursday –Saturday, September 15-17

Leader: Joe Sanders

**A**S A FORMER TRAIL'S CLUB member/hike leader (Portland based hike group) before my recent move to Eugene, I've been able to reserve two nights at Trail's Club lodge Tye (on the slopes of Mt. Hood) for an Obsidians extended trip to hike the wonders of the Mt. Hood environs. Hiking in mid-September should be pleasant in temperature and bug-free.

Tye is a year-round lodge with a state-of-the-art kitchen, meal seating for 40, separate mens/womans dorms to accommodate up to 24 each, and a cozy fireplace with a circle of comfy chairs. I'm offering a full program of hikes on all three days:

**Thursday:** Tom, Dick and Harry (6.4 miles, 1,500 ft. gain) is directly on the way to the lodge. The trailhead is on US 26. Hike past Mirror Lake to ridge with a spectacular view of Mt. Hood on clear days.

**Friday:** Lookout Mtn. (10 miles, 2,980 ft.) is on the east side of Hood on Rt. 35 and offers a 360 degree panorama at top. Anyone not wanting to do this somewhat rigorous hike can do a portion of it, starting higher up, or just hang out at



the lodge for the day.

**Saturday** (before departure for Eugene): choose between Elk Meadows (6 miles; 1,400 ft.) or Ramona Falls (7.1 miles, 1,000 ft.).

In between, we should be able to squeeze in a quick run up to nearby Timberline Lodge for those who've not experienced this Oregon icon. Participants supply own food for personal breakfasts and lunches, dinners to be cooked by teams of participants, with these meals to include provision for TC Tye volunteer lodge host. Group size: minimum 5, maximum 15.

Total trip fees are incredibly reasonable: \$41 members, \$46 non-members. Your \$10 non-refundable deposit is payable upon online sign-up, made payable to Obsidians, to be posted to: Joe Sanders, PO Box

50081, Eugene OR 97405.

There will be a pre-trip meeting sometime during the week of Aug 15. I'll advise you of the date. Please bring remaining balance to trip meeting or mail to Joe by Aug. 15, if you can't attend.

Questions? Contact me at: [joe.surfsand@gmail.com](mailto:joe.surfsand@gmail.com) or 255-2524. I prefer phone inquiries to email. If you need to email, include a phone number I can call you at.

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS UPCOMING

### Eugene Natural History Society

Friday, May 20, 7:30 pm

EUGENE'S JOHN FISCHER has delved into the science of weather beyond tomorrow's forecast. He will give a talk titled: *La Niña, El Niño, and La Nada: The Big Weathermakers in the Northwest*. A graduate of UC Davis, John uses his background in meteorology in his positions as Avalanche Advisor and Ski Patroller at Willamette Pass. *Free in Room 100 Willamette Hall, UO campus*

### Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Sunday, May 15, 10 am – 5 pm

**S**ET ASIDE THIS DATE for a day of wildflowers, music, food, crafts, and fun! The festival is loaded with fun things to do for everyone in the family. There will also be live music. A wide variety of plants, baked goods, and arts and crafts will be on sale. Bring the entire family (except the dog) to enjoy the festival as well as explore nearby nature trails. Suggested donation: \$5 per person; kids under 12 free. No dogs, please. For more information, call us at 747-3817.

### Native Plant Society

Sunday May 22, noon to 5 pm

Free - John Serbu Youth Campus, 2700 MLK Blvd

**T**HIS YEAR THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON'S Native Garden Tour showcases the outstanding Horticulture Program at the Martin Luther King Education Center, Lane County Dept. of Youth Services. The young people in this program receive vocational training in horticulture and landscaping. Their projects have included landscaping and habitat restoration for the City of Eugene, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service.

This fun-filled educational event includes live music, food, and a native plant sale. Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the program's farm, native plant gardens, hedgerow, and native plant nursery facilities. Food prepared by the young people in MLK's Culinary Arts Program as well as native plants propagated and grown at MLK will be for sale. The tour is sponsored by: Emerald Chapter, NPSO, NGAP, and Lane County Youth Services Department. For more information contact [ngap@emeraldnpsoregon.org](mailto:ngap@emeraldnpsoregon.org)





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## Obsidians 2011 Activities Schedule

Current as of May 1, 2011

Sign up for trips at [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)

Schedule is subject to change. Check our website, [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org), or contact the following for the latest scheduling information.

**Summer Trips:** Brian Hamilton - [summertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:summertrips@obsidians.org); **Climbs:** Larry Huff - 868-5391 - [climbs@obsidians.org](mailto:climbs@obsidians.org)

**Winter Trips:** Tom Musselwhite - [wintertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:wintertrips@obsidians.org); **Byways By Bus:** Liz Reanier - 687-1925 [bustrips@obsidians.org](mailto:bustrips@obsidians.org)

### January

- 1 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Hike 2.2m 600' E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 2 Sun - **Fawn Lake**, Xski 7m 800' M, Hamilton 343-6550
- 6 Thu - **Ridgeline Trail**, Hike 6.2m 1400' M, Pierce 344-1775
- 8 Sat - **Rosary Lakes**, SSHoe 8.5m 1200' D, Bell 503-884-8829
- 8 Sat - **Mt. Baldy Loop**, Hike 5m 800' E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 9 Sun - **Circle Lake**, Xski 10m 300' M, Wolling 345-2110
- 16 Sun - **Diamond Creek Falls**, SSHoe 3.0m 400' E, Hovis 521-3663
- 18 Tue - **Collier Glacier's Secrets - Cody Beedlow**, Expl Talk
- 22 Sat - **Maiden Peak Shelter**, SSHoe 12m 1300' D, Bell 503-884-8829
- 22 Sat - **3 Fingered Jack**, Xski 8.5m 1500' D, Breslin 607-339-1816
- 22 Sat - **Gold Lake**, SSHoe 5m 300' E, Hovis 521-3663
- 22 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Hike 6.4m 1530' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 23 Sun - **Maxwell Butte**, SSHoe 5.5m 600' M, James 683-7488
- 27 Thu - **Bechtel Shelter**, SSHoe 4.5m 500' M, Pierce 344-1775
- 28 Fri - **New Hikes in Southern Oregon - Sullivan**, Potluck
- 29 Sat - **Odell Butte**, Xski 10m 2000' D, McManigal 503-635-9973
- 29 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt 1m 100' M, Bell 503-884-8829

### February

- 3 Thu - **Tait's Trail**, SSHoe 8m 800' D, Wilken 343-3080
- 5 Sat - **Maiden Peak**, SSHoe 15m 2800' D, Bell 503-884-8829
- 5 Sat - **Amazon Headwaters**, Hike 6.4m 1530' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 6 Sun - **Sweet Creek**, Hike 2.5m 250' E, Pierce 344-1775
- 6 Sun - **Maxwell Butte**, SSHoe 5.5m 600' D, Hovis 521-3663
- 11 Fri - **Atomic Ranch**, Hike 3.9m 0' E, Cunningham 344-0486
- 12 Sat - **Bechtel Shelter**, SSHoe 4.6m 500' M, Pierce 344-1775
- 15 Tue - **Willamette Confluence**, Expl Talk
- 19 Sat - **Bechtel Shelter**, SSHoe 4.6m 500' M, Camp 221-1866
- 19 Sat - **Marilyn Lakes Loop**, Xski 4.5m 380' E, Hamilton 343-6550
- 19 Sat - **Willamette Confl**, Hike 3.5m 50' E, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 19 Sat - **Birthday Lake-Fuji Lp**, Xski 11.5m 1150' D, Jensen 344-1363
- 20 Sun - **Redtop Mountain**, Xski 8m 2200' D, Thompson 683-8942
- 22 Tue - **Eagles 'N More**, Bus, Reanier 687-1925
- 22 Tue - **Ridgeline Ivy Removal**, Trl Mnt 1m 100' E, Pierce 344-1775
- 26 Sat - **North Waldo Lake**, Xski 15m 600' D, Hubata-Vacek 345-3060
- 26 Sat - **Willamette Confl**, Hike 3.5m 50' E, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 26 Sat - **Booth/Square Lakes Loop**, Xski 4m 100' E, Hamilton 343-6550
- 27 Sun - **Sand Mountain**, Xski 10.5m 1000' D, Miller 484-4586
- 27 Sun - **Bus Trips Rally - Lodge - 1-3pm**, Bus
- 27 Sun - **Potato Hill**, SSHoe 5m 600' D, Hovis 521-3663
- 27 Sun - **Bridge to Bridge**, Hike 4.0m 0.0' E, Barnes 895-3704

### March

- 5 Sat - **Hoodoo Bt - Potato Hill Lp**, Xski 8m 1000' D, Miller 484-4586
- 5 Sat - **Raptor Ctr/Amazon**, Hike 2m 438' E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 6 Sun - **Island Lakes Loop**, Xski 10m 1200' D, Jensen 344-1363
- 12 Sat - **Ridgeline Trail**, Hike 6.2m 900' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 16 Wed - **Whales of the Oregon Coast**, Expl Talk
- 17 Thu - **Ridgeline Tr**, Hike 4m 750' M, Castleberry 513-8504
- 19 Sat - **Fawn Lake**, Xski 8m 900' D, Sinnott 915-0234
- 20 Sun - **Mt. Pisgah - Equinox**, Hike 3m 1000' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 22 Tue - **Service Stars - Green Eugene**, Bus, Cutsforth 746-4929
- 24 Thu - **Silver Falls**, Hike 5.5m 600' E, Musselwhite 461-3296
- 25 Fri - **Peru - Shelby Wanser**, Potluck

- 26 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt 2m 500' M, Bell 503-884-8829
- 26 Sat - **Spring Beach Cleanup**, Hike 5m 0' E, Ewing 344-9197
- 27 Sun - **Amanda Tr - Yachats**, Hike 5.2m 800' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 29 Tue - **Skinner Bt - Eagles' Nest**, Hike 1m 200' E, Essenberg 343-1733
- 30 Wed - **Big Lake**, Ext Trip 7m 50' E, Lindstrom 683-1409
- 31 Thu - **Big Lake/Sand Mtn**, Combo 7m 50' E, Lindstrom 683-1409

### April

- 2 Sat - **Ridgeline Trail Shuttle**, Hike 6.2m 900' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 3 Sun - **Lava Lake**, SSHoe 5m 100' M, Hovis 521-3663
- 6 Wed - **Spencer Butte**, Hike 6.4m 1530' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 7 Thu - **Kings Valley**, Hike 5m 600' E, Christensen 343-8941
- 12 Tue - **Food, Food, Food**, Bus, West 343-5492
- 16 Sat - **North Coast Hiking**, Ext Trip 16.7m 1603' M, Holbert 265-4208
- 17 Sun - **Pisgah Sunset-Moon**, Hike 4.2m 1000' E, Murdock 345-8305
- 19 Tue - **Forest Health**, Expl Talk
- 20 Wed - **McKenzie River Trail**, Hike 8m 300' M, Pierce 344-1775
- 23 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt 20' M, Bell 503-884-8829
- 23 Sat - **PCT/Santiam Sno-Park**, SSHoe 6m 1000' M, Hildreth 345-7520
- 23 Sat - **Bellfountain**, Bike 38m 500' M, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 24 Sun - **Spencer Butte**, Hike 6.4m 1530' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 26 Tue - **W Eugene Wetlands**, Bike 14m 0' E, Montgomery 688-7025
- 28 Thu - **Rock Skills Review-Columns**, ClbSch 30', Sullivan 342-6546
- 29 Fri - **Hemlock Butte/Mt. Bailey**, Bk Pk 13m 1000' D, Hovis 521-3663
- 29 Fri - **Nepal - Obsidian Travelers**, Potluck
- 30 Sat - **Trestle Creek Falls**, Hike 11m 1000' M, Christiansen 687-8379

### May

- 1 Sun - **N Fork Smith Rvr**, Hike 10.5m -1400' M, Castleberry 513-8504
- 4 Wed - **Coyote Creek Paddle**, Water 4m E, Lindstrom 683-1409
- 4 Wed - **Larison Rock**, Hike 8m 2400' D, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 6 Fri - **Bear Creek Road**, Bike 15.5m 600' E, Esch 338-8280
- 7 Sat - **Eula Ridge**, Hike 8m 3300' D, Pierce 344-1775
- 8 Sun - **Walport to Yachats**, Hike 7m 0' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 9 Mon - **Mtn Expedition Planning**, ClbSch, Green 510-1151
- 10 Tue - **Mt. Baldy**, Hike 5m 500' M, Romoser 726-8154
- 13 Fri - **Malheur National Wildlife Refuge**, Ext Trp, Camp 221-1866
- 13 Fri - **Blacklock Point**, Bk Pk 9m 200' M, Hovis 521-3663
- 14 Sat - **Upper McKenzie River Tr**, Hike 7.5m 750' M, Morris 726-7474
- 14 Sat - **Rock Skills Roundup for Leaders**, ClbSch, Nelson 736-6076
- 14 Sat - **Sweet Creek Falls**, Hike 2.5m 250' E, Ledet 683-2603
- 14 Sat - **Clear Lake**, Hike 7m 200' M, Delaby 688-4978
- 15 Sun - **Mid Fk Willamette**, Hike 6.5m 1450' M, Musselwhite 461-3296
- 15 Sun - **Castle Rock**, Hike 11.4m 2600' D, Stockdale 767-3668
- 17 Tue - **OR Gardens, Moonstone, Silver Falls**, Bus, Allen 736-0692
- 17 Tue - **Mt Pisgah Sunrise-Moon**, Hike 3m 1000' E, Murdock 345-8305
- 18 Wed - **Pre's Trail**, Hike 4m 0' E, Prentice 687-5850
- 19 Thu - **Spring Basin Wilderness**, Ext Trp, Stockdale 767-3668
- 19 Thu - **Baker Beach**, Hike 7.3m 0' M, Larsen 687-2589
- 21 Sat - **Heceta Head**, Hike 7m 400' M, Soussan 345-3046
- 21 Sat - **Old Baldy - Coburg Hills**, Hike 6m 1500' D, Kirk 683-7033
- 22 Sun - **Scio Covered Br**, Bike 48m 800' M, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 24 Tue - **Little North Santiam**, Hike 9m 900' M, Christensen 343-8941
- 25 Wed - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell 503-884-8829
- 26 Thu - **Rock Skills Review-Columns**, ClbSch, Sullivan 342-6546

- 27 Fri - **Lewis and Clark Trail - James March**, Potluck
- 28 Sat - **Kentucky Falls**, Hike 4.4m 800' E, Pierce 344-1775
- 29 Sun - **N Bank Deer Presv**, Hike 10m 1500' M, Stockdale 767-3668
- 30 Mon - **Ridgeline Trail**, Hike 6.2m 900' M, Jacobsen 343-8030

## June

- 2 Thu - **Amanda Trail/Yachats**, Hike 5.2m 0' E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 2 Thu - **Rock Skills Review-Columns**, ClbSch, Sullivan 342-6546
- 3 Fri - **Long Tom Grange**, Bike 20m E, Esch 338-8280
- 4 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell 503-884-8829
- 4 Sat - **Spencer Butte Litter**, Trl Mnt 6.4m 1530' M, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 4 Sat - **Goodman Creek**, Hike 6m 500' M, Flashenberg 461-1977
- 4 Sat - **Brice Creek**, Hike 5.5m 500' E, Pierce 344-1775
- 5 Sun - **Devil's Staircase**, Hike 4m 700' D, Sayre 345-2370
- 5 Sun - **Rappelling Skills**, ClbSch 1m 300' M, Sullivan 342-6546
- 8 Wed - **Crevasse Rescue**, ClbSch, Still 344-7324
- 10 Fri - **Dorris Ranch**, Hike 4m 0' E, Cunningham 344-0486
- 11 Sat - **Dog Mountain**, Hike 6.9m 2820' D, Lipton 736-7498
- 12 Sun - **Cone Peak / Iron Mtn**, Hike 8m 1900' M, Wolling 345-2110
- 15 Wed - **Crevasse Rescue Class Session**, ClbSch, Still 344-7324
- 16 Thu - **Hart Mountain & Sheldon National Wildlife**, Expl Talk
- 16 Thu - **North Shasta Loop**, Hike 5m 400' M, Romoser 726-8154
- 17 Fri - **Marys Peak**, Hike 8m 2000' M, Christensen 343-8941
- 17 Fri - **Get Acquainted Hike - Ribbon Tr**, Hike E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 18 Sat - **Tire Mountain**, Hike 7.6m 800' M, Pierce 344-1775
- 18 Sat - **Crevasse Rescue**, ClbSch, Still 344-7324
- 18 Sat - **Chi Gong Hike**, Hike 6.7m 1400' M, Lipton 736-7498
- 18 Sat - **Get Acquainted Hike - Ribbon Tr**, Hike E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 18 Sat - **Iron Mountain**, Hike 8m 1800' M, Christiansen 687-8379
- 19 Sun - **Lorane to Drain**, Hike 5.2m 2000' D, Hegg 484-0619
- 19 Sun - **Silver Falls**, Hike 7m 600' M, Hovis 521-3663
- 21 Tue - **Mt Pisgah Solstice**, Hike 2.8m 1000' E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 21 Tue - **Oregon Zoo**, Bus, Reanier 687-1925
- 24 Fri - **Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim - Essenbergs**, Potluck
- 24 Fri - **Bunchgrass Ridge**, Hike 12m 1200' D, Stockdale 767-3668
- 25 Sat - **Three Pyramids**, Hike 4m 1800' M, Hamilton 343-6550
- 25 Sat - **Olallie Mountain**, Hike 7.2m 1200' M, Graham 933-1612
- 25 Sat - **Cape Perpetua**, Hike 3m 700' E, Delaby 688-4978
- 25 Sat - **Coast Range**, Bike 35m 800' M, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 26 Sun - **Rebel Rock**, Hike 14m 3300' D, Huff 868-5391
- 26 Sun - **Iron Mountain**, Hike 8m 1800' M, Lipton 736-7498

## July

- 2 Sat - **Chi Gong & Meditation**, Bk Pk 4m 1000' M, Lipton 736-7498
- 8 Fri - **Orchard Point**, Bike 26m 50' M, Esch 338-8280
- 9 Sat - **Eula Ridge**, Hike 9m 3300' D, Harris 521-5807
- 9 Sat - **Get Acquainted Hike - Ribbon Tr**, Hike E, Jacobsen 343-8030
- 10 Sun - **Crescent Mountain**, Hike 8.6m 2200' D, Adkins 344-4163
- 12 Tue - **Fort Vancouver/Hudson's Bay Co.**, Bus, West 343-5492
- 16 Sat - **Lowder Mountain**, Hike 5.6m 900' M, Duncan 343-8079
- 16 Sat - **Substitute Point**, Hike 10m 2000' D, Christiansen 687-8379
- 17 Sun - **Threemile Lake**, Hike 8m 300' M, Hovis 521-3663
- 18 Mon - **Mt. St. Helens**, Climb 9m 4600', Blumm 343-8830
- 23 Sat - **Mt. Jefferson**, Climb 16m 6200', Deeter 954-0924
- 23 Sat - **Lillian Fl/Goddard Trail**, Hike 2.4m 600' E, Strahon 689-0753
- 24 Sun - **Tam McArthur Rim**, Hike 5m 1200' M, Terry 345-0720
- 24 Sun - **Lorane**, Bike 44m 100' D, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 25 Mon - **Mt. St. Helens**, Climb 9m 4600', Pierce 344-1775
- 27 Wed - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell 503-884-8829
- 31 Sun - **Silver Creek Falls**, Hike 7m 600' E, Pierce 344-1775

## August

- 1 Mon - **Glacier Travel Experience**, ClbSch, Sullivan 342-6546
- 6 Sat - **4Ts Trail - Portland**, Hike 4.5m 400' E, Ewing 344-9197
- 6 Sat - **Goodman Creek**, Hike 7m 600' M, Hoeg 484-6196
- 6 Sat - **Sawtooth Mountain**, Hike 13m 2000' D, Hoyland 338-9881

- 6 Sat - **Row River**, Bike 36m 100' M, Strahon 689-0753
- 7 Sun - **Lowder Mountain**, Hike 5.6m 900' M, Terry 345-0720
- 11 Thu - **Cape Arago, Shore Acres**, Bus, West 343-5492
- 12 Fri - **Hunts Cove**, Bk Pk 15m 3000' D, Sullivan 683-6837
- 12 Fri - **McKenzie Pass Geology**, Hike 3m 200' E, Rodda 343-3887
- 13 Sat - **North Sister**, Climb 15m 5300', Hamilton 343-6550
- 13 Sat - **Middle Sister**, Climb 14.5m 5300', Pierce 344-1775
- 13 Sat - **Mt Pisgah Sunrise**, Hike 2.8m 1000' E, Murdock 345-8305
- 13 Sat - **Black Crater**, Hike 7.2m 2500' M, Nelson 736-6076
- 14 Sun - **Mt. St. Helens & Mt. Rainier**, Ext Trip, Duncan 343-8079
- 20 Sat - **Jefferson Park**, Hike 10.2m 1800' M, Sinnott 915-0234
- 20 Sat - **Fuji Mountain**, Hike 3m 950' E, Wood 782-2710
- 21 Sun - **Mt. Yoran**, Hike 8m 1200' M, Colgan 485-2787
- 24 Wed - **Matthieu Lakes**, Hike 6m 800' M, Duncan 343-8079
- 26 Fri - **Diamond Lake - Crater Lake**, Hike M, Castleberry 513-8504
- 27 Sat - **Little Brother**, Hike 10.2m 2940' D, Hamilton 343-6550
- 27 Sat - **Obsidian Trail**, Hike 10m 1100' M, Christiansen 687-8379
- 28 Sun - **Gerdine Butte**, Hike 7m 1000' M, Hovis 521-3663
- 31 Wed - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell 503-884-8829

## September

- 3 Sat - **Golden Lake**, Bk Pk 8.5m 1500' D, Lipton 736-7498
- 4 Sun - **Green Lakes**, Hike 8.9m 1100' M, James 683-7488
- 6 Tue - **Women's Hosmer Lake Canoe/Kayak**, Water E, Esch 338-8280
- 9 Fri - **Rosary Lakes**, Hike 7m 800' M, Cunningham 344-0486
- 9 Fri - **Jefferson Park**, Bk Pk 17m 2000' D, Hovis 521-3663
- 10 Sat - **Scott Mountain**, Hike 8.2m 1300' M, Morris 726-7474
- 10 Sat - **The Husband**, Climb 16m 3500', Deeter 954-0924
- 11 Sun - **Four-in-One Cone**, Hike 8.6m 1500' M, Tucker 344-8371
- 14 Wed - **Astoria Bicentennial 1811-2011**, Bus, Beard 994-2337
- 15 Tue - **Hikes Mt. Hood Area**, Ext Trip, Sanders 255-2524
- 17 Sat - **Obsidian Tr - Arrow Lk**, Hike 12m 2100' D, Harrison 556-3654
- 17 Sat - **S Slough Estuary**, Water E, Ewing 344-9197
- 18 Sun - **Erma Bell Lakes**, Hike 8.4m 800' M, Musselwhite 461-3296
- 18 Sun - **Lorane - Doane Hill**, Bike 35m D, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 18 Sun - **Sweet Creek Falls**, Hike 2.5m 250' E, Pierce 344-1775
- 21 Wed - **Mt Pisgah Equinox Hike**, Hike 2.8m 1000' E, Sojak 525-1124
- 23 Fri - **South Waldo**, Bk Pk 11m 1000' M, Hovis 521-3663
- 24 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell 503-884-8829
- 24 Sat - **Mt. Thielsen**, Climb 10m 3800', Anderson 607-5896
- 24 Sat - **Vivian Lake**, Bk Pk 4m 1600' M, Lipton 736-7498
- 27 Tue - **Fuji Mtn - Island Lp**, Hike 15m 2200' D, Wilken 343-3080
- 30 Fri - **Mt Hubris/Cosmic Wall**, Climb 7m 2500', Deeter 954-0924

## October

- 1 Sat - **Lakeview Mtn**, Hike 10.5m 2130' D, Chemotti 608-852-5566
- 2 Sun - **Indigo Lake**, Hike 4.8m 600' E, Musselwhite 461-3296
- 4 Tue - **Fall Colors: Spirit Mountain and More**, Bus, Jensen 345-5366
- 8 Sat - **Detering Orchard**, Bike 28m 20' M, Esch 338-8280
- 9 Sun - **Maiden Peak**, Hike 11.6m 2900' D, Hubata-Vacek 345-3060
- 15 Sat - **Grizzly Peak**, Hike 10m 2700' D, Weaver 852-6128
- 22 Sat - **McKenzie View/Coburg**, Bike 25m 200' M, Strahon 689-0753
- 22 Sat - **Tamolitch Pool/Clear Lk**, Hike 10.5m 900' M, Lipton 736-7498
- 23 Sun - **Silver Falls**, Hike 7m 600' M, Hackett 953-7046
- 29 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell 503-884-8829
- 29 Sat - **Smith Rocks**, Hike 10m 800' E, Hamilton 343-6550

## November

- 5 Sat - **Eel Creek**, Hike 6m 100' M, Hackett 953-7046
- 6 Sun - **Kentucky Falls**, Hike 4.4m 800' E, Ledet 683-2603
- 26 Sat - **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell 503-884-8829

## December

- 6 Tue - **Christmas Bus Trip - TBA**, Bus, Reanier 687-1925
- 18 Sun - **Three Mile Lake**, Hike 6.7m 400' M, Lipton 736-7498





# Oregon Natural Desert Association

By Dave Predeek

**W**HEN THE BILL ESTABLISHING the 170,000-acre Steens Mountain Wilderness was signed by President Clinton in 2000, Bill Marlett, executive director of the Oregon Natural Desert Association was there in the Oval Office to witness the event. Since the founding in 1989 the ONDA (Oregon Natural Desert Association) has become the leader in advocating for Oregon's canyon and high desert ecosystems.

In the last few years Spring Basin near Clarno and the Badlands south-east of Bend have received Congressional protection as Wilderness. In the John Day River basin, Cathedral Rock and Horse Heaven areas may soon follow.

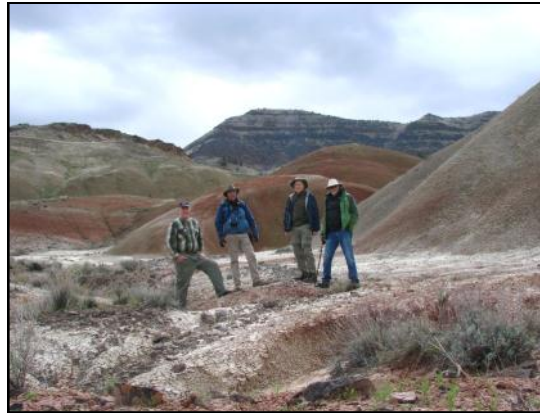
The organization can always use more volunteers and there are more than 20 events in 2011 in which volunteers can participate. Some of these events include streamside tree planting along the South Fork of the Crooked River, sage grouse surveys at Hart Mountain and fence pulling at Riddle Ranch at the base of Steens Mountain.

This year ONDA held its Annual Meeting near Clarno April 15 to 17. It was preceded by a 2-day campout which 8

of us attended at Jim Carlson's Peacock Ranch. Jim was a great host who drove us around the periphery of the proposed 30,000-acre Sutton Mountain Wilderness nearby. That evening Jim invited us to his rustic log home for a buffalo barbecue.

Friday at Camp Hancock we registered for the ONDA Meeting. Saturday we drove into the hills for several hours of barbed wire fence pulling. In the evening the Warm Springs Tribe fed us barbecued salmon. Afterwards Brent Fenty presented a slide show and a summary of ONDA accomplishments for the previous 12 months. It was a great opportunity to meet other people.

The headquarters of ONDA is in Bend, Oregon. If you would like information on volunteer activities see the website at <http://onda.org> or contact Jefferson Jacobs at [jjacobs@onda.org](mailto:jjacobs@onda.org).



Dave and friends at Sutton Mountain Wilderness

## What's New in Concessions:

# Fashion! Sales! Prizes!

**I**F YOU'RE COMING TO THE NEXT EXPLORATALK or potluck, stop by our concessions table and check out our new spring merchandise. Here are a few of the items that we've added to our line of products:

- **Bandanas** in four bright colors, perfect for keeping the sun off your neck, serving as a camp pot holder, or dipping cold water on a hot day.
- **Cotton baseball caps** with soft crowns in an array of fun colors, ideal for wearing to Em's games or the farmer's market.
- **Nylon brimmed sun hats** in sand or taupe with draw strings, just right for boating the Willamette or working in your garden.

Of course, all these items come with the Obsidians logo; so you can proudly (and fashionably) share your enthusiasm for your favorite outdoor club.

In addition to these new products, we have expanded our

selection of several other items. We have more colors and sizes in our short sleeve t-shirts, fleece vests, and fleece beanies. We've ordered more note cards with fantastic photos of the Lodge, the Dallas Cole mural and a few of Oregon's natural wonders.

Another reason to come see us is that each month we are going to put a different item on sale. In May all our travel mugs and tumblers will be 50% off. We're not sure what we'll mark down next. We like surprises.

Finally, at the May potluck we are having a 'good-bye winter, hello summer' drawing for one of our vests. Before the potluck or during the break, stop by our table and pick up a ticket. At the end of the program we'll draw a lucky number, and if you're the winner, you'll get

to pick out a vest in your favorite color and size.

Lots of good reasons to pay a visit. Hope to see you soon.

*Lyn Gillman-Garrick, Concessions Committee*





# POTLUCK

Friday, May 27:

## Bike Boys Follow Lewis and Clark

**L**AST SUMMER, four students from Springfield High joined their history teacher, James March (Obsidian member Chrissy Andersen's brother) on a 3,300-mile bike trip retracing the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition. From St. Louis, MO to Seaside, OR, they rode through 11 states in 48 days, encountering floods, bike malfunctions, heat exhaustion, unexpected detours, and even a tornado. Come to the May potluck and hear how these intrepid adventurers fared on their modern day expedition.

*Susan Wanser, Entertainment Chair*



### May Potluck

**Friday, May 27, 2011**

**Potluck, 6:30 pm / Program, 7:30 pm**

**Obsidian Lodge**

*Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...  
along with plates, utensils and cups...  
plus \$1 to help cover club expenses.*



**ExploraTalk** Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm:

## Antarctic Adventure



**J**IM PIERCE WILL SHOW US AMAZING PICTURES of his Antarctic Adventure at the Tuesday, May 17, ExploraTalk. Jim joined the Planetary Society Group last December for a two-week exploratory and educational trip to see a small portion of this forbidding continent. For a detailed preview of his experience, refer to the *March Bulletin*.

For now, here is a quote from Jim's article.. "Surreal, black and white paintings of mountains, ocean and ice, vastness, starkness, un-scaled grandeur, isolation, many forms of ice, abundant wildlife - these are just a few of the impressions of the vast Antarctic continent that few people ever have the privilege to see."

Toward the end of the two-day sea crossing of the Drake Passage, the participants were given instructions in onshore behavior and had all their outer gear vacuumed to remove seeds and spores that could affect ecosystems of the Antarctic environment. All in preparation for the thrill of kayaking under 3,000 to 6,000 ft. ice covered mountains jutting straight out of the sea, hiking over several kinds of snow and ice to rookeries of 30,000 pairs of penguins, and many other exciting adventures that Jim will share with us.

*Joella Ewing, Conservation/SciEd Chair*



## ?? Ashland Extended Trip ??

I'M LOOKING FOR A FEW OBSIDIANS interested in an extended trip to Ashland. I'm envisioning 3 or 4 nights the last week of September, probably during the week, in a rental house or two. As I do not know the hiking trails in the area well enough to say I'll lead, we'll all do some reading in advance, come up with our favorite possibilities, and see where our interests intersect. Then we'll explore. Of course, evenings are full of great plays. If interested, please drop me an email. If there is enough response, I'll run this by the Extended Trips Committee. [holbertmary@gmail.com](mailto:holbertmary@gmail.com)

*Mary Holbert, Potential Leader*

## Members in the Media

THE OBSIDIANS RECEIVED SOME NICE PUBLICITY with two pictures of members in the Local News section of the April 24<sup>th</sup> Register Guard. Jim Pierce was manning a push broom and Janet Jacobsen, with her Obsidian sweatshirt prominently displayed, was helping clear brush with two other workers. Thanks to them and all others who helped participate in Ridgeline Celebration Day activities on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Nominating Committee

JIM PIERCE AND JANET JACOBSEN will be organizing the meetings of the Obsidian Nominating Committee. If you have suggestions for candidates for the Obsidian Board of Directors, please contact Jim or Janet by May 20. Your comments will be forwarded to the other committee members. The committee will meet to select three candidates for election for three-year terms to the Obsidian Board of Directors beginning January 2012. The nominees' names need to be submitted to the board at its July meeting. The election will take place at the October annual meeting at the Lodge. For more information about the election process, see Article IV of the Obsidian Constitution, available in Members Only on the website.

*Janet Jacobsen, Nominating Committee*

## Classifieds

### Yachats Rental

Steps to rocky shore walking path and one block to 6 miles of sandy beach. Many day hikes in area. Two story house with ocean views; 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Through May 27, two person special \$95/night; additional cleaning fee fully refundable. See [www.whalesnook.com](http://www.whalesnook.com), or contact Steve 852-3823 or Jen 431-0767.

### Storage Wanted

A place to store firewood from the Lodge long-term. Cash, firewood, or handy man services in exchange for payment. Sam Tracer 744-6258 - leave message.

## Obsidian Calendar

### May

13 Fri - <b>Blacklock Point</b> , Bk Pk M, Hovis .....	521-3663
14 Sat - <b>Upper McKenzie River Tr</b> , Hike E, Morris ....	726-7474
14 Sat - <b>Sweet Creek Falls</b> , Hike E, Ledet .....	683-2603
14 Sat - <b>Clear Lake</b> , Hike E, Delaby .....	688-4978
14 Sat - <b>Rock Skills for Leaders</b> , ClbSch, Nelson .....	736-6076
15 Sun - <b>M Fork Willamette</b> , Hike M, Musselwhite ....	461-3296
15 Sun - <b>Castle Rock</b> , Hike D, Stockdale .....	767-3668
17 Tue - <b>OR Gardens, Silver Falls</b> , Bus, Allen .....	736-0692
17 Tue - <b>Mt Pisgah Sunrise/Moonset</b> , Hike E, Murdock ..	345-8305
17 Tue - <b>Antarctic Adventure</b> , Pierce .....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
18 Wed - <b>Pre's Trail</b> , Hike E, Prentice .....	687-5850
19 Thu - <b>Spring Basin Wldr</b> , Ext Trip, Stockdale .....	767-3668
19 Thu - <b>Baker Beach</b> , Hike M, Larsen .....	687-2589
21 Sat - <b>Heceta Head</b> , Hike M, Soussan .....	345-3046
21 Sat - <b>Old Baldy - Coburg Hills</b> , Hike D, Kirk .....	683-7033
22 Sun - <b>Scio Bridges</b> , Bike D, Gilman-Garrick .....	345-5236
24 Tue - <b>Little North Santiam</b> , Hike M, Christensen ....	343-8941
25 Wed - <b>Spencer Butte</b> , Trl Mnt, Bell .....	503-884-8829
26 Thu - <b>Skills Review-Columns</b> , ClbSch, Sullivan.....	342-6546
27 Fri - <b>Lewis and Clark Trail</b> - James March .....	<b>Potluck</b>
28 Sat - <b>Kentucky Falls</b> , Hike E, Pierce .....	344-1775
29 Sun - <b>N Bank Deer Preserve</b> , Hike M, Stockdale ....	767-3668

### June

2 Thu - <b>Amanda Trail/Yachats</b> , Hike E, Jacobsen .....	343-8030
2 Thu - <b>Skills Review-Columns</b> , ClbSch, Sullivan.....	342-6546
3 Fri - <b>Long Tom Grange</b> , Bike E, Esch .....	338-8280
4 Sat - <b>Spencer Butte</b> , Trl Mnt, Bell .....	503-884-8829
4 Sat - <b>Spencer Butte Litter</b> , Hike M, Jacobsen .....	343-8030
4 Sat - <b>Goodman Creek</b> , Hike M, Flashenberg .....	461-1977
4 Sat - <b>Brice Creek</b> , Hike E, Pierce .....	344-1775
5 Sun - <b>Devil's Staircase</b> , Hike D, Sayre .....	345-2370
5 Sun - <b>Rappelling - Larison Rock</b> , ClbSch, Sullivan....	342-6546
8 Wed - <b>Crevasse Rescue Cass Session</b> , ClbSch, Still ...	344-7324
10 Fri - <b>Dorris Ranch</b> , Hike E, Cunningham .....	344-0486
11 Sat - <b>Dog Mountain</b> , Hike D, Lipton .....	736-7498
12 Sun - <b>Cone Peak/Iron Mtn</b> , Hike M, Wolling .....	345-2110
15 Wed - <b>Crevasse Rescue Cass Session</b> , ClbSch, Still..	344-7324
16 Thu - <b>Hart Mtn &amp; Sheldon Nat Wildlife</b> .....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
16 Thu - <b>North Shasta Loop</b> , Hike M, Romoser.....	726-8154
17 Fri - <b>Marys Peak</b> , Hike M, Christensen .....	343-8941
17 Fri - <b>Get Acquainted - Ribbon Trl</b> , Hike, Jacobsen..	343-8030
18 Sat - <b>Tire Mountain</b> , Hike M, Pierce.....	344-1775
18 Sat - <b>Crevasse Rescue</b> , ClbSch, Still.....	344-7324
18 Sat - <b>Chi Gong &amp; Meditation Hike</b> , Hike M, Lipton	736-7498
18 Sat - <b>Get Acquainted - Ribbon Trl</b> , Hike, Jacobsen .	343-8030
18 Sat - <b>Iron Mountain</b> , Hike M, Christiansen .....	687-8379
19 Sun - <b>Lorane to Drain</b> , Bike D, Hegg.....	484-0619
19 Sun - <b>Silver Falls</b> , Hike M, Hovis.....	521-3663
21 Tue - <b>Mt. Pisgah Solstice Hike</b> , Hike E, Jacobsen ....	343-8030
21 Tue - <b>Oregon Zoo</b> , Bus, Reanier .....	687-1925
24 Fri - <b>Grand Canyon</b> - Essenbergs .....	<b>Potluck</b>
24 Fri - <b>Bunchgrass Ridge</b> , Hike D, Stockdale .....	767-3668
25 Sat - <b>Three Pyramids</b> , Hike M, Hamilton.....	343-6550
25 Sat - <b>Olallie Mountain</b> , Hike M, Graham .....	933-1612
25 Sat - <b>Cape Perpetua</b> , Hike E, Delaby .....	688-4978
25 Sat - <b>Coast Range</b> , Bike M, Gilman-Garrick.....	345-5236
26 Sun - <b>Rebel Rock</b> , Hike D, Huff.....	868-5391
26 Sun - <b>Iron Mountain</b> , Hike M, Lipton.....	736-7498



Rainbow over The Needles at Haystack Rock on North Coast Extended Trip (see trip report on Page 8). Photo by Pat Soussan.



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