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Dates to Remember

June 22	Potluck
July 7	Bulletin Deadline
July 11	Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:
www.obsidians.org or
Register-Guard – Outdoors – Tuesday

The July *Bulletin* will be one week later than usual. There will be no *Bulletin* in August, so please submit all info for July and August for the next *Bulletin*.

Honorary Membership Nomination... for John and Janet Jacobsen

GOOD DAY,

IT IS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR ME TO BE ADDRESSING THE OBSIDIAN BOARD. And an honor to be proposing Honorary Membership for John and Janet Jacobsen this year.

For several years now, almost every page of the *Obsidian Bulletin* heralds the work and dedication to our Club of John and Janet Jacobsen. Hours upon hours given for trips and activities and unlimited hours of work to maintain our Lodge and Oregon Trails. Everything *Obsidian*, the Jacobsens have put their hearts, minds and muscle to make our membership a rewarding joy.

The Jacobsen spirit of leadership and enthusiasm, set an example for all. And so, my point is...it is time to honor them with Honorary Membership ... 'Mr. & Mrs. *Obsidian*.'

It has come to my attention that, the *Obsidian Constitution* allows for only one Honorary member a year. So the Jacobsens will have to take turns. I suggest to the Board that we respect the 'ladies first' rule and nominate Janet first. Her valuable contribution to the *Obsidians* is evident on just about every page of the club *Bulletin*...and has been for years. Working tirelessly for the 'good of the order.'

On a personal note, I sincerely hope and encourage the nomination of John Jacobsen for Honorary status in the near future. He should be similarly honored as he, like Janet, represents the *Obsidian* spirit in the true sense.

Our Membership Directory indicates that I am the oldest living past president of the Club. In all these years I remember several wonderfully hard-working dedicated team members. None with the tenure of John and Janet, however. How can we manage without them?

I have always been proud and grateful for my *Obsidian* membership...one of the best things to ever happen in my life. I'm very proud to be nominating John and Janet for Honorary membership.

Sincerely, Ray Cavagnaro

Editor's note: The above letter was submitted to the Board of Directors by Ray Cavagnaro, and transcribed by the Bulletin for publication.

THE OBSIDIANS HAVE A NEW MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 51510
Eugene, OR 97405

AS YOU MAY KNOW, for many years now the *Obsidians* have had two mailing addresses. No more. Cross out the PO Box 322 and 97440 Zip Code on your membership directory and replace them with our new address. For trip leaders with old sign-up sheets or membership applications, please cross out the old PO Box 51424 and replace with the new 51510. No more guessing which address to use. Mail will be forwarded by the Post Office from the old boxes for a year, but it is faster and more reliable to just use the new address. Happy mail...and trails!

It's Now Easier to Check the Schedule . . . and Add a Trip!

Check the schedule to make sure your trip doesn't conflict.

Email the information to summertrips@obsidians.org

What if I haven't led a trip before? Email summertrips@obsidians.org
Someone on the Trips Committee will meet with you to explain the procedures.

How much lead time? The more time the trip is posted, the more signups. The trip can be up and ready for signups within a few days.

Why add trips? The weather forecast doesn't include rain. There are empty spaces on the schedule. It is rewarding to share your favorite outdoor spots with others. We want to set a new record for Summer Trips!

Possible dates when trips are needed.

Saturday, June 23 (M)

Sunday, June 25 (E or D)

Saturday, July 21

Sunday, July 22 (E or D)

Saturday, August 4

Sunday, August 5

Saturday August 18

Sunday, August 19

Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26

Saturday, September 8

Sunday, September 9 (E or D)

Sunday, September 16 (D)

Sunday, September 17 (E or D)

Sunday, October 7 (E or M)

E: Easy M: Moderate D: Difficult

Tom Musselwhite, Summer Trips Chair

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Eugene Parks Foundation Hero Awards Banquet

Elle Weaver

BEFORE MATT BELL ACCEPTED THE TROPHY, the audience watched a montage of photos of Obsidians and friends digging, shoveling, planting, carrying, and driving the motorized wheel barrows on the Ridgeline Trail. Obsidians looked tough! The words on the trophy, *Best Lead Role Eugene Parks Foundation 2012 Community Hero Matthew Bell and The Obsidians*, were cause for clapping and smiles!

In his acceptance speech, Matt thanked the Parks and Open Space for their support. With a big smile, he invited anyone who wanted to help, to join the Obsidians at Spencer Butte the following morning. Matt shared the trophy with the Obsidians and volunteers at the trailhead. Everyone was all smiles as they passed the trophy.

Our club thanks Matt for his leadership on the trail projects and his work with the Eugene Parks and Open Space staff to make it happen. We also thank his wife, Betsy, for her support. By the way, their one year old son, Oliver, attended his first trail maintenance event in May.

For all of us who regularly use the Ridgeline Trail, we sincerely appreciate all the sweat and effort that goes into keeping the trails open and attractive. It's one of Eugene's jewels. Congratulations, Matt and the Obsidians.

The next trail maintenance is Wednesday, June 27 at 5:30. Contact Matt at trails@obsidians.org.



Ridgeline Trail Well-maintained

Letter to Editor, *Register-Guard*, May 11, 2012

I've been running the Ridgeline Trail every week for about the last 10 years, rain or shine, season after season. The trail is never boring and so remarkably well-maintained that it's always a joy to run.

The spring's late snow really set the trail back, however. Every few hundred yards, especially the section linking Wil-liamette Street and Fox Hollow Road, it was littered with

fallen 100-year-old Douglas firs.

I thought it would be months before the trail was clear enough to run again — but amazingly, two weeks after the big snow, the trail was completely runnable again.

The organizations and volunteers who maintain the trail do a fantastic job. I run in cities throughout North America and I've yet to find running trails as nice as ours. Thanks are due, too, to the red-haired woman who keeps the water cooler stocked for runners (and dogs) at the corner of Martin Street and Canyon Drive. Year-after-year, summer and winter, it's always there and the trail is always calling out: Run. Walk. Anything. Just get out here!

Joseph M. Beechem

Eugene



Matt Bell's note: *The Obsidians had two trail projects with the City plus four trail projects to help clean up the Ridgeline Trail. Pat Soussan, Todd Larsen, and Jim Whitfield led three of the 'mucking the trail' projects.*

BOARD NOTES

June 6, 2012

By Kathy Hoeg

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Lenore McManigal, Tom Musselwhite, Doug Nelson, Nola Nelson, Jim Pierce, Sue Sullivan, and Susan Wanser. The Board approved the minutes of the May 2012 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet. The Board approved payment of the bills:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite):

The Summer Trips Committee conducted New Leader Training and Orientation on May 17. All Trip Leader Packet forms and other content is current and available on the Obsidian web site in the Members Only area at this time. Through May 31, 31 trips have been completed.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): A total of Forty-three Winter Trips were completed: 10 cross country ski outings, 10 snow shoe outings, 9 winter hikes, 14 urban hikes. Twenty-four different Trip Leaders led a Winter Outing, including several first timers.

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): Three climbs were completed in May and 3 were rescheduled due to weather or snow conditions. The reorganization of the gear closet is complete and a catalog and history of climbing gear has been assembled.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): In May there were three outings on the trails in Spencer Butte park.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): March, April and May trips were completed as scheduled. All remaining bus trips are open for more riders.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): The number of folks signed up for Summer Camp is 106 (the maximum is 90). The final payment is due June 15.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale):

The September Opal Creek trip is two-thirds filled. An extended trip to the Spring Basin Wilderness, staying at the Hancock Field Station, is tentatively scheduled for May 17-19, 2013, led by Janet Jacobsen.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Cary Kerst's Dragonflies/Damselflies program was well received by 34 participants, 6 of whom found us because of the Register Guard article. Rick Ahrens narrated the Delta Ponds exploration on May 12.

Publication (Nola Nelson): We expect to publish the July issue a week later than usual, due to the first Wednesday landing on the 4th of July holiday.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): 48 people attended Chris Stockdale's presentation on her trip to Africa.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Current membership, including members proposed for approval at this meeting total 464.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): Obsidian Website. The June Events Calendar, flyers for Yaquina Head Bus Trip, Get Acquainted Hikes, and Summer Trail Maintenance are posted.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): We set up the Concessions table at the May potluck and ExploraTalk. We got approval to add first aid kits to our inventory, thanks in large part to Pat Esch and the Safety Committee. Patty MacAfee has graciously agreed to take over Concessions for the summer, so if you have any questions please direct them to her.

Online (Wayne Deeter): The Restricted List is now available online at the committee level. Work is in progress to have both the leader and committee notified by email when someone on the restricted list signs up for a trip. There will also be email notification when a junior signs up for a trip. The Membership List on the Members Only side of our web site is now automatically updated from the member-

ship database every night. Also now linked directly to the database are: the 'Coming Up' list on the home page (and a general list of trips in the next 3 months and detailed list of the next 3 (or so) weeks on the Climbs and Summer Trips pages. The Winter Trips and Trails pages will be updated in a similar fashion. Also in the near future, the Extended Trips, Bus Trips, Conservation, Science & Education (ExploraTalks), and Entertainment (Potluck) pages will be updated to get their information from the database. This will enable those committees to keep their pages up-to-date. (Those committees which don't already have committee level access will be given it.)

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the activities featured in the May Bulletin have been recorded on the member's activity sheets.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The lodge has been rented for the evening of June 23.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Routine grounds maintenance during May.

Safety (Pat Esch): Safety inventoried and resupplied the First Aid Kits at the Y and retired #8 for cannibalization. We will replace expired meds ASAP.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the four applications for membership.

John Jacobsen was contacted by homeowners who live next to the Lodge. They reported that a developer is planning to build apartment buildings in Laurel Hill valley. The Board approved the formation of an ad hoc committee chaired by John Jacobsen to work with the neighbors on investigating the development project. The Board also approved allowing the committee and neighbors to use the Lodge for meetings and events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on July 11 at 6:00 p.m. This is later than usual in order to avoid the July 4 holiday.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



SnowShoe Trips

Little Nash

April 8, 2012

Leader: Scott Hovis

SShoe: 5 miles, 800 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD GREAT WEATHER FOR A LONG HIKE. Worth the effort for the wonderful views! The hike can be difficult because the elevation gain comes all at once. Depending on hiking speed, it can take 45-60 minutes, at a constant 45-degree incline, to hike through the change in elevation. At the top, it was windy and cold and we needed to search for natural shelter from the elements in order to eat lunch in relative comfort, tucked in behind some trees. Though this area is known for its snowmobile usage, we did not see any that day. The trail to the top is mostly bushwhacking with no blue diamonds to follow. We did note an interesting geological feature along the North side: there appears to be a warm air vent, coming up from underneath. And we all made it home in time for Easter dinner! Members: Mari Baldwin, Danneille Harris, Rick Harris, Dick Hildreth, Scott Hovis, Moshe Rapaport, and Rich Romm. Non-members: David Russell.



Bike Trips

West Eugene Wetlands - Biking & Birding

May 1, 2012

Leader: Anne Montgomery

Bike: 14 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

WHAT OUR GROUP LACKED IN QUANTITY, we made up in quality. Except for a few rain drops, our bicycling and birding trip enjoyed a cool but pleasant morning on the West Eugene Bike Path. We saw camas, wild iris, buttercups, and death camas in bloom. Our avian sightings included red-winged black bird, black-capped chickadee, crow, dunlin, goldfinch, Canada goose, great blue heron, kestrel, mallard, ring-necked pheasant, shoveler, song sparrow, barn swallow, cliff swallow, tree swallow, violet-green swallow, cinnamon teal, green-winged teal, turkey vulture, orange-crowned warbler, yellow-rumped warbler, and yellowthroat. After the official end of our trip, we adjourned to a Thai restaurant to continue our conversations and enjoy the companionship. A big thanks to my fellow travelers who showed up and made this such a successful outing! Members: Patricia Esch, Anne Montgomery, and Moshe Rapaport. Nonmembers: Carol Stern.

Scio Covered Bridges

May 6, 2012

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 48 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

THE LONG-AWAITED DAY FOR THIS RIDE ARRIVED and the weather was perfect - in the low 70s. We decided to split into two groups, shortening the ride for those that only wanted to ride 31 miles sans the hills. Six chose that option while four of us rode the planned route of 48 miles, which passed five of the six existing covered bridges. Toward the end of the ride a parade of convertible Corvettes passed us from the opposite direction and all hands waved from both sides of the road. It was interesting to note that both groups left at the same time and finished within ten minutes of one another. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Anne Bonine, Patricia Esch, Richard Hughes, George Jobanek, Lana Lindstrom, Moshe Rapaport, Guy Strahon, and Judy Terry.



Byways By Bus

Columbia Gorge/Hood River/Mt. Hood

April 24 & 25, 2012

Leaders: Barbara and Paul Beard

Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

Bus Trip

TWENTY OBSIDIANS AND ONE BUS DRIVER left Shopko parking lot at 8:00 AM, April 24, for two days of exploring in the NW Cascades. The weather cooperated most of the time when we wanted to stop and walk or see the sights a little closer. We were only rained on once, walking from the Visitor Center to the powerhouse at Bonneville to view the water turbines and operations inside the dam. Very good tour guide and interesting visit.

Our first day of travel took us on I-5 to the Canby exit, here we stopped for a coffee break and then turned east to travel back roads to Mt. Hood for lunch. Many had not traveled some of these out-of-the-way roads. Many thought we might be lost roaming the foothills of the Cascades, but we ended up at Sandy just five minutes later than the leaders had anticipated. At a great bakery we loaded up on goodies for later. The beautiful Christmas tree farms atop the rolling hills, some so large you could not see the end of the plantings, seemed to stretch for miles. Many of the back roads were unknown to most of the riders, and some wondered whether leaders or the bus driver had seen some of the roads, either. Guess we will never know, but the weather was great, with great views, great Oregon countryside, great sightseeing.

Our lunch and afternoon were spent at Timberline. We dined in the Mountain View room with linens and the works. Then we split into two groups: one rode the snow cat, the other toured the Lodge, including a video on building the Lodge. What a project! It was included in President Roosevelt's New Deal plan to get Americans back to work after the Depression. Oregonians can really be proud of this beautiful lodge. The wood timbers and furnishings tell it all – all Oregon-made products. President Roosevelt visited the Lodge upon its completion. We ended our day touring through the apple orchards, almost in full bloom, to the Panoramic View at Hood River. A spectacular place for picture taking of Mt. Hood and the apple orchards below. Then on to our destination for a wonderful dinner and stay at the Hood River Inn.

The next day found us visiting the W.A.A.A.M. Museum. (Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum). This is a one-of-a-kind museum. The vehicles all fly, drive or can be pedaled. The displays are owned by individuals, not the museum. The owner may want to drive in a parade or fly in an air show someplace, or the roadster may have just been taken out for a leisurely spin. The displays are always changing.

After our tour of W.A.A.A.M. we stopped by the Historic Columbia Gorge Hotel for a short tour and a walk around the gardens, over the creek, and to view the waterfall (206 ft.) to the east of the Hotel. On to Cascade Locks and the Bridge of the Gods for lunch, dining again on the Columbia River with a beautiful view of the bridge. Quite a history in the area from Lewis and Clark to the present, and the controversy about building a casino.

After a five-mile jaunt on I-85 we were back to old highways and backroads, continuing west at the Ainsworth exit for a spectacular drive on Highway 30 to view waterfalls: Multnomah, Horsetail, Bridal View and several more were just outside the bus window as we slowed to see each one in its magnificent splendor. Arriving at the Vista House overlook we were not disappointed, the weather cooperated again and we were able to see for miles and miles and miles. Our last great waterfall, the Willamette Falls at Oregon City, was spectacular this time of year. We continued on backroads through Damas-



cus and south to I-5 just below Woodburn—homeward bound.

Riders: Judy and Tom Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Ron Bauer, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Dark, Rosemary Etter, Barbara and Dennis Flanders, Janet Jacobsen, Marjorie Jackson, Barbara and Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Virginia Prouty, Christie White: Leaders: Barbara and Paul Beard.

Harrisburg Museum, Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Garland Nursery

May 15, 2012

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth & Bill Arthur

Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

Bus Trip

UNDER CLOUDY SKIES our small group headed out for a day of enjoying the beauty of the Willamette Valley. Our first stop was the Harrisburg Area Museum where we were impressed by the



well-kept appearance of the buildings and displays. We had our coffee break in the picnic pavilion using the forty foot long picnic tables and benches. These impressive pieces were all cut from one fir tree by the Hull-Oaks Lumber Company near Corvallis. Bill Arthur and Ellis Dodd each took a group on tour of all buildings and displays. We enjoyed hearing stories about the acquisition and uses of the antique machinery. Of special interest was the Bruce Witmer collection of scale model historic buildings, including Crater Lake Lodge, Noah's Ark and a full set of farm buildings. Mr. Witmer was a master model maker who came to Harrisburg from Pennsylvania in 1959. We were pleased that Ray Jensen joined us for the museum tour.

As we left the museum the sun came out to help make a leisurely drive through the farm lands even lovelier. We saw fields of meadow foam, red clover and iris in bloom, flocks of sheep, a large variety of blooming trees and shrubs, and lovely river crossings. Arriving at Schreiner's Iris Gardens about lunch time, we enjoyed our sack lunches at the picnic tables overlooking the floral display gardens. After a time spent strolling among the flowers, enjoying the cut flower displays and the gift shop, we headed south to Garland Nursery at Corvallis. Again, we enjoyed walking among the displays of flowers, shrubs, trees and garden art. Several of us brought home items for our own gardens. Final stop for the day was Hazelnut Hill for ice cream and purchasing hazelnut treats. All in all it was a lovely day with a great group of Obsidians.

Members: Ethel Allen, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Julie Snell, and Mary Ellen West.



Climbs

Diamond Peak

May 6, 2012

Leader & photographer: Danneille Harris

Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 ft.

NINE CLIMBERS GATHERED AT SEHS for one of the Climb School graduation climbs. Most were graduates doing their first mountaineering summit. Amazing weather was forecast and all were excited to put their new climbing skills to the test. We piled into two vehicles and headed up Highway 58 to the trailhead. Snow on the road prevented us from driving clear to the trailhead but we were able to get within a few hundred yards. Several other cars were already there including Sue Sullivan's who was leading another grad climb with a smaller faster group. We also greeted fellow Obsidians Wayne Deeter and Julie Polhemus who were there for a ski ascent. Snow began to cover the trail about 1/2 mile up into the forest, but a well-used track was easily followed. Good views of the peak



began to open up once we reached the plateau and the snow was still firm enough to avoid putting on the snowshoes. Unfortunately one climber began feeling ill and soon was unable to continue. Thankfully Rick volunteered to take the ill climber back to the vehicles so that the rest of the team could go on with the climb. As we prepared to send Rick and the ill climber back we were passed by several members of Eugene Mountain Rescue on skis along with their dogs. As the snow was softening up we also opted to put on our snowshoes before continuing. Once on the ridge we made faster time up to the false summit and greeted other climbers on their way down. All of us were appreciating our good quality snowshoes with heel lifters on the steep areas. There were a few icy spots as we made our way across the ridge but the snowshoes gripped well and we left them on all the way to the summit. It was a blast watching the smiles on everyone's faces as they took in the stunning views on their first summit. The team took time to remove snowshoes, eat, re-apply sunscreen, and take lots of pictures before we headed back down. We were able to glissade occasionally but soft snow prevented us from getting far or fast. Once below tree line we stopped occasionally to check the compass as many tracks from other groups covered the area. Soon we were back on the trail and made quick time back to the cars arriving about 9.5 hours after we had begun. The team took a moment to sing Happy Birthday to Jessica and headed back to town. It was a great time with a group of eager and enthusiastic climbers. Thanks again to Rick Harris for 'taking one for the team' so the rest of us could finish the climb. Members: Danneille Harris, Rick Harris, Erin Noble, and Michael Quigley. Nonmembers: Ivan Paskalev, Liz Hurkes, Jessica Kieras, Jason Winiarski, and Meghan Horne-Brine.

Diamond Peak

May 6, 2012

Leader: Sue Sullivan

Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 ft.

HOW DOES THAT OLD ADAGE GO... "It's better to be lucky than good". Well, we sure lucked out on the weather on Diamond Peak on May 6. Five of us left Eugene intending to do Corrigan Ridge to the summit, but found our way to the trailhead blocked by a large log in the road. After a brief debate, we decided to do the Pioneer Ridge route instead. We started up the trail at 7:40 AM. There was no snow for the first part of the trail through the woods, then it was a well-established boot track that led up to the flat area below the ridge. From there things seemed to go quickly, as we kicked steps up the ridge. John Mowat decided to stop and enjoy the view on the ridge at around 7,800 feet, and the rest of us continued on, stopping for a brief snack on the false summit before continuing on to the top. We summited a little after 1:00. There was no wind, and views aplenty on top, and we enjoyed watching a number of skiers head down the bowl. We were back at the car around 4:30. Members: John Cooper, John Hartman, John Mowat, and Sue Sullivan. Nonmembers: Dave Beardsley.

Middle Sister

May 12, 2012

Leader & photographer: Wayne Deeter

Climb: 18 miles, 5,300 ft.

IT WAS SUNNY AND WARM BOTH DAYS OF THE CLIMB. I was the only one of the four who chose to use skis on the approach. The others just hiked in and carried their snowshoes. Ah, the corn snow near our camp made for excellent skiing! We all agreed to start earlier than I had originally planned, so at 4:10



AM Sunday morning we started our climb. The firm snow meant that we could use crampons right from camp. The last quarter moon lighted our way—no need for headlamps! We roped up at the base of the Hayden Glacier. Half way up the hogsback we stopped to watch the sunrise. Mark chose to wait at the saddle while the rest of us climbed the north ridge. We summited a little after 8:00 but did not stay on top long due to the cold wind. We had great views though and could see all the way to Mt. Hood. The crampons were packed away back at the saddle as the snow was already getting soft. We made it back to camp by 10 A.M. The snowshoes which had been dead weight on the way in proved their worth on the way out—the warm temperature had turned the snow to mush. Members: Wayne Deeter and Doug Orwick. Nonmembers: Ivan Paskalev and Mark Tranby.

photo of this majestic tree. We were back at the cars around 2:30. Fortunately the warning about chiggers did not materialize but the poison oak was in its red glory. The overcast sky and cooler temperature was perfect for the open oak savannah hike. Two ticks traveled back to Eugene with us. Members: Anne Bonine, Janet Jacobsen, and Nancy Whitfield.

Sweet Creek Falls – Alpha Bit
May 4, 2012
Leader: Joella Ewing
Hike: 4 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

SPECTACULAR VOLUMES OF SNOWMELT-ENHANCED WATER FLOW make May a great month to hike Sweet Creek Falls. Old timers on this trail were pleasantly surprised and newcomers were duly impressed. The sun played hide-and-seek with us, and only a handful of raindrops fell on our parade. We scrubbed the Beaver Creek optional addition to be sure to make our dinner reservations on time at Alpha Bit Cafe in Mapleton. And what a feast it was! We stuffed on swordfish stuffed with spinach, feta and garlic, Tuscan salad, bowtie pasta, sautéed summer squash, fresh, hot, homemade bread; and chocolate espresso cake - the fixed menu for their Friday, May 4 weekly dinner - all for \$11.25, their fixed price for all Friday dinners at this point. Call Alpha Bit at the beginning of each month for that month's Friday night offerings. All thirteen famished hikers praised Chef Frank, and some suggest we offer this hike/dinner combination again in late August when we can cool off on a hot day by sitting in the water, spilling more gently in August over some of the flatter rocks in the creek bed. Members: Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Joella Ewing, Kathy Hoeg, Richard Hughes, Ken Kodama, Lana Lindstrom, Lou Maenz, Tom Musselwhite, Margaret Prentice, and Joe Sanders.

Middle Fork Willamette
May 4, 2012
Leader: Rob Castleberry
Hike: 10 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

THE MIDDLE FORK TRAIL EXTENDS FOR 33 MILES along the upper Willamette River. We walked the second segment from Butcherknife Creek (Road 2127) to the Camper Flat area. Drizzle came and went. The clouds thinned and parted just enough to warm us up and brighten views of the energetic and ever-changing river, moss-draped cliffs, mixed forest fresh with spring growth, and delightful side streams. Especially welcome was a little sunshine at our lunch stop on the river bank. We ran into two water obstacles along the way. Some of us took off boots and waded, while others walked a log to get across Spring Butte Creek. Calypso orchids and chocolate lilies starred in the wildflower show. It was Cindy's first hike as a member, her membership having been approved only days before. Some members of the group commented that the hike seemed shorter than the ten miles as advertised. Their internal pedometers were probably right. I believe it was closer to nine miles since we veered off to the river after crossing Coal Creek instead of continuing to Road 2134. Members: Keiko Bryan, Rob Castleberry, Mary Holbert, Janet Jacobsen, Cindy Miller, Moshe Rapaport, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Elizabeth David.



Hikes

North Bank Habitat/West Access
April 29, 2012
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 8 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

THREE OF US TOOK SOME DETOURS to avoid the Eugene Marathon route so that we could meet at the LCC parking lot at 8:00. By 9:30 we were hiking up Blacktail Ridge Road to Middle Ridge Road, and then skipping Chasm Creek Trail for the panoramic views of the North Boundary Ridge. After lunch we started down the Bear Tree Trail. We didn't think to question the name of the trail - did we miss something? The trail signs at intersections were most helpful, although we almost took a wrong turn where a big madrone tree had fallen on the trail. On previous hikes, Obsidians always wanted to stop for a

Mt. Pisgah - Sunset/Moonrise

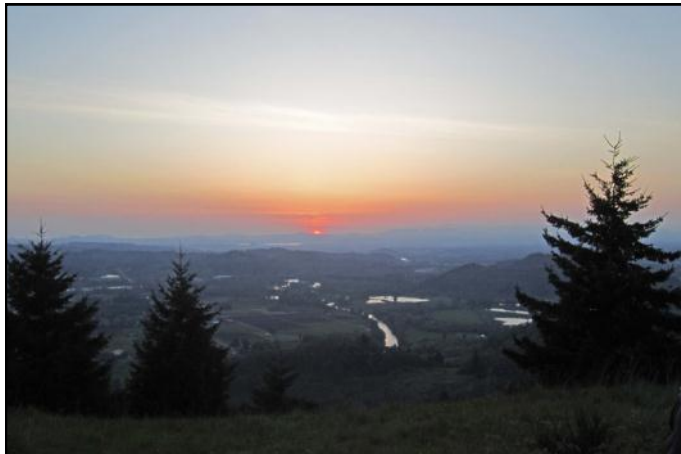
May 5, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WAS A CROWD ON TOP OF MT. PISGAH to observe the impressive sunset at 8:21. Everyone then turned around and within a few minutes saw the emerging orange super moon rise



above the Willamette foothills. It was time to take photographs and celebrate the closeness of our celestial neighbor. On the way down, we met many folks hiking up with blankets to possibly take advantage of more celestial closeness and the now bright planet of Venus. My passengers opted for hot chocolate but alas, the coffee shop was closed. Members: Rick Ahrens, Jennifer Baer, Marianne Camp, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Jyoti Naik, Susan Sanazaro, Darko Sojak, and Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Daniel Hartnell and Doug Thiesen.

William Finley Wildlife Refuge

May 6, 2012

Leader: Joe Sanders

Hike: 8 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

BECAUSE ONE SMALLISH SECTION OF THE ORIGINALLY MAPPED OUT LOOP still had boggy trail conditions, and in an effort to make this hike more appealing to more people by reducing the mileage, I dropped that section, canceling the larger loop so that total mileage on an in/out route was about 7-8 miles. Alas, bird life was notably reduced from when I'd scouted the trail in the beginning of April (migratory birds moved on?), but this loss was more than compensated for by a day of perfect weather, bringing out the brilliance of the panoramic open fields, while providing an invigorating walking climate. Dropping some of the original route enabled us to improvise by moving northward on the Pigeon Butte Trail, which we'd begun at Bruce Road (southern end of park) - now crossing Finley road, continuing on a previously unexplored dirt track past a small lake to the end of the path where we enjoyed lunch in an open field, by the small lake, in the sun. Christie Goss shared her yummy home-made cookies, and a couple of the Chinese students produced exotic candy and chewy dried fruit, brought directly from China. Everyone seemed knocked out by the shimmering beauty of fresh spring green in this open

expansive setting. Other experienced hikers re-confirmed the leader's own thoughts about how different this hike environment was from any other hikes we do. Two specifically commented, "This is nicer than I'd imagined it would be." Unregistered participants included students: Ji Wang, Dan Gao, Qi-yun Yam, and Xiaoting Ding. Members: Diantha Hull, John Moser, and Joe Sanders. Nonmembers: Christie Goss.

Bakery Crawl

May 6, 2012

Leader: Helen Martz

Hike: 4.5 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

ELEVEN OF US, INCLUDING ROBERTA'S THREE GRANDCHILDREN, enjoyed a leisurely stroll on a glorious Sunday afternoon. There was lots of interest in neighborhood gardens in full spring bloom, in creative urban artscapes, and, of course, in the offerings of our three designated bakery stops. The snow-covered Sisters were clearly visible from the top of Skinner Butte - how special is that? It was a lovely way to spend a sunny spring afternoon. Members: Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Harriet Kelly, Laurie Marshall, Helen Martz, Jyoti Naik, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Wendy Hubacek.

Buford Park - Mt. Pisgah

May 10, 2012

Leader & photographer: Lyn Gilman-Garrick

Hike: 7 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

BRUCE NEWHOUSE, A LOCAL FIELD ECOLOGIST, BOTANIST, EDUCATOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, led a group of us up, around, and over Mt. Pisgah to discover all its hidden treasures and corners, the places many of us miss on our dash to the summit. Our hike was about six miles long but took several



leisurely hours as we stopped to inspect the wildflowers, watch butterflies and listen for birds. Bruce also took time to show us the extensive work that has been done over the last two decades by the Friends of Buford Park to restore the vanishing oak savannah and the channelized floodplain, creating important habitat for many threatened plants and animals. We all enjoyed visiting a very special place in our own backyard on one of the first sunny, warm days of spring. Special thanks to Val Rogers,

Development Director of Friends of Buford Park, and Pam McClellan, volunteer with the Friends, for assisting Bruce on the tour. Members: Norma Bengiat, Anne Bonine, Patricia Esch, Bob Foster, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Maggie Gontrum, Sandra Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Helen Martz, Effie Neth, Jim Whitfield, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Carol Stern.

Kentucky Falls

May 12, 2012

Leader: Joella Ewing

Photographer: Jyoti Naik

Hike: 4.4 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

SEVENTY-NINE SUNNY DEGREES was plenty warm for mid-May, but not too hot for hiking beautiful Kentucky Falls since the trail is mostly shady through a 'jungly rainforest' (Bill



Sullivan). Spring snowmelt enhanced the volume of Upper Falls a half mile in and the Lower Falls and North Fork Falls, both 1.4 miles further and next to each other. After lunch on or near the viewing platform, we took Bill Sullivan's suggested 0.8 mile side trip to a six-foot waterfall that tumbles into a 140-foot long pool, great for swimming on a hot day, he says. Downed trees and short stretches of washed-out trail made this detour a bit more challenging than the well maintained main trail. Eight people enjoyed this glorious day and a spontaneous stop at Our Daily Bread in Veneta for a light dinner. Members: Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Tom Musselwhite, Jyoti Naik, and Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Martha Berger, Jim Woodard, and Nancy Matthews.

Yachats to Waldport

May 13, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Bill Crowell

Hike: 7 miles, (Moderate)

A WIND FROM THE NORTH QUICKLY PROMPTED US to begin the hike at Patterson State Park and walk south to Yachats. We were happy to have Joan and John Skarda from Florence join us for a sunny day on the beach. We started hiking at 11:00, completing the hike around 2:10. Low tide was at 1:15 PM. We celebrated Barbara Norregaard's birthday by writing a big



60 in the sand. She said, "I couldn't have asked for a better place or group of people to spend a milestone birthday with." If you would like to try this hike, go at low tide and wear shoes that don't have to be removed for the many stream crossings. Also there are only two restrooms (Tillicum and Beachside campgrounds), closer to Waldport than Yachats. Members: Barbara Aten, Patricia Esch, Chuck Harpham, Janet Jacobsen, Patricia Mac Afee, Barbara Norregaard, Moshe Rapaport. Nonmembers: Mei-Yueh Crowell, Bill Crowell, Joan Skarda, John Skarda.

Trials Country

May 13, 2012

Leader: Anne Dhu McLucas

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

FOUR OBSIDIANS (INCLUDING THE TWO LEADERS) and quite a few nonmembers met at 9:30 at the sign-in shed for Trials Country (a free, non-profit park just outside Eugene, open to the public with 70 miles of trails for hikers, bikers, horse-back



riders, and quiet motorized vehicles). After introductions we took off for a lovely 3 and 1/2 mile hike down one small

stream, up a hill, and back down to another stream, which we crossed twice--finally stopping for snacks (and a ride home on the ATV for the tired little ones). We finished with a hike through the woods and across an oak savannah. Fields of wild iris were in bloom, and we found an unusual kind of hanging moss, as well as a snake. We finished a bit after noon and all headed off to various celebrations. Members: Jim Gillette, Richard McGuinness, Anne Dhu McLucas, and Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Carolyn Sojak, Laurie Steinbruck, Gina Psaki, Annie Fischer, Anne Azéma, James and Sarah Gillette and their two young children, Ben and Sam, and Sarah's mother Cindy.

Horse Rock

May 17, 2012

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 4 miles, 538 ft. (Easy)

HORSE ROCK IS A RESEARCH NATURAL AREA IN THE COBURG HILLS owned and managed by the BLM. It's been in protected status since the mid-1990's due to its meadows and 'dike' of lava. Just two weeks earlier when I scouted this trip, there were absolutely no flowers in bloom. But today, we had a feast -- fawn lilies, shooting stars, calypso orchids, monkey flower, fleabane, and paintbrush were plentiful -- that's what warm, sunny weather brings! Plus we could see the mountains from Diamond Peak to Mt. Jefferson. No fauna, but plenty of flora. This is a short, albeit spectacular hike -- we were back in town by 2:00. Members: Patricia Esch, Kitson Graham, Dick Hildreth, Sandra Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Helen Martz, Anne Montgomery, Evelyn Nagy, Effie Neth, Moshe Rapaport, and Nancy Whitfield.

Delta Ponds

May 19, 2012

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

RICK AHRENS ENHANCED THE EXPERIENCE of our 17 other participants with his expert knowledge of the Delta Ponds history, flora and fauna. A partly overcast day made for pleasant walking, but kept all but two turtles below water. For viewing logs covered with turtles, as they had been a couple of weeks earlier in the afternoon sun, I'd suggest a 1:00 PM starting time rather than 9 AM. Rick started the lecture/tour at the far end of the Valley River Center (VRC) parking lot, rather than the Delta Ponds lot, as I had originally planned. The change in starting point gave Rick an opportunity to point out the first breach of the barrier originally separating the Willamette River from the ponds, and to describe how this new fresh water flow is beginning to re-create original habitat for fish, beaver and other animals. After two hours walking additional Delta Ponds trails, we adjourned the official trip at the Delta Ponds parking lot so people who wanted to could continue around the other end of the ponds, while others headed back to their cars at VRC. Members: Rick Ahrens, Barbara Bruns, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Yuan Hopkins, Effie Neth, Suzanne Steussy, and Barbara Sutherland. Nonmembers: Janel Laidman, Jennifer Hickey, Wayne Hickey, Wendy Hubacek, Doug Thiesen, and Robert Nordahl.

McKenzie River Trail

May 19, 2012

Leader & photographer: David Morris

Hike: 7.5 miles, 750 ft. (Moderate)

EIGHT HIKERS LEFT THE TRAIL BRIDGE TRAILHEAD AT 10:00 AM and headed upstream towards Sahalie Falls. The start was a little chilly but before long we were removing layers and enjoying the nice weather. The Blue Pool was as magnificent as ever with the water gushing from the lava just above the water line. Oregon grape was in bloom all along the trail.



About half way between Blue Pool and Carmen Reservoir we stopped for lunch and enjoyed the tranquil setting. We enjoyed the views of the rocky cliffs and large trees along this part of the trail. The marsh below Carmen Reservoir looks out of place with the stagnant water and birch trees. Across the marsh you could see large dogwoods in bloom with their white flowers standing out against the evergreens. Soon you could hear the sounds of the waterfall. The water was high adding to the beauty of Koosah and Sahalie Falls. Everyone agreed that this was a good hike. Members: Carol Anderson, Norma Bengiat, Lynda Christiansen, Valerie Metcalfe, David Morris, Jyoti Naik, and Lamonte Smith. Nonmembers: Jean Ella.

Castle Rock

May 20, 2012

Leader: Chris Stockdale

Hike: 11.4 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

THE LONG STREAK OF MAY'S DRY SUNNY WEATHER stretched far enough that the hike up Castle Rock took place on a mild spring day. Although fairly long, the trail is so well graded that most hikers have no problems reaching the top. The group of nine Obsidians and one nonmember, although climbing at different paces, all reached the old lookout site on top in about 2-1/2 hours or faster and were rewarded with views of the Three Sisters, Mt. Washington and other snowy peaks. They enjoyed a leisurely hour-long lunch in the sunshine before heading back down the trail. Thanks to Marianne Camp and Diantha Hull for driving. Liz Hurkes was happy to have her membership application signed as she had recently qualified with a climb up Diamond Peak as part of the Climb

School's graduation climb. Members: Marianne Camp, Dick Hildreth, Diantha Hull, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Michael Quigley, Moshe Rapaport, and Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Liz Hurkes.

Rooster Rock

May 26, 2012

Leader: Cindy Miller Asst Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.6 miles, 2,300 ft. (Moderate)

PARTICIPANTS DEPARTED FROM THE EUGENE meet-up place at 8 AM. After a pit stop at the Safeway Starbucks in Sweet Home, they joined the leader and we departed for Rooster Rock at 9:00 via Highway 20. The hike began at 9:50 and was successfully completed by all participants just before 2 PM. Members: Diantha Hull, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Cindy Miller, and Jyoti Naik. Nonmembers: Jim Woodard and Jean Ella.



Trail Maintenance

Ridgeline Trail Maintenance

April 12, 2012

Leader: Pat Soussan; Ass't: Janet Jacobsen

Trl Mnt: 4 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

ARMED WITH RAKES AND SAWS, we set off under a sunny sky to continue working on Spencer Butte's trails from where the previous Saturday's trail maintenance had left off. What were we actually doing? A discussion took place as to what our efforts might be called. Dan Gilmore had the best

definitions: trail building for when the trail is laid out and constructed; trail triage for the repairs after major events; trailsmithing when existing trails get structural improvements like culverts or bridges, or are rerouted; and trail grooming, mostly the sort of thing we did today. However, it was called trail litter pick-up when Janet Jacobsen encouraged me to traverse a steep slope with fallen trees and branches to retrieve a 24 oz Coors beer can. Dan was not impressed with the brand. We stopped trail grooming after two hours and headed up to the summit, where we sheltered from the wind for a substantial snack, before heading back down. Thanks to everyone for a successful morning's trail maintenance with extra thanks to Janet for providing the snacks and co-leading. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan, and Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Dan Gilmore.

Tie Trail Maintenance

April 20, 2012

Leader: Jim Whitfield; Ass't: Janet Jacobsen

Trl Mnt: 4 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE OF US MET AT THE 52ND WILLAMETTE TRAILHEAD to work on the Tie Trail. Larry Dunlap had a McLeod and a hand-saw; Janet Jacobsen and Jane Dods had rakes. I loaned one of my rakes to Joanne Ledet and my pruners to Alex Lockfeld. We also carried lemonade, Italian soda, and muffins! The first 1.3 miles was in good shape due to three previous Obsidian work parties. At the Tie Trail intersection where a fallen tree had hammered the trail, we were amazed to see that the Eugene Parks and Open Space staff had already hauled in gravel and rocks and made the needed repairs. This is on top of cutting and removing so many fallen trees. In 2 ½ hours, we were able to brush up most of the Tie Trail. A special thanks to Larry who handled the heavy McLeod to remove slough and work on drainage issues. The blue skies and the wildflower display were a bonus. Two of us had the time to hike up to the top of the Butte where we picked up several plastic bottles. Members: Larry Dunlap, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Jane Dods, and Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Alex Lockfeld.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Macduff Mountain 81st Anniversary Hike

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 7 Miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

ON JUNE 28, 1931, 24 OBSIDIANS AND FOREST SERVICE PERSONNEL hiked nine long steep miles to place and dedicate a plaque for Nelson Macduff on Macduff Mountain. The Forest Service furnished a pack horse to carry the bronze plaque and tools to mount it. The plaque read: *Macduff Mountain. Named in honor of Nelson F. Macduff, Supervisor Cascade National Forest. November 1, 1919 to April 4, 1930. "The Mountains*



Were His Friends"
This Plaque Placed by Obsidian Club of Eugene, Oregon June 28, 1931.

Unfortunately, they placed it on nearby McLennan Mountain. The controversy over the name and the plaque resulted in

several *Bulletin* articles, two columns by Doug Newman in the *Register-Guard*, and discussions at the Oregon Geographic Names Board.

On June 28, 1992, 11 Obsidians and Forest Service personnel drove on a recently built logging road to within one mile of Macduff Mountain. The plaque was mounted and rededicated on the correct mountain.

1977: A few Obsidians accompanied Nelson's son and grandson to scatter Nelson and his wife's ashes. Due to time restraints, they didn't make it to the top so spread them on a nearby peak.

August 27, 2011 Nelson Macduff's great grandson, Trevor

Macduff, scattered his grandmother's ashes on Macduff Mountain. He also left a geocache.

On June 28, 2012 an anniversary hike is scheduled for Macduff Mountain led by Janet Jacobsen and Jim Whitfield. Janet, Jim, and Steve Johnson scouted the trail June 1st. The steep logging road has downed trees and rocks so the hike will have to start much lower than the 1992 hike. The hike will be around 7 miles with 2,000 ft. elevation gain. The trail has amazing rock retaining walls plus a spectacular view on top. They even found the geocache left by Nelson Macduff's grandson last summer.

Sign up online.



Byways By Bus **Riders Needed!**

For the Birds at Yaquina Head

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Naturalist & photographer: Rick Ahrens

Cost: members \$40; nonmembers \$42, due July 2

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle

WE'LL WATCH EAGLES, BROWN PELICANS, GULLS AND PEREGRINE FALCONS, also seals and seasonal gray whales, as well as the 90,000 murrelets that gather on Colony Rock at Yaquina Head each spring to nest. The lighthouse is open and the tide pools and beach are accessible. Naturalist, Rick Ahrens will narrate and help with wild-

life identification. We will stop at the nearby Yaquina Head Interpretive Center, and will visit the Hatfield Marine Science Center, located close to the new NOAA Center in South Bay Newport. If there is time, we will make a brief stop at the Beaver Creek Natural area south of Newport. Bring a lunch and a warm jacket in case of wind.

Douglas County Safari and Wine

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Leader: Verna Kocken

Cost: \$65 members, \$67 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Barbara Payne 746-1964

WE WILL HAVE COFFEE AT A REST STOP along 1-5 and will proceed to Wildlife Safari for a cool morning visit. We will have time to view the exhibits and the gift shop. We will then tour adjacent Abaceta Winery. Lunch will be catered at the Melrose Winery. We will also visit the Russell Prayer Rock Vineyards. We will return to the Shopko parking lot by 5 PM.



AT THE LODGE



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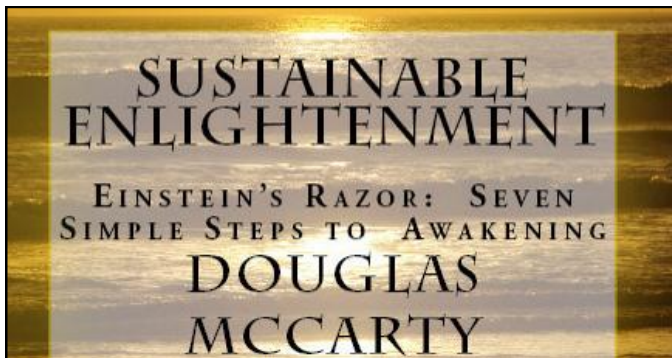
Friday, June 22, 6:30 PM

Sustainable Enlightenment

AUTHOR AND OBSIDIAN DOUGLAS MCCARTY will discuss his book, *Sustainable Enlightenment: Einstein's Razor: Seven Simple Steps to Awakening*. Einstein said, "Make everything as simple as possible, but no simpler." Finding connection, meaning and purpose in life should be as simple (and sustainable) as possible, but no simpler. This should be achieved as soon as possible, and maintained throughout life. The simple truth is, enlightenment or awakening is literally at your fingertips and taste buds every waking hour of every day. Buddhism's Noble Eightfold Path begins with Correct Perception, and correct (untainted, unfettered) perception is the heavy lifting of attaining awareness: and once you have achieved this simple goal, the rest is almost an after note.

Perception leads to a deep and abiding awareness of the

suchness of the physical world, a central concept in eastern thought. Understanding the *suchness* of the perceivable world, its fractal geometry and chaotic nature, is the very first step to a life of enlightenment. Copies of *Sustainable Enlightenment* will be available for purchase after the talk, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Obsidians.



June Potluck

Friday, June 22, 2012

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.



Friends of
Buford Park
& Mt. Pisgah

SUMMER IS A BEAUTIFUL TIME TO VISIT THE MT. PISGAH AREA. Turtles are out sunning on logs, eagles and osprey are raising chicks, coyotes are singing from the hills, and wildflowers are in full bloom. Join The Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah on one of three tours.

You can choose either a quiet Sunday morning or a Thursday evening as the sun is setting. To sign up for a tour, go to www.bufordpark.org and click on Tours. The tours are lim-

ited to 15 and they fill up quickly, so don't wait to sign up.

The Nature Conservancy's Willamette Confluence Project

Thursday, June 21, 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Sunday, July 22, 9:00 AM to noon
Sunday, August 19, 9:00 AM to noon

South Meadow

Sunday, June 17, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Swing Hill/Trail 3

Thursday, July 19, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

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MCKENZIE RIVER CABIN—three bedroom, river front, cedar cabin adjacent to hiking, biking, rafting and more. Special mid-week pricing for Obsidians. www.corecabin.com or email inquiries to corecabin@gmail.com.

SUMMER TRAIL MAINTENANCE projects will be the last Wednesday of the month from 5:30—8:00 pm. The dates are June 27, July 25, and August 29. Sign up online and/or contact trails@obsidians.org to learn the meeting place.

INVITE A GUEST TO HIKE WITH THE OBSIDIANS!

GET ACQUAINTED HIKES are scheduled in June and July for nonmembers and members from Hendricks Park to the Obsidian Lodge along the Ribbon Trail. The meeting place for the 2.5-mile hike is Hendricks Park parking lot on Fairmount by the Information Kiosk. The trip will take around 1½ hours. Prior signup is not necessary for nonmembers.

Dates: Friday, June 15, 5:00 PM, Saturday, June 16, 10:00 AM, Friday, July 6, 5:00 PM and Saturday, July 7, 10:00 AM.

The Publicity Committee invites members to join the hikes and/or help welcome guests at the lodge where cookies and lemonade will be served.

Call Janet Jacobsen for information at 343-8030 or email at jbjacobsen@comcast.net.

Obsidian Calendar

June

16 Sat	South Sister Climb	Robertson	525-4734
16 Sat	Chi Gong Meditation Hike	M Lipton	736-7498
16 Sat	Get Acquainted Hike	E Jacobsen	343-8030
20 Wed	Mt. Pisgah Solstice Hike	M Jacobsen	343-8030
22 Fri	Sustainable Enlightenment	Doug McCarty	Potluck
23 Sat	Mary's Peak Hike	D Holbert	265-4208
23 Sat	Lowder Mountain Hike	M Morris	726-7474
24 Sun	Three Mile Lake Hike	M Hovis	521-3663
24 Sun	Cone Peak/Iron Mtn. Hike	M Wolling	345-2110
27 Wed	Mt. Pisgah Hike	M Soussan	345-3046
27 Wed	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance	Bell	503-884-8829
28 Thu	Walk, Wine and Dine Hike	E Ledet	683-2603
28 Thu	MacDuff Mountain Hike	M Jacobsen	343-8030
30 Sat	Mt. Adams Climb	Sullivan	342-6546
30 Sat	Substitute Point Hike	D McManigal	503-635-9973
30 Sat	Iron Mountain Hike	M Lipton	736-7498

July

3 Tue	Mt. Pisgah - Sunset/Moonrise Hike	M Jacobsen	343-8030
6 Fri	Goodman Creek Hike	M Hoeg	484-6196
6 Fri	Get Acquainted Hike	E Jacobsen	343-8030
7 Sat	Get Acquainted Hike	E Jacobsen	343-8030
7 Sat	Clear Lake-Waterfall Loop Hike	M Sanders	255-2524
8 Sun	Lillian Falls - Nature Tr	Hike E Strahon	689-0753
10 Tue	For the Birds at Yaquina Head	Bus West	343-5492
10 Tue	Castle Rock Hike	D Sather	822-0311
11 Wed	Iron Mountain Hike	M Camp	221-1866
13 Fri	Mt. Jefferson Climb	D Hamilton	343-6550
22 Sun	Canyon Creek Meadows Hike	M Sinnott	915-0234
25 Wed	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance	M Bell	503-884-8829
25 Wed	Crecent Mountain Hike	M Smythe	757-6357
26 Thu	Opal Creek Hike	M Sanders	255-2524
28 Sat	Williams Lake Hike	M Ledet	683-2603
28 Sat	Battle Axe and Twin Lakes Bk Pk	D Lipton	736-7498
30 Mon	Mt. Shasta Climb	Hamilton	343-6550

August

3 Fri	Orchard Point Bike	E Esch	338-8280
4 Sat	Three Fingred Jack Climb	Hamilton	343-6550
7 Tue	Douglas County Safari and Wine	Bus Kocken	736-5180
10 Fri	Mt. Hood - Backpack Bk Pk	D Sullivan	683-6837
10 Fri	Cowhorn Mountain Hike	D Colgan	485-2787
11 Sat	Fuji Mountain Hike	E Wood	954-3406
11 Sat	Olallie Mountain Hike	M Terry	345-0720
11 Sat	Three Fingred Jack Climb	Deeter	954-0924
12 Sun	Row River Bike	M Strahan	689-0753
12 Sun	Four-In-One Cone Hike	M Tucker	344-8371
12 Sun	Mt. Washington Climb	Deeter	954-0924
18 Sat	Camp Elle/Mt Baker Camp	Lindstrom	683-1409
18 Sat	South Matthieu Lake Bk Pk	E Lipton	736-7498
23 Thu	Mt. Baker Climb	Reiter	521-8472
24 Fri	Middle Sister Climb	D Harris	521-5807
29 Wed	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance	M Bell	503-884-8829
31 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike	M Jacobsen	343-8030
31 Fri	Sahalie/Koosah Falls Loop Hike	E Cunningham	344-0486

September

1 Sat	Gander Lake/Winchester Ridge Hike	Anselmo	782-2369
1 Sat	Silver Falls Hike	M Musselwhite	461-3296



Sunset over Fern Ridge from Pisgah. Photo by Marianne Camp. See May 5 Pisgah trip report on page 9.

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