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November 16	Potluck
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December 6	Lodge Holiday Party
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January 3	Board Meeting

Annual Dues

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WERE DUE NOVEMBER 1ST. If you haven't sent yours in, please mail your check (\$30) today. Renewal forms can be printed from our website. Update your info if needed to make sure that the web contact list and upcoming 2013 Member Directory has your correct information. Checks may be sent to: The Obsidians, PO Box 51510, Eugene, OR 97405

What are WINTER TRIPS?

Winter Trips are cross-country skiing.
 Winter Trips are snowshoeing.
 Winter Trips are urban hikes right in our city limits.
 Winter Trips are sunny, glorious days at the coast.
 Winter Trips are bicycle rides.

Think about leading a Winter Trip this season - Nov. 15 - April 1.

Just send an email to wintertrips@obsidians.org with the following information:

- Date of trip
- Destination
- Kind of trip (hike, bike, cross country ski, snowshoe)
- Miles of trip.
- Elevation gain.
- Driving distance.

Thank you, Winter Trips Committee

Upcoming Hiking Celebration Events

Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice Sunset Hike Friday, December 21, 2012.

SINCE THERE IS NOT A DECEMBER POTLUCK, join us for a hike up Mt. Pisgah to see how the sunset lights up Peter Helzer's Sighting Pedestal. Peter shared how he created the pedestal at the October ExploraTalk. We will start up around 3:40 so that we are on top before the 4:37 PM sunset. Afterwards we will celebrate at a yet to be announced pizza restaurant. The hike is three miles with 1,000 ft. elevation gain.

Spencer Butte New Year's Day Hike Tuesday, January 1, 2013

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S DAY WITH A MORNING HIKE up Spencer Butte from the paved lot on Willamette Street. Bring snacks to share. Last year we were above the clouds in the sun, so we will hope the weather gods will smile on us again. The hike is 2.2 miles with 600 ft. elevation gain. Moderate.

Leaders are Janet Jacobsen with Darko Sojak. Please sign up online for both events. There might be other hikes on New Year's Day, so keep up to date with the website.

Remembering Anne Dhu McLucas

FAMILY MEMBERS AND HUNDREDS OF FRIENDS gathered on Saturday, October 20, 2012 in Beall Concert Hall on the UO campus to pay tribute to the tragically recently departed Anne Dhu McLucas, famous ethnomusicologist, former dean of the School of Music and Dance at the University of Oregon, and our fellow Obsidian. A touching memorial service consisted of music performances and story telling of Anne by her family and friends. After the service, we gathered at the reception to exchange memories of Anne.

I met Anne Dhu McLucas and her partner Jim Gillette only twice. The first time on a hike on their property that she led on May 13, 2012, and a second time this summer, just days after she had surgery on both of her knees. She told me that she would be ready to hike in a short time. They were both energetic and optimistic.

Everybody who was lucky enough to be touched by Anne's charm and energetic spirit will remember her for a long time.

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New Honorary Member Janet Jacobsen

AT THE OBSIDIANS ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 12, JANET WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED TO BE THE NEWEST ADDITION TO A VERY SELECT GROUP OF SPECIAL MEMBERS. Honorary Members are nominated either for their achievements or for distinguished services to the club. Janet, who has been a member since 1975, has served on multiple, if not on all, the committees. She was president of the club in 1993 and has likely lost count of all the board meetings she has attended. In 1982 she became an Obsidian Princess after summiting each of the Three Sisters. She also received the Ten Peak Award following completion of the ten Oregon peak climbs. Janet is one of a few members who has received the Compleat Obsidian Award. She has received the 300 and 500 Trip Awards. Her trip count now stands at 570 including 31 climbs and 19 bus trips! We're so fortunate to have someone who also likes to lead trips. Already receiving the 50, 75, and 200 Trip Leader Awards, she contin-

ues to add trips to the schedule. Janet is well known for her popular Get Acquainted Hikes along the Ribbon Trail to our Lodge. The local hikes especially geared for guests to mingle with members have been the single best and most successful publicity for the club.

Many thanks to Janet for her Obsidian spirit!



Ray Cavagnaro and Janet Jacobsen

Janet's Acceptance Speech

I WANT TO THANK RAY CAVAGNARO FOR NOMINATING ME for Honorary Membership and thank all of you for voting 'Yes'. I am humbled by this honor. I never saw myself joining the previous honorary members who were a driving force in the club.

I had no idea when I joined in 1975 what adventures were in my future. Without the Obsidians, I would not have purchased itchy tropical wool Army Surplus pants. I would not have risked my life climbing the ten peaks. I would not have walked on logs high across rivers. I would not have hiked 21 miles in one day. I would not have sweated so much. I would not have skinny dipped in mountain lakes. I would not have peed in such immodest and awkward places.

My nose would not have dripped so much. I would not have gotten up early to hike in the dark. I would not have learned that a red knife is a Swiss army knife and has many attachments nor what a terra hoe is and that it should be avoided and never carried to the top of Spencer Butte. I want to thank the leaders who shared their favorite hikes, climbs, summer camps, and their special places with me. They gave so much encouragement. I'm glad that when I was hanging on a rope, I believed when they said, "Yes you can do it." Or perhaps they really meant, "You have no choice."

And consequently, I have made the best of friends and have shared so much with all of you.

Annual Meeting Notes—October 12, 2012

By Kathy Hoeg

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order and introduced the Board members. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, and John Jacobsen. Also present were: Jennifer Baer, Rob Castleberry, Ray Cavagnaro, Don Colgan, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Dan Gilmore, Dennis Gordineer, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Gary Kirk, Sandra Larsen, Joanne Ledet, Al McGlinsky, Juli McGlinsky, Lenore McManigal, Tom Musselwhite, Jyoti Naik, Doug Nelson, Jim Pierce, Dave Predeek, Liz Reanier, Darko Sojak, Carolyn Sojak, Pat Soussan, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Sam Tracer, Susan Wanser, and Jim Whitfield.

Treasurer's Report—The Obsidians' financial outlook remains bright. As of September 30, our balance sheet had financial assets exceeding \$226,700 including a Capital/Contingency fund of \$88,600, an Endowment Fund of \$87,200 and a General Fund of \$21,800. During the past twelve months we had positive cash flow from operations of \$3,200. In addition, during the last year we received \$2,728 in donations from current members. Thanks to everyone for your continued financial and other support for the club.

President's State of the Obsidians Message—Looking over the past year, I cannot help but continue to be impressed by the willingness of so many who contribute to the spirit and welfare of our club. Everyone is busy with their own life but "What can I do to help?" is loudly heard. "Thanks" cannot be said often enough to our Board Members, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, trip leaders, members, and guests who have all contributed in making this a very enjoyable year. During the year, I've had the pleasure of meeting a member who was the club president in 1950. He has continued to follow and dearly care about the club. Meet also a member who shot us into Facebook because it was high time that we had a public access for sharing our fun and photos. The site, kept up-to-date with colorful photos and current announcements, is quite impressive. Meet a recent hike participant. She is 25 and wants to gain experience for a dream of a lifetime trip – backpacking in New Zealand. And meet one of our climbers tonight who will join our members who have summited all the peaks in Oregon. A few of our Committee Chairs are not here tonight. They are off on the extended trip to Klamath Basin. That is exactly what our club is about. We are here to explore and enjoy the outdoors. Many thanks to all of you who make that happen.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Highways and Byways By Bus—Liz Reanier The committee has scheduled nine trips: two 2-day, one 4-day, six day trips, and a Christmas luncheon for 2012. We still have three of those activities remaining. We continue to find different, interesting trips due to our trip leaders' talents.

We have had Verna Kocken on the Safety Committee, revisiting our standard procedures. Sharon Cutsforth has worked with the Jacobsens publicizing our trips, including exposure on the Obsidians website and soon to be on Facebook. The added publicity helped make our longest trip possible. Our leaders are always looking for interesting places to visit and keep their pencils sharpened to keep trips affordable.

Bus committee members are: Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara and Paul Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth (Secretary), Barbara Flanders (Treasurer), Dennis Flanders, Ray Jensen, Verna Kocken, Lenore McManigal (Auditor), Barbara & Don Payne, Liz Reanier (Chair), Janet Speelman, and Mary Ellen West.

Climbs—Sue Sullivan This has been a good year for climbs. One of our goals for the past two years was to foster more climb leaders, and this year the results of that effort are beginning to show. There were 23 climbs completed, with 9 people leading climbs. There were 11

climbs that were cancelled or rescheduled. We also had a successful Basic Mountaineering class this spring, run cooperatively with Eugene Mountain Rescue.

The climbs activities continue to be a source of potential new members, as 34% of climbs participants for 2012 have been nonmembers.

There have been two safety incidents reported on climbs this year. Luckily no one was seriously injured; however this serves as a reminder that climbing can be a dangerous activity. We continue to review our procedures for leaders and requirements for participants in order to minimize the risks for all.

In addition to completing a review of procedures, our plan for 2013 is to continue to work on our education process for climbers. We hope to have continuing education for skills beyond the basic ones to help people become more confident in their climbing abilities, so we can have a good base of people to draw upon for leading climbs.

Concessions—Lyn Gilman-Garrick Concessions had a successful year thanks in large part to the enthusiastic participation of members Patty MacAfee and Sharon Duncan. We had fun shopping for new items to add to our line of inventory, including cotton sweatshirts, sun hats, knit caps with wicking liners, lapel pins, and stylish new whistles. We gave away lots of items as prizes to help boost participation in events such as the bus rally and as thank-yous to members and nonmembers who went above and beyond. We set up our booth at summer camp and the Eugene Celebration, as well as most of the potlucks and ExploraTalks. We think we did a pretty good job of spreading the Obsidians spirit in the club and the community which we consider the main purpose of our committee.

Conservation, Science, and Education—Joella Ewing The Conservation, Science and Education Committee decided to hold six third-Tuesday ExploraTalks this year instead of ten to prevent them from occurring in the same week with fourth-Friday potlucks. Two major presentations in one week seemed like overkill. Attendance improved dramatically.

So far we've had excellent programs on The Gray Wolf in Oregon, Hidden Treasures of Buford Park, Dragonflies and Damselflies of the Willamette Valley, and the Mt. Pisgah Sighting Pedestal by its metal sculptor creator. Coming up this next Tuesday is on mushrooming between the Oregon coast and Cascades by Marcia Peeters, one of our area's premier mushrooming guides and instructors, complete with cooking demo and mushroom tasting.

We also sponsored two beach clean-up parties. We had a whale watching trip and Rick Ahrens guided us on a tour of Delta Ponds habitat. Lyn arranged two guided tours of Buford Park in the month following the Hidden Treasures presentation. Pat wrote conservation articles for the *Bulletin*.

Thank you to committee members Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Pat Bitner and Tom Musselwhite.

Entertainment—Susan Wanser We've had a successful year of potlucks and speakers. I'm always eager to get referrals for speakers you've heard and enjoyed out in the community. I will also put out a plea for people willing to come early to the potlucks to help setup. This is a fun way to meet and visit with people in a less crowded and busy setting. Committee chairs, if you know of people who might like to get more involved and meet new people let me know and I could contact them.

Extended Trips—Chris Stockdale Our members and guests enjoyed several wonderful trips this year. The extended trips are extremely popular and generally fill up far in advance. Many thanks to the following leaders for continuing to come up with new ideas and for all the planning that is involved for a successful trip. Lana Lindstrom led

the Newberry Crater Ski and Snowshoe trip in February. Chris Stockdale led the Mt. Tahoma Ski trip at the end of February and the Crater Lake Ski and Snowshoe trip at the end of March. Jim Duncan led the Columbia Gorge Hiking trip in June. Pat Esch led the Women's Little Cultus Lake Canoe Trip in September. Helen Martz led the Opal Creek trip, also in September. Lana Lindstrom's Klamath Basin Overnight trip is on today.

Finance—Stewart Hoeg The Obsidian Finance Committee during the past year was responsible for putting together the 2012 budget, recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund and the rebuilding of the Contingency/Capital Fund. Thanks to committee members Dan Christensen, Jean Coberly, Lana Lindstrom, Liz Reanier, Stephen McCaffrey and Chairman Stewart Hoeg.

Librarian/Historian's Annual Report—Lenore McManigal The historian records all trips, climbs, bus and bicycle rides, summer camp participation, etc. on each member's activity sheet(s). When a member or former member dies, his/her records are examined, and the information given to a member of the *Bulletin* staff, to prepare an obituary for the *Bulletin*.

Lodge Building—Doug Nelson It has been an uneventful year for the Building committee. The Lodge is generally in good repair and continues to serve the needs of the club well. In addition to all the usual Obsidians gatherings, meetings and events, we provide space for Eugene Mountain Rescue's monthly meetings as well as making the building available at a very reasonable cost to members and other non-profit users for their events.

The primary work of the committee for the year, in addition to managing rentals, has been routine janitorial and maintenance services.

There was one significant Lodge improvement project in the spring of the year. An ad hoc committee chaired by Kathy Hoeg (with a good deal of help from Sue Sullivan) supervised the installation of acoustic ceiling panels in the main hall. The first step was to close gaps in the ceiling to prevent dust and debris from sifting down from the space under the roof, a job completed by an energetic and enthusiastic crew of volunteers. Obsidians volunteers are a great bunch! Panels were then installed by the contractor. The finished project is visually pleasing and an audio success.

Thanks to all who worked to make this fine improvement to our meeting space. And thanks also to my committee; John Jacobsen, John Pegg and Cat Nelson for their help and support throughout the year.

Lodge Grounds—John Jacobsen In addition to routine Lodge grounds maintenance and upkeep, the Obsidian Grounds Committee continued the ongoing task of removing unsafe trees near the Lodge and oak habitat restoration on the Lodge grounds.

I would like to thank the Grounds committee members and others who have helped keep the grounds in shape and looking good. Grounds Committee Members: Pat Adams, Max Brown, Rob Castleberry, Wayne Deeter, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Dick Hildreth, Scott Hovis, John Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Gary Kirk, Ken Kodama, Darlene Mancuso, Laurie Marshall, Doug Nelson, Dave Predeek, Chris Shuraleff, Randall Sinnott, Elle Weaver, Martha Welches, and Jim Whitfield.

Membership – Elle Weaver Currently our club has 481 members. The Board received and approved 36 new member applications since January 2012, slightly higher than the previous year. Renewals for the coming year are in progress.

Many thanks to Bea Fontana, Daphne James, Helen Martz, Kate Parrish, and Margaret Prentice, who have offered to help with renewals. Thanks also to Sharon Cutsforth, Laurie Funkhouser, Mary Hamilton, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Diana Masarie, and Jim Pierce who were greeters at the potlucks. Jane Bartell and Jyoti Naik will finish the year at the October and November potlucks. Special thanks goes

to Charlene Pierce who continues to be the calligrapher for our name tags.

Online—Wayne Deeter Thanks to my committee members, John Jacobsen, Matt Bell and Shellie Robertson, this has been a very productive year for the Online Committee.

We continue to revise and improve the online signup system.

Scheduling information on the home page and committee pages are now pulled from the database so changes made by the committees show up on the web immediately. We will be working in the near future to provide direct access to the database to committees who do not yet already have it. Trip reports are now also pulled straight from the database.

In addition to email lists for committees and officers, we now have one open list that any member can subscribe to: a general list for climbs activities. In the next year we plan to add a web interface to allow people to subscribe and unsubscribe themselves.

We now have an official Facebook page. This provides a way for members and nonmembers to share photos, videos and ideas, and also is another way for new people to find us.

Publications—Nola Nelson Each month—except August and December—the editing and assembly crews pooled their talents to bring *The Obsidian Bulletin* to the membership. Articles came from committees, trip reports, members with a good yarn, and other outdoors organizations in the community, all spun together and illustrated to produce 14-24 pages of Obsidian news in each issue. A challenge coming up will be sorting out changes in U.S. Postal Service regulations that will affect our mailings.

In addition to Stewart's role as head publisher and setup artist, our thanks go to John Jacobsen for compiling the finished product and coordinating with the printer, Lou Maenz and her crew of assembly volunteers, copy editors Beth Roy and Ethel Weltman, and the editorial team of Bea Fontana, Joanne Ledet, Beth Roy, and Ethel Weltman.

Publicity—Janet Jacobsen We had five events (two REI presentations, Ridgeline Celebration Booth, National Trails Day, Open House) and five Get Acquainted hikes making contact with around 500 people. Our best ways of attracting guests continue to be the website (thanks to Wayne Deeter and John Jacobsen) and the *Register-Guard* (thanks to Chris Stockdale). A big thanks to the Committee Chairs who handled publicity for their events. Thanks to Darko Sojak on spreading the word and taking care of the Eugene Celebration Booth.

Safety—Pat Esch Members: Patricia Esch, Chair, Verna Kocken, Bus Trips, Janet Jacobsen, Summer Trips, Jim Pierce, Winter Trips, Sue Sullivan, Climbs, Nancy Whitfield, Board, and Lyndell Wilken, At Large.

Jim Pierce presented the revised Safety Manual to the Board at the September meeting, condensing it from 35 pages to 9. Nicely done, Jim.

The Obsidians First Aid Kits got updated medications. Who knew there were 14 kits? (seven at the "Y", four Summer Camp, two Climbs and one Truck)!

Summer Camp—Lana Lindstrom Camp Elle in the Mt. Baker area was a smashing success. Eighty-eight campers had a great time hiking 'wow' trails, eating excellent food, and enjoying the camp ambience by a glaciated babbling brook. Thanks to all the participants and the Camp Committee who made this a fun, inclusive event. We'll definitely return to this site. Hot off the press—the 2013 camp will be in the Trinity Alps (near Weaverville, CA).

Summer Trips—Tom Musselwhite With just over one month left in the 2012 Summer Trips Season, 137 trips have been scheduled. Unless more trips are added this month, projections are this season will end 15 trips short of last year's 122 completed and approved trips.

Special thanks to the following members for helping out with Summer

Trips in one capacity or another this season: Don Colgan, Joella Ewing, Betty Grant, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Daphne James, Sandra Larsen, Joanne Ledet, Lana Lindstrom, Valerie Metcalf, Jim Pierce, Eric Swegles, Judy Terry, Elle Weaver, and Lyndell Wilken.

Trail Maintenance—Matt Bell This past year has been eventful for us, pun intended. We had a larger than usual number of outings in the late spring to clear the Ridgeline and Spencer Butte trails of winter storm debris. We participated in the 2nd Annual Ridgeline Celebration. We received a Community Hero Award from the Eugene Parks Foundation.

Trails Awards This year for the first time we are awarding the Trails Award to people who have participated in 15 trails outings. This year there will be 16 recipients. These awards are being awarded retroactively to current members.

Winter Trips—Jim Pierce The Winter Trips Committee: Anne Bonine, Chair for 2012-2013 season, Jim Pierce, Chair for 2011-2012 season, Tom Musselwhite, Initial Chair and Schedule coordinator, Judy Terry, Trip Report Approvals, John Cooper, Trip and Leader Scheduling, and Chris Cunningham, Emailing and Recruiting.

A total of 43 Winter Trips were completed. There were a total of 352 participants, including: 264 members, 88 non-members, 352 total participants.

The online trip signup and report submission system worked wonderfully...a few leaders needed help the first time.

My thanks to the entire Winter Trips Team: Committee, Leaders and Participants. You made it a great Winter Trips season.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP Former Obsidians President Ray Cavagnaro spoke to the group to nominate Janet Jacobsen for Honorary Membership. He described Janet's innumerable activities in her 37 years with the club including the Get Acquainted Hikes that Janet recently started which have been the single best and most successful publicity for the club.

The club members present at the meeting voted unanimously to approve the Honorary Membership for Janet Jacobsen.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS The nominees for membership on the Board for January 2013 through December 2015 were Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser, and Elle Weaver. The club members present at the annual meeting voted unanimously to elect the three candidates.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON There was a moment of silence while the group remembered Jean Jensen, Edith Rode, Steve Schriver, Sam Houston, Ken Lodewick, George Jeffcott, Hazel Peck, Bill Tracy, Erin Noble, Jim Gillette, Anne Dhu McLucas, and Frank Moore.

2012 TRIP AND LEADER AWARDS Janet Jacobsen announced the following awards and presented patches and certificates to those present.

2012 Trip Awards:

100 trips: Barbara Payne, Pat Soussan, Brian Hamilton, Mari Baldwin and Jim Whitfield

200 Trips: Don Payne and Suzanne Steussy

Tom Musselwhite announced the following awards and presented patches and certificates to those present.

2012 Leader Awards:

25 Trips: Clare Tucker, Chris Cunningham and Matt Bell

50 Trips: Matt Bell

Matt Bell announced the following awards and presented patches and certificates to those present.

2012 Trail Maintenance Awards (15 or more): John Cecil, Mary Bridgeman, Matt Bell, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Velma Shirk, Jim Whitfield, Jim Pierce, Joanne Ledet, Pat Soussan, Shirley Froyd,

Ed Lizewski, Wayne Deeter, Dallas Cole, Max Brown and Todd Larsen.

Brian Hamilton announced the following awards and presented patches and certificates.

2012 Climbs Awards:

Three Peak Award: Juli McGlinsky

Ten Peak Award: Juli McGlinsky

2012 Special Awards

Beer Snob Award—presented by Matt Bell, Trail Maintenance Committee To Dan Gilmore for your disdain for Coors that is only surpassed by that for those that would litter a can of it atop the butte

Paul(ette) Bunyan Award—presented by Matt Bell, Trail Maintenance Committee To Jyoti Naik for cutting down the largest tree with the smallest handsaw

Goody Two Shoes Award—presented by Matt Bell, Trail Maintenance Committee To Pat Soussan for being such an excellent volunteer that you avoid doing anything that we can tease you about

Type 'A' Award—presented by Matt Bell, Trail Maintenance Committee To Clara Emlen for doing things so perfectly that people tiptoe along the trail to avoid messing up your work

Calligraphy Award—presented by Elle Weaver, Membership Committee To Charlene Pierce for creating the beautifully handwritten name tags for attendees at Lodge events

Jump Right In Award—presented by Janet Jacobsen, Trip Leader To Jyoti Naik for jumping right in to the Obsidians by registering as a guest online January 31, 2012, immediately going on 6 trips qualifying for membership, becoming a member March 7, completing 40 trips with the Obsidians in less than 9 months and signing up for 4 more that are coming up

Great Writer Award—presented by Pat Esch, Safety Committee To Jim Pierce for doing a total revision of the messy, redundant, partially obsolete Safety Manual and making it a readable, organized, useful document

Loyalty and Early Bird Award—presented by Susan Wanser, Entertainment Committee To Laurie Funkhouser for the many times she has arrived early to help set up for potlucks and for providing other help and encouragement

Right Arm and Left Arm Award—presented by Tom Musselwhite, Summer Trips Committee To Judy Terry and Elle Weaver for their perseverance, cheerful disposition, and attention to detail in helping assure this year's Summer Trips reports and trip credit recording were held to the Obsidians standard of excellence

Recognizing Great Head Award—presented by John Jacobsen, Camp Elle Set-Up Guy To Jim Whitfield for recognizing the great hydraulic head available from a stream high above Camp Elle Summer Camp and pestering the camp setup guy to try to utilize it, which when done resulted in clear, high pressure water piped right to where we needed it in camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elle Weaver noted that annual dues should be sent in by November 1, 2012.

Liz Reanier reminded the group of the upcoming bus trips to Sisters and to the Umpqua River area, as well as the December social at the Lodge.

Joella Ewing reminded the group of the October 16 ExploraTalk on Mushrooming.

Stewart Hoeg reminded the group that there will be no December *Bulletin*. Articles and information should be submitted soon so they can be included in the November *Bulletin*.

OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

By Kathy Hoeg

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were Anne Bonine, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Lou Maenz, Lenore McManigal, Tom Musselwhite, Doug Nelson, Nola Nelson, Jim Pierce, and Susan Wanser.

The Board approved the minutes of the September 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): With just over one month left in the 2012 Summer Trips Season, 137 trips have been scheduled. Of those, 22 were cancelled and 8 rescheduled. Unless more trips are added this month, projections are this season will end 15 trips short of last year's 122 completed and approved trips.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): In October there was one outing in which we hiked the West and Main trails and cleared drainage features and raked plant material off of the cobble.

2012 Trail Maintenance Participation: Outings in Spencer Butte Park: 15; Outings other Ridgeline parks: 2; Total Participants: 141 total; 115 members; 26 non-members; Unique Participants: 51 total; 30 members; 21 non-members; Total Estimated Volunteer Hours: 376.50

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Our annual fall color trip was a great success. Everyone is invited to join us for our holiday gathering at the Obsidians Lodge on Thursday, December 6, (11 AM - 3 PM). Call Janet Speelman, 344-3019, for details.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): The Summer Camp Committee members for 2013 will be Rob Castleberry, Nancy Whitfield, Dan Christensen, Don Doerr, Elle Weaver, and Jim Duncan.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): The Opal Creek extended trip, led by Pat Esch and Helen Martz, was successful with 14 participants. Pat Esch will lead the Owyhee rafting trip with the same details as the one that had to be cancelled this year due to low water. Dates are May 10-14, 2013. Committee members are working on recruiting leaders and ideas for other ETs in 2013.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): We've had two ExploraTalks since the last Board meeting. The September 18 Mt. Pisgah Sighting and last night's Intro to Mushrooming. Our next program will be in the first part of December between Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Dave Predeek will present the same slide show on Wildflowers of the Wallows that he presented to the Native Plant Society.

Publication (Nola Nelson): Two hundred sixty-five copies of the 14-page *Bulletin* were printed in addition to the online ver-

sion for October. We will be reminding contributors that there will be no issue in December, so time-sensitive articles need to be submitted early, for the November issue. Upcoming U.S. Postal Service changes are being researched by Lou Maenz.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Sixty-five people attended the Sept potluck. As a result of that presentation Janet has already been asked and has scheduled two presentations—one for REI and the other for the Lions Club. Thank you, Janet.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Membership renewals - approximately 44% of renewals have been received. At the meeting, Elle Weaver shared the comments received on renewal forms.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): Upcoming two media presentations: Springfield Lions Club on Monday, November 19 and REI on Tuesday, December 4.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): Thanks to Patty MacAfee for setting up the booth at the September 26 potluck. At the October 12 Annual Meeting, we held a drawing for a sweat-shirt. We hope to set up the booth again at the October 26 potluck.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Members may now use the web interface to subscribe or unsubscribe to general Obsidian email lists: log into the *Members Only* area of the Obsidian website using your personal username and password (the same ones used for online signups). Click on the *Email Lists* link on the left side. Club Officers and Committee Chairs may use the same interface to manage their email lists.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the activities written up in the October *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): The only grounds activity has been the last mowing of the year. Thank you to Steve Johnson for repairing the club's lawn mower—parts cost: \$37.26. He is now working on our power blower.

OLD BUSINESS

John Jacobsen gave an update on the Laurel Ridge Development project. The developer has withdrawn the first proposal and will offer a new one. The developer will meet with the neighbors in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Lana Lindstrom announced that 2013 Summer Camp will be at the Fawn Group Campground in the Trinity Alps near Weaverville.

John Jacobsen described the club's need for a storage garage to replace the deteriorating outside sheds and provide storage for Summer Camp gear currently stored upstairs in the Lodge. The Board approved the formation of the ad hoc committee to study this project.

Nola Nelson and Lou Maenz described the changes that will soon occur to bulk mail regulations at the Post Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on November 7 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at Wild Duck.

NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES

By Kathy Hoeg

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Lenore McManigal, Tom Musselwhite, Doug Nelson, Nola Nelson, Jim Pierce, Sue Sulivan, and Susan Wanser.

The Board approved the minutes of the October 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): As of the end of October, 106 Summer Trips have been completed. There have been 622 Member signups and 285 Non-Member signups totaling 907 Participants this Summer Trips Season. Three trips remain on the schedule yet to be completed and/or stamped approved.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): So far Winter Trips has: eight hikes, ten XC ski, and two snowshoe, for total of 20.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): On December 6 we invite everyone to join us at the Lodge 11:00 - 3:00 PM for a holiday lunch and celebration, cost \$5.00, reservations requested (proceeds donated). The next Bus Trips planning meeting is November 13, 1:00 at the Lodge. Details for 2013 bus trips schedule will be discussed.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): The dates for Summer Camp have been changed to July 8-13, 2013.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): The last ExploraTalk of the year will be Dave Preedeek's slide presentation on Wildflowers of the Wallawas on Tuesday, December 4.

Publications (Nola Nelson): The October issue of the *Bulletin* contained 14 pages. 265 copies were printed in addition to the online version. At the October Board meeting, Lou Maenz presented a summary of our mailing options following the USPS changes in 2013. The Publications Committee will discuss the options during the November Bulletin work sessions.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Sixty people attended Doug Crispin's presentation, *The Grand Tetons: An Insider's Look* and \$57 was collected. There will be no potluck in December.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Membership Renewals - Approx. 58% of the renewals have been received. A few comments received on the renewal forms will be shared at the Board meeting. An updated list of members who have offered to volunteer to lead trips and/or serve on committees will be sent to the Committee Chairs.

Membership Status: Active: 432, Associate: 23, Honorary: 5, Junior: 8, Life:16, Total: 484.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): REI presentation is December 4. I just realized that Obsidians 85th birthday is this month. I have submitted an article to the Bulletin. November 3, 1927:

Eugene Outdoor club was organized with 43 charter members. The charter members are listed on a plaque in the Lodge. One of the first walks was to The Braes, where KVAL is now located. An all-day trip was made to Castle Rock with 37 in the party led by Prince Glaze. The following year, the name was changed from Eugene Outdoor Club to The Obsidians.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): Concessions took in \$222 last month.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Incoming Board Members have been added to the Board email list. Facebook stats (from Shellie): We're up to 114 likes and it continues to be that more women than men follow our page.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the activities from the October *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Continued routine Lodge Grounds tasks which this time of year consist mainly of keeping falling leaves, needles and other debris cleared from the drives and parking areas. Rob Castleberry and I completed the roof repair on the south shed. Steve Johnson repaired the club's power blower.

OLD BUSINESS

John Jacobsen reported that the neighborhood associations want to stop the proposed Laurelwood Development housing project. The City rejected the developer's first application. When a new one is submitted, the City will hold a neighborhood meeting.

John Jacobsen reported that the large Obsidians painting which is currently being restored in Portland has been stretched onto a frame with good results. Janet Jacobsen said that a curator at the UO Art Museum is helping research the painting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elle Weaver proposed Obsidians officers for 2013: President—Elle Weaver, Vice-President—Matt Bell, Treasurer—Stewart Hoeg. She said that she hopes to have a volunteer for Secretary by the next Board meeting. The Board approved the three nominees.

Elle Weaver read an email from Ed Lichtenstein in which he proposed that another membership survey be done online in early 2013. The topic was tabled until a future meeting which Ed could attend.

Kathy Hoeg read a letter from Gordon Gribble, who has lived in Vermont for many years, but climbed with the Obsidians during 1960s. He enclosed a donation in memory of Mark McLaughlin and also asked to reinstate his membership.

Janet Jacobsen suggested that the club needs more training for potential leaders, to find them, encourage them, and help them assume the role.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on December 5 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at The Humble Beagle.

TRIP REPORTS



Climbs

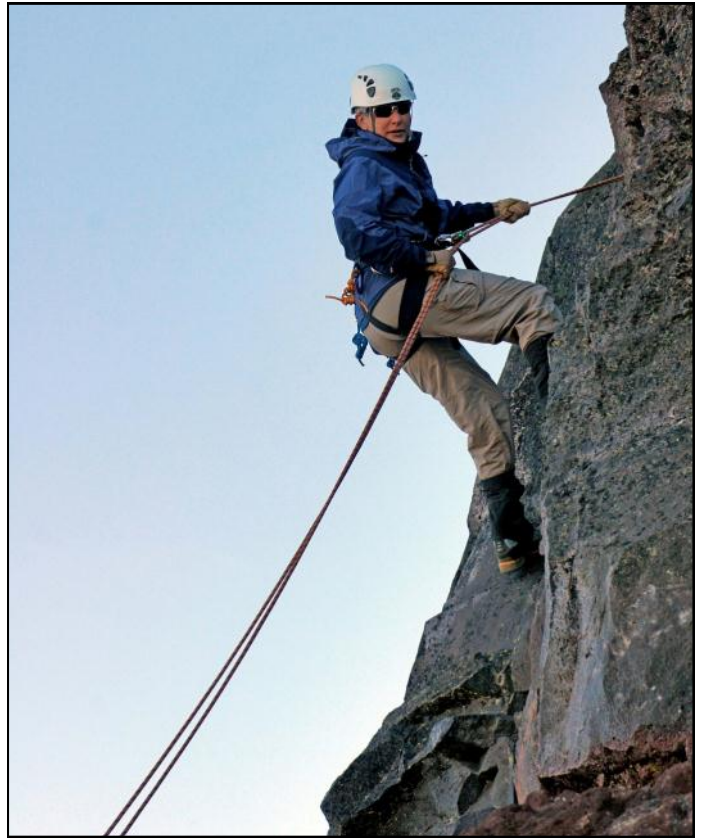
The Husband

September 15, 2012

Leader & photographer: Wayne Deeter

Climb: 17 miles, 3,500 ft.

PREVAILING WINDS KEPT THE SMOKE from the Pole Creek Fire on the east side of the Three Sisters on the day we hiked in to our camp. When we arrived I suggested that we climb after setting up our tents as we couldn't count on the air being as smoke-free the next day. All agreed to this change of plan. We left camp at about 4:00 PM and were all on top by 5:30. The Sisters looked bright and sharp in the evening light. We saw smoke from the fire through the Chambers Lakes saddle. Several times we heard what sounded like thunder, then saw dust from rockfall cascading down the west side of South Sister. After enjoying half an hour on top we hiked back to camp, arriving there at about 7:00 PM. After a pleasant night on our island-in-the-sky, watching stars, meteors and planets, and getting lots of sleep, we took plenty of time to have breakfast and repack for our hike out. Members: Wayne Deeter, Bob Kaminski, Todd Larsen. Non-members: Bill Lowder, Jacob Painter.



mit for the first time so there are a lot of wows! and picture-taking. There is plenty of anticipation and some nervousness about the route, especially when they have heard stories about parts of a climb like the 'catwalk' on Broken Top. On this trip, four of the climbers were experienced mountaineers, but had never reached the summit of Broken Top. For the other two, this was their first roped climb. Starting at the Green Lakes trailhead, we hiked in to our campsite next to a spring east of Green Lakes, arriving with just a few minutes of daylight left. After setting up our shelters, we ate dinner at nightfall. Soon, we were treated with a big, bright, full moon rising in the 'V' between Broken Top's summit and the south peak. The moon illuminated the South Sister to our west and the landscape around us so well that we could walk about without lights. Some of us struggled to get a good night sleep with the bright moonlight shining in our faces, yet all were awake by 5:00 AM. We began climbing shortly after 6:00 and when we reached the saddle of the north ridge, we could see the devastation caused by the smoldering Pole Creek Fire to the northeast. Smoke was held down by the cool air, but still we saw a tree burst into a flaming torch about two miles away. As we neared the summit, we came across a scattering of blonde dreadlocks on the ground. We imagined that someone felt that achieving this high point was such a significant life event for them that they could only complete it by cutting their hair off! All of us made it to the summit by 9:00 and we stayed there nearly an hour, taking pictures and eating snacks, including 'socolate' (summit



Broken Top

September 30, 2012

Leader: Brian Hamilton

Photographer: Julie Polhemus

Climb: 12 miles, 3,900 ft.

IT IS REWARDING TO LEAD CLIMBERS ON THEIR FIRST TIME UP A PEAK! They experience the views from the sum-

chocolate). During our descent down the north ridge, smoke from the fire began rising and pushing westward. By the time we reached our camp, the brown haze had enveloped the summits of Broken Top and South and Middle Sisters. We had passed several climbers on our way down, including six Mazamas ascending into the smoke, and we were glad to have completed our climb early in the day. Back at camp, a few in our group were able to pack quickly so that they could enjoy a dip in the lake before the rest of us caught up. This was a great end-of-the-year climb made even better with a cheerful group of strong hikers, comfortable temperatures, and no mosquitoes! Members: Dave Beardsley, Brian Hamilton, Dannelle Harris, Shellie Robertson. Nonmembers: Julie Polhemus, Ted Glick, Jennifer Rogers.



Hikes

Green Lakes

September 9, 2012

Leader & photographer: Daphne James

Hike: 8.4 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)



WE HAD WONDERFUL WEATHER AND A GREAT GROUP OF HIKERS for our trip to Green Lakes. We took the Fall Creek route, which offered many great views of waterfalls. Some of the lupine and other flowers were still in bloom. When we neared the lunch stop at the larger of the Green Lakes, we could see a large plume of smoke rising over a ridge to our north. We later learned this was the start of what is now being called the Pole Creek Fire. Nancy, who has U.S. Forest Service experience, advised me we were in no immediate danger, but added that winds can shift quickly in the mountains, so we did keep an eye on it. Although we continued to see the cloud of smoke in the distance, the air at Green Lakes was clear and we enjoyed a relaxing lake-side lunch and hiked back under beautiful skies with more great views of South Sister and Broken Top. Unfortunately, at this writing, it has been two weeks and the fire remains uncontained.

Although I know that fire can be a natural occurrence in nature, it still saddens me to see our forests burning. I thank all the Green Lakes hikers for the good trip. Members: Daphne James, Jyoti Naik, Moshe Rapaport, Marian West, and Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Jane Bartell, Lisa Romano, Manuela Felkl, Charmaine Rehg, Nancy Matthews, and Ayla Kiser.

SOLV Fall Beach Cleanup, Washburn Park

September 22, 2012

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

I DON'T THINK THERE'S BEEN A MORE GORGEOUS, warm, sunny, breezeless day at the beach than this one. There wasn't much to find on this beach cleanup because there have been no storms lately, and apparently most users are doing a good job of cleaning up after themselves. We each found only about a quarter bag of small stuff - bottle caps, styrofoam, etc. The most interesting item I heard about was my find of an eyeglasses case filled with sand and a deteriorating business card of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Investigator and Enforcement Officer. I called the Federal Info Center toll-free line and was connected to the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, but no one by the name of the inspector works for the agency any longer. Both people I talked with were as interested as I in knowing just how long that case and card have been floating around. Guess I could go through Peter DeFazio's office for further investigation, but they've got too much on their plate right now for such frivolity. Our great participants included two newcomers. I encourage us old timers to remember to help newbies at our potlucks feel welcome. Members: Sharon Duncan, Joella Ewing, Tom Musselwhite, Barbara Norregaard, Darko Sojak, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, and Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Carolyn Sojak, Gabrielle Lent, and Karen Lally.

Fuji Mountain/Upper Island Loop

September 23, 2012

Leader & photographer: Lyndell Wilken

Hike: 16 miles, 2,556 ft. (Difficult)

THE TRIP BEGAN AT THE FUJI MOUNTAIN TRAILHEAD



under low hanging clouds. After a rest at Birthday Lake the ascent of Fuji Mountain continued and the summit was reached by noon. The cloud cover had lifted high enough that we could see Waldo Lake and the sun broke out just as we arrived. We descended Fuji and proceeded to Upper and Lower Island Lakes via the South Waldo Trail. We were able to find the 1904 Cy Bingham blaze after Upper Island Lake in addition to the 1908 blaze near the Mt. Rae Trail intersection. The meadows on the Mt. Rae Trail were beautiful in the rays of sunlight. Our final two miles were along the Gold Lake Trail. Members: Jane Bartell, Jennifer Haynes, John Hegg, Jonathan Jost, Cindy Miller, Elle Weaver, and Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Jeanine Taylor, Elisa Pandolfi, and James Chaney.

Mt. Pisgah - Full Moon

September 29, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Jyoti Naik

Hike: 3.1 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)



MOONRISE WAS 27 MINUTES BEFORE THE SUNSET. Next came an amazing color palette that included a 360-degree pink alpine-type glow. Those who had cameras were enthusiastic! Some hikers lingered causing a bit of confusion, but we all enjoyed the harvest moon's light on our way down. Members: Jennifer Baer, Laurie Funkhouser, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jyoti Naik, Joe Sanders, Beverly Schriver, Pat Soussan, and Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Deborah Tiltonson, Shan Ambika, Holger Krentz, and Gwyneth Iredale.

Maiden Peak

October 6, 2012

Leader: Lubos Hubata-Vacek

Hike: 11.6 miles, 2,900 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED HIKE AT 10:00 AM FROM THE GOLD LAKE TRAILHEAD under sunny skies. The trail was dusty in places from the prolonged drought. By 1:00 everyone made

it to the summit. We enjoyed good views in all directions, despite some smoke in the Three Sisters area from the Pole Creek Fire. It was somewhat windy at the summit, so we descended a little on the southern slope and had an extended lunch. We made it to our cars at about 4:00 and headed back to Eugene. Members: Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Becky Lipton, Ernst Schwintzer, Elle Weaver, Sue Wolling, and Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Charles Fisher, David McAllister, and Roger Galka.

Cape Perpetua

October 6, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Jyoti Naik

Hike: 6.8 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WE WERE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE:

Lori Robertson, Cape Perpetua Center Director and also an Obsidian member, give us an up close discovery tour of the tidepools on the Captain Cook Trail. The sunlight reflection was perfect for us to discover a turban snail colony, sea urchin condominiums, limpets, chitons, featherduster tubeworms, and a yellow sea slug.

A windless and sunny lunch stop on the rocks near Cape Cove beach.

A hike with no wind on the Trail of the Restless Water to Devil's Churn and then the St. Perpetua Trail to the overlook.

Incredible views of the coastline.

Enough energy for the leader to persuade everyone to hike the Giant Spruce Trail to see the 600-year-old Sitka spruce that began life nourished by a nurse log.

A bathroom at the Visitor's Center.

Last note: We just happened to meet up with Birgitta Williams, Obsidian member, outside the Visitor's Center. She was delivering a large plant pot with a yarn art poisonous mushroom and its habitat. Members: Don Cross, Janet Jacobsen, Patricia MacAfee, Sue Meyers, Jyoti Naik, Judy Parker, and Lamonte Smith.



Grizzly Peak

October 7, 2012

Leader: Elle Weaver

Hike: 10 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT A CLEAR, CRISP FALL DAY FOR HIKING! And what a fun, social group of hikers! The trail initially follows Pamela Creek and winds through fallen trees, full ferns, and moss gardens. At Pamela Lake the vine maples dazzled red, yellow, or with both on the same leaf. The group wasn't fazed by the 2,700-foot elevation gain and merrily chatted up the trail. At the top we were treated to sunshine, warm rocks, and a fabulous close-up view of Mt. Jefferson. Having fun along the way down, we renamed plants giving them new, creative names we were more likely to remember. We especially liked the tree stump table covered with blooming-onion mushrooms! Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Jennifer Haynes, Ernst Schwintzer, Elle Weaver, and Jim Woodard. Nonmembers: Gabrielle Lent and Karen Lally.

Clear Lake

October 13, 2012

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

A LITTLE MIST,
A LITTLE SUN,
A LITTLE RAIN,
A LOT OF FUN.

Red, yellow and orange leaves glowed brilliantly against the black lava, and the transparent aquamarine water that gave Clear Lake its name impressed our newcomers. The only downside was the Ranger District office was closed on Saturday, which made the pamphlets describing the points of interest on the self-guided nature trail around the lake unavailable. Neither are they available at the Clear Lake Store. So leaders of this hike need to get the pamphlets in advance for weekend hikes. The pamphlet would have answered a lot of questions. The trail, the scenery and the participants were wonderful. Members: Roberta Chord, Joella Ewing, Harriet Kelly, Howard Loewinger, and Nancy Matthews.

Tire Mountain

October 14, 2012

Leader: Don Colgan

Photographer: Jyoti Naik

Hike: 7.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

OMINOUS WEATHER REPORTS HAD ME WORRIED, but we caught a break for this Sunday hike, and nine of us took three cars up to the trailhead. It was an excellent fall day, just the perfect temperature, and we had a great hike to Tire Mountain. Along the way are impressive stands of timber, dry meadows, ridgeline views of the Cascades, and a not-to-steep ascent. The top of Tire Mountain is rimmed by tall trees so it does not provide panoramic views, but it is a very pleasant locale to sit on a rock and have some lunch. We



made our descent without incident and were back at the trailhead by 3:00. Thank you to a congenial group for a memorable day! Members: Jane Bartell, Tiffany Boehland, Don Colgan, Steve Gunn, Jennifer Haynes, Jyoti Naik, Brian Popowsky, and Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Holger Krentz.

Skinner Butte

October 17, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 1.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THE GOAL WAS TO TAKE ONE HOUR TO HIKE UP SKINNER BUTTE and down the other side to the replica of the Skinner Cabin for the 150th Birthday Celebration at 11:00. We started by walking the many steps to the Shelton-McMurphy house and then up the old rock steps to the top of Skinner Butte. We had plenty of time for Rick Ahrens and others in our group to share historical anecdotes with Mary Ellen Baukol who arrived in Eugene two weeks ago. There were several speeches and dramatic impersonations. What a surprise to see Bill Sullivan show off his acting skills as Eugene Skinner! We stood in line to get the 150th Celebration card with the commemorative stamp. By this time it was noon so we opted for lunch at 5th Street Market instead of a hike to Gillespie Butte. After lunch the improved weather with sun and blue sky motivated four of us to amble through downtown streets to share more of Eugene with Mary Ellen. Members: Rick Ahrens, Joella Ewing, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Laurie Marshall, and Susan Sanazaro. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Mary Ellen Baukol, and Wendy Holifield.

Eagles Rest

October 20, 2012

Leader: Judy Terry

Photographer: Keiko Bryan

Hike: 5 miles, 1,422 ft. (Moderate)

LOST CREEK VALLEY REMAINED LOST. Eight Obsidians started a sunny hike to the Eagles Rest in the Goodman Creek area. At approximately 1.7 miles into the hike, immediately after the Ash Swale Shelter, it began raining and con-

tinued. At the summit of the Eagles Rest, there was absolutely no view to be had, only white fog where the Lost Creek Valley should have been. As it continued raining, we retreated to the shelter to relax and have lunch. As we popped out of the shelter, the rain had mostly ceased and we had a somewhat drier return to the cars. Members: Keiko Bryan, Sarah Praskievicz, Joe Sanders, Darko Sojak, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, and Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Holger Krentz.



Masonic Cemetery/Hendricks Park Loop **October 20, 2012**

Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 4.5 miles, 387 ft. (Easy)

WE STARTED THE 4½ MILE LOOP HIKE at the Masonic Cemetery, winding our way up to 27th St. and Agate, past the golf course, and then turning south on Central to hook up with the Ridgeline neighborhood connector trail to the lodge, where we took a short break. Back on the Ribbon Trail, we hiked to Hendricks Park and then on city streets back to our cars, taking about three hours to do this loop. It was the first time for most of the hikers to visit the Masonic Cemetery and become acquainted with important Eugeneans including Eugene Skinner and the Hendricks family. Two hikers continued walking to 13th and Alder for the dedication of the blue heron sculpture, part of Eugene's 150th birthday celebration. Members: Roberta Chord, Julie Dorland, Autumn Edwards, Janet Jacobsen, Beth Roy, and Susan Sanazaro. Nonmembers: Mary Ellen Baukol, Maria Gerspacher, and Brian Murray.

Tamolitch Pool to Clear Lake **October 21, 2012**

Leader: Becky Lipton
Hike: 10 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

NINE DEDICATED HIKERS LEFT EUGENE IN A STEADY DRIZZLE, looking forward to enjoying the fall colors, unique geology and magical beauty of the hike to come. The wetness seemed to magnify the colors—bright yellow

bigleaf maples creating golden archways over our heads and contrasting with the deep aquamarine of Tamolitch Pool, with orange and red ground plants and yellow-green vine maples adding further color to the scene. Showers occurred intermittently, creating a lovely patter on the leaf canopy above. By the time we reached the three falls, the sun was peeking through the clouds, making the water glisten and sparkle. Everyone was delighted to enjoy the day, in spite of the wetness. Members: Don Cross, Becky Lipton, Lynn Meacham, Nancy Whitfield, and Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Kay Cosby, Holger Krentz, Gabrielle Lent, and Karen Lally.

Amazon Headwaters/Baldy Loop **October 28, 2012**

Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Darko Sojak
Hike: 6 miles, 700 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS REALLY RAINING WHEN EIGHT OF US MET AT 9:00 AM. By the time we started up the trail to the powerline road and on to Dillard Road, the rain ceased. The 60-degree temperature and the steep 700-foot elevation gain created a sauna of sorts under our raingear, prompting some of us to shed rain gear and warm clothing. After summiting Baldy, the rest of the hike was easy going as we walked up Dillard Road to catch the Ridgeline Trail to Foxhollow and then down the Amazon Headwaters Trail. The loop hike was around 4½ miles and took 2 hours and 15 minutes. We were



all surprised, including Brian Murray, a recent arrival from Colorado, that our hike was not entirely in the rain. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Jyoti Naik, Judy Parker, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, and Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Brian Murray.

Mt. Pisgah **October 29, 2012**

Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 3.1 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE ARRIVED ON TOP THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE MOONRISE AND SUNSET. It was cloudy so we opted to head back

down. We will never know if we missed fantastic glimpses of the full moon. Members: Janet Jacobsen and Jyoti Naik.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

September 29, 2012

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP MET AT 9:00 AM for our first Saturday morning trail maintenance outing of the fall. For this month's outing we planned to clear and improve the drainage features along the West and Main trails on Spencer Butte. We each grabbed a couple of tools and started up the steep West Trail. We cleared drainage and raked leaves and other duff off of the cobbled sections of the trail. We brought along a mini-sledge and alternated pounding in all the rebar sticking up out of the trail that we could. (Some is cemented in the rocks and can't be pounded down.) We made it up to the summit in time to enjoy some well-deserved snacks and lemonade. We then hiked down the Main Trail back to the parking lot continuing to work along the way. Members: Matthew Bell, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jyoti Naik, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan, Jim Whitfield, and Tom Woxell.



Byways By Bus

Fall Color

October 16, 2012

Leader: Ray Jensen; Ass't: Liz Reanier

Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

Bus

CHOOSING A SUITABLE DATE for our traditional Fall Color Trip involves guesswork and hope. This year we did see very good color in the High Cascades, and despite variable rainy weather, we enjoyed the trip. Our coffee and goodies break was inside the McKenzie Ranger Station, feasting on



a delicious birthday cake prepared by Barbara Beard for her birthday. Then it was on to spectacular Sahalie Falls, and Fish Lake, where the Santiam Wagon Road Remount Station is being restored. We then traveled over the Santiam summit and immediately enjoyed sunshine. We stayed in Sisters for two hours, shopping and replenishing calories. Our return was via Highway 20, down the South Santiam River, with a brief stop at Hackleman Old Growth, where



the trails were in poor condition. We all enjoyed ice cream at McDonald's in Sweet Home and then drove through the Mohawk Valley and McKenzie View Drive, arriving at the Shopko in late afternoon. Our driver, Jay Gunsolley, was excellent. There were 31 riders, including 10 nonmembers. Members: Ethel Allen, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Rose Mary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Patricia Jeffries, Ray Jensen, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Natalie Newlove, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Julie Snell, and Janet Speelman. Non-members: Mary Lemons, Judy Phelps, Beverly Robertson, Marge Hislop, Mary Ellen Baukol, Dawn Daugherty, Fred Hewitt, Freda Hewitt, John Kendall, and Val Kendall.



Bike Trips

Row River Trail

September 28, 2012

Leader: Joe Sanders

Photographer: Jim Pierce

Bike: 31 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN RIDERS, including newcomer Gabrielle Lent and her dad, Norm, enjoyed a perfect-weather late summer ride on the Row River Trail, passing by scenic Dorena Lake outside Cottage Grove. For those who might not know, the Row River Trail is one of a series of 'rails to trails' conversions throughout the USA in which one-time railroad beds have been converted to bike trails, insuring a trail wide enough to enjoy biking two abreast, with no vehicular traffic, and never more than gentle grade changes. Leaves and some form of fallen tree nuts crunched and popped as we rode along the dapple-shaded route, with some hints of early turning fall



foliage. We enjoyed lunch at the scenic Wildwood Falls which, I've been told, has a local folkloric reputation as a 'make-out party' spot on weekend summer nights for local teens testing hormones! This day we had the place to ourselves. On the return ride, Eric Swegles had the misfortune of a front tire slipping off the slightly raised paved surface, causing him to 'slip' off his bike. Surface cuts were expertly attended to by both Pat Esch and Jim Pierce, and the trip concluded without further drama. Members: Barbara Aten, Patricia Esch, Jim Pierce, Joe Sanders, and Eric Swegles. Nonmembers: Gabrielle Lent and Norman Lent.

Detering Orchard

October 6, 2012

Leader: Patricia Esch

Bike: 28 miles, 25 ft. (Moderate)

A VERY COOL MORNING became a warm and sunny afternoon for ten riders pedaling the flat Willamette Valley north of Eugene. There was some headwind on our way north to the orchard, with the promise of a tail wind on our return by the plowed grass fields waiting for the rains. The north/south roads we chose had less traffic than Coburg Road going in and out of Detering Orchard. The lovely day brought a happy crowd to enjoy the hay rides, kids' straw bale maze, free cider and scads of apples (36 varieties!) and pumpkins to purchase. Disappointingly there was no free ice cream this year (got too expensive), and though the squares of apple cobbler were small, they were delicious. The longest lines were not for cobbler, but for the restroom. Members: Barbara Aten, Patricia Esch, Howard Loewinger, Jim Pierce, and Joe Sanders. Nonmembers: Trent Sullivan, Allison Sullivan, Gabrielle Lent, Norman Lent, and Michelle Winetrot.

McKenzie View/Bottom Loop

October 13, 2012

Leader: Guy Strahon

Bike: 25 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

FOUR RIDERS WENT ON AN EASY RIDE TO COBURG. Because of threatening skies and wet pavement, we eliminated some hills from our excursion. We rode north of Coburg, then back to the Bottom Loop road and ate lunch at the Coburg Pizza Company. After a nice lunch and conversation, we all went our separate ways. Members: Barbara Bruns, Guy Strahon, and Judy Terry. Nonmember: Shelley Albrich.



Boat Trips

Coyote Creek - Canoe/Kayak

September 21, 2012

Leader: Tom Musselwhite

Canoe: 5.5 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

SIX CHEERFUL MEMBERS met up and were on our way to the Coyote Creek launch site just a bit after 9:00. As we neared the boat launch, a dancing coyote leaped into the middle of the road about 70 yards in front of us. As my astonished co-pilot and I watched, it hopped up into the air, spun around, and jumped right back into the brush. It probably took about two seconds before we passed the spot and it was out of sight. Working well together, we unloaded our crafts and made a smooth launch. Fowl of many types were active around us most of the time, including at least one huge blue heron, grebes, a large owl, a cast of turkey vultures, egrets, and more species of birds than I can name. After a couple of hours of leisurely paddling, we lunched in our boats near Fisher Island, then headed back through the rushes, cattails, and other aquatic vegetation toward our

launch site. Most of us stopped along the meandering creek to sample the luscious blackberries along the way. Then, with some precision reloading, we were up and out about 3:00 PM as another couple of boaters arrived to partake of all the natural and scenic treats so close to town. Members: Barbara Aten, Joella Ewing, Tom Musselwhite, Joe Sanders, Pat Soussan, and Jim Whitfield.

Klamath Basin Overnight Trip

October 12, 2012

Leader: Lana Lindstrom Asst: Brenda Kameenui

Photographers: Chris Stockdale/Lana Lindstrom

Boating: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE ENJOYED AN EASY UPSTREAM PADDLE on the Williamson, feeling wind in the willows and sun on our shoulders. We found trails of beavers, off duty from building elaborate mounds and stick dams that spanned the river. Resident bald eagles perched high in Ponderosa pines. Before the Klamath Irrigation Project of 1905, this area was a marvel, with the third largest salmon run in the West and over seven million waterfowl visiting the Basin each year to rest, refuel, and breed. The question now is: Klamath Lake and Tule Lake, pelicans or potatoes? The confluence of rivers and marshes, agribusiness and egrets is a complex one. Add to the mix the Native American Modoc and Yurok, Hoopa and Karuk, for whom salmon have been spiritual, nutritional, and commercial essentials. We were treated to a perfect autumn weekend

and sightings of thousands of birds on land and water and in flight, from grebes and coots to cormorants and white pelicans. A sight we won't soon forget is hundreds of white egrets perched atop masses of compacted bulrushes. From a distance, they appeared to be delicately balanced on just a single green rush. On our third day in the Basin, we visited the Wood River, a successful restoration project where a former cattle ranch has been restored to marsh. This rich and beautiful natural filter now sends the cleanest water in the area to the Klamath River and resident salmon. Our guides for this three-day exploration were Wendell Wood and his wife Kathy from Oregon Wild. Sharing the adventure were members Brenda Kameenui, Lana Lindstrom, Patricia MacAfee, Sue Meyers, Nola Nelson, Effie Neth, Chris Stockdale, and Nancy Whitfield.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Byways By Bus

Eagles 'N More

THE EAGLES 'N MORE TRIP WILL BE IN MID-FEBRUARY. After November 15, check online for details on the date and costs. For reservations, call Liz Reanier (687-1925), any time. The hotel cost will be for two person occupancy.

The bus will leave Shopko (Coburg Rd.) at 8 AM on a

Monday, driving highway 58 over the pass, stopping at Oa-ridge for our coffee break. Then it is on to Klamath Falls for lunch at Applebee's (cost included). Now it is serious birding time, as Rick Ahrens will already have given you lots of information. We travel and stop around State Line where the activity is, until dusk. We will then return to our motel (cost included), and dinner (on your own). The motel serves hot cookies at 8 PM. The second morning, after we finish our breakfast (included), we start early out in the same areas, and then back to the motel about 10 AM to check out. Then we drive down to the river for a walk. We will then have lunch (cost included) and begin our trek back to Eugene. The eagles always appear, but often we have a special surprise, such as when 10,000 snow geese flew over. Obsidians and their guests are always welcome.

This is a wonderful outing for winter.

Owyhee River Raft Trip

May 10-14, 2013

Leader: Pat Esch

Cost: Members \$1,035, and nonmembers \$1,040

IF YOU STILL HAVE THAT DREAM OF RAFTING THE OWYHEE RIVER, we will try again! Join Obsidians and Ouzel Outfitters next May on a 5-day guided raft trip where you can hang out on the guide's oar raft, become part of an oar-assisted paddle raft or paddle one of their inflatable kayaks. We'll explore 63 miles of this scenic and dramatic canyon at a leisurely pace with great hiking, camping, photo ops, birding and hot springs. The trip is rated Class III (moderate) and Ouzel is noted for their emphasis on safety and experienced guides. They've scheduled us to start in Rome on May 10th (again) and finish on the 14th at Birch Creek. Ouzel provides all rafting equipment and kayaks, camping gear (2-person tent, sleeping bag and pad), meals (vegetarian options) and return transportation to Rome. The price includes Ouzel's fee, an add-on of 10% for the guides' tips and the Obsidian trip fee; an exceptional price since their prices have gone up and this is only \$10 more than last year. They need a minimum of 10 participants with an upper limit of 15.

Signup: Prospective boaters should sign up online and within 5 days of signing up, mail me a check for \$100. All deposit checks should arrive in my mailbox by December 15, 2012, made out to Obsidian Trips and addressed to Patricia Esch, 1555 Monterey Ave, Eugene, OR 97401. Final payment is due February 1, 2013. **The deposit is 20% non-refundable if participant cancels before February 1st.** There will be a pre-trip meeting to answer questions and arrange carpooling. Questions? Call Pat at 338-8280.

Save the Date

Upcoming Extended Trip

Spring Basin Wilderness

May 17-19, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

THIS WILL BE THE THIRD TRIP to stay at the OMSI Camp Hancock Field Station near the Clarno Unit of John Day Fossil Beds and the Spring Basin Wilderness. Hike and explore for three days. I hope there is enough interest for a pretrip to the Painted Hills and Sheep Rock units. Want to know more? Read Chris Stockdale's online trip report in the June 2011 *Bulletin*.

Save the Dates!

Trinity Alps Summer Camp (near Weaverville, CA)

July 8-July 13, 2013



AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Climbing in the Cascades

Friday, November 16, 6 PM

MEMBERS SUE SULLIVAN, SEAN BRESLIN AND BRIAN HAMILTON will give a presentation entitled "Climbing in the Cascades".

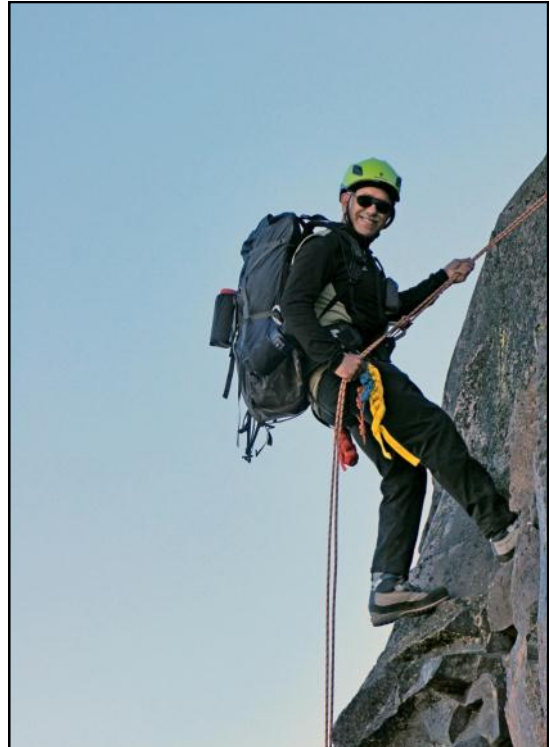
November Potluck

Friday, November 16, 2012

Social hour, 6 PM 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.



Lodge for the Holidays

Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 11 AM

Leader: Liz Reanier

Cost: \$5; nonmembers: \$10; Due November 29

Reservations and checks to: Janet Speelman

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE END OF OUR 2012 SEASON at the Obsidian Lodge from 11 AM—3 PM with

a holiday theme of renewed friendships, fun, food prepared by Obsidians Hospitality committee, door prizes, and entertainment. This is also a chance for Obsidians to come and check us out and an opportunity for non-members to get acquainted. Table service and plates will be provided. (Proceeds donated.)



ExploraTalk Tuesday December 4, 7 PM

Wildflowers of the Wallowas

LONGTIME OBSIDIAN DAVE PREDEEK will present slides of *Wildflowers of the Wallowas* on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7 PM at the Lodge. He will discuss the relationship of high elevation Wallowa Mt. flora with flora in the Arctic and other alpine regions in the northern hemisphere.

Dave took botanical surveys for the U.S. Forest Service for many years and has been a member of the Native Plant Society of Oregon for more than 30 years, serving as its current president. A member of the Obsidians since 1977, he has hiked the Alps of Europe and backpacked in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and Gates of the Arctic National Park.

Note from Sci/Ed Conservation Chair Joella Ewing

RAIN FOREST MUSHROOM COMPANY DONATED \$250 worth of lion's mane and maitake mushrooms, as well as growing mushroom stock, for the recent ExploraTalk on mushroom identification and tasting. This commercial mushroom growing operation is located in Eddyville near the coast. Look for them at local holiday and other markets and festivals, or call 875-2026 to place orders.

Wanted!: Potluck Greeters

THIS YEAR THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE provided greeters at each of the potluck dinners. Many thanks to: Sharon Cutsforth, Laurie Funkhouser, Mary Hamilton, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Diana Masarie, and Jim Pierce who welcomed guests to our lodge. Diane Schechter and Jyoti Naik will finish with the November dinners. If you are interested in volunteering for the 2013 potluck evenings, please let me know.



Elle Weaver, membership@obsidians.org

Eugene Park Stewards

Janet Jacobsen

MATT BELL AND I ATTENDED A PILOT PRESENTATION of the Eugene Park Stewards Volunteer Leaders Orientation on October 10. The Regional Volunteer Coordinators needed feedback on how to involve and train future volunteer leaders who will be adopting park and open space projects. The Obsidians have already adopted the Ridgeline Trail from Willamette to Fox Hollow. Matt did a great job representing the Obsidians when he shared his experiences about organization and recruiting for Obsidian Trail projects. What does all of this mean? With city budget constraints, there will be some Saturday morning work projects when Matt will be the leader without the physical presence of Open Space staff. It also means that Matt will need to pick up and return equipment and other supplies at the Parks and Open Space center at 1820 Roosevelt. We hope the Eugene Park Stewards program is successful and that more volunteers come forward to adopt a space. If you would like to know more about the program, go to <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=495>

Obsidians Dress for Success!



Obsidian Calendar

November

16 Fri **Climbing in the Cascades**.....Potluck
 18 Sun **Sweet Creek Hike E Pierce**344-1775
 23 Fri **T-day Trimming Hike M Lindstrom**683-1409
 24 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell** 503-884-8829

December

02 Sun **Eel Creek Hike M Hackett**.....953-7046
 04 Tue **Wildflowers of the Wallows**ExploraTalk
 06 Thu **Lodge for the Holidays Bus Reanier**.....687-1925
 12 Wed **Waldo Lake Rd Xski M Hackett**953-7046
 15 Sat **Three Finger Jack SShoe D Hildreth**.....345-7520
 21 Fri **Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike M.. Jacobsen** 343-8030
 22 Sat **Midnight Lake Xski M Wolling**345-2110

January

01 Tue **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen**343-8030
 04 Fri **River Campus Loop Hike E Jacobsen**.....343-8030
 19 Sat **Circle Lake Xski/ SShoe D Stockdale**767-3668
 25 Fri **Bill Sullivan**.....Potluck
 27 Sun **Redtop Xski D Sayre**345-2370

REI Event

Outdoors with the Obsidians—Media Presentation
Tuesday, December 4, 7:00-8:00 PM

JANET JACOBSEN WILL SHARE SLIDES of Obsidian activities this year including mountain climbing, hiking, summer outings, trail maintenance, skiing and snowshoeing. Information on participating in these activities will be available. Are inexpensive, well-led, local adventures with the Obsidians in your future?

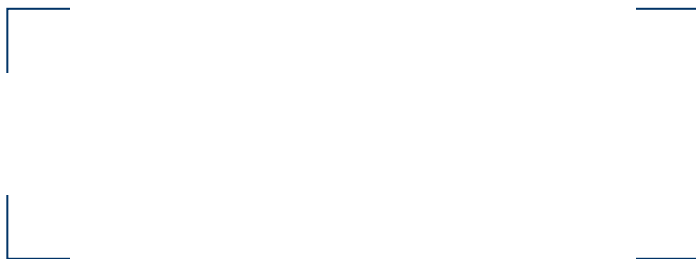
Guests are encouraged to register at the REI Eugene events website.

THE CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE is delighted to announce that we have added several new items to our line of merchandise and we invite you to stop by our table next time you attend an Obsidians function to check them out. We want to thank all of you for your great ideas, especially Mary Bridgman, who for a long time has been asking us to carry Obsidians lapel pins. Well, we finally listened. The pins are very handsome—blue, green and silver with our arrowhead logo backed by the Three Sisters. They are only \$5.00 and will look great on your Obsidians cap, vest or sweatshirt. Yes, you read that right. We are also now carrying cotton sweatshirts in an array of gorgeous earth tones. Another new item that we're excited about is our Sun Cap. It comes in khaki and has an extra long bill, neck cape and UPF 45+ rating to protect you from the sun whether you're boating or hiking. So, stop by and see us next time you're at a pot luck or ExploraTalk. (Don't forget your checkbooks!) We can't wait to show you all our new merchandise.



Photo from Green Lakes Hike by Jyoti Naik—See related trip report on page 10.

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