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**Dates to Remember**

May 20	Potluck
May 28	<i>Bulletin</i> deadline
May 31	ExploraTalk
June 1	Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:  
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*Register-Guard* – Outdoors – Tuesday

**NEWS FLASH!**

**THERE ARE HUNDREDS** of large marine mammals (California sea lions, elephant seals, harbor seals, stellar sea lions) in residence at Simpson Reef. Come along on the May 19 New Coastal Museum & Aquarium bus trip to witness this spectacular sight and sound. See trip details page 8.

**First Aid Class for Trip Leaders in Planning Stages**

**A**PPROVAL WAS GIVEN AT THE MAY BOARD MEETING to sponsor a First Aid/CPR class for trip leaders. George Williamson, a climb leader, is certified to teach Red Cross First Aid and CPR, and is willing to teach classes for the club. The participants would pay a nominal amount of \$10 and the club would pay the remaining cost. Twenty leaders from climbs, bus trips, and summer trips have already expressed interest in taking the class. If you are leading and want to be contacted when the class dates are finalized, email [summertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:summertrips@obsidians.org) John Cooper and Janet Jacobsen are facilitators for the classes.

Why is this important? The founding of the Obsidians was based on the concern for the safety of others when in 1927 a group of mountaineers headed to the Three Sisters to search for lost climbers. Since then we have continued to bring people to the outdoors. However, this experience is not without risk. Having our leaders trained to respond to medical emergencies ensures that we protect the well-being of those who trust us in the mountains, on the trails and on bus trips. This not only provides those who go on our trips with the reassurance that their leaders are trained, but also demonstrates our commitment to our leaders.

- Sponsors:  
 Maryanne Reiter, Climbs Chair  
 Pat Esch, Safety Chair  
 John Cooper, Summer Trips Chair  
 Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Trips Chair

**Public Meeting on Arlie Park Plan  
 May 10 at 6 PM**

**T**HE EUGENE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DIVISION will be developing a Master Plan for the entire 516-acre Suzanne Arlie Park over the coming year. Suzanne Arlie Park is located just south of Lane Community College and makes possible a key recreational connection between Mt. Baldy, LCC and I-5.

The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 6:00–7:30 PM in the Bascom-Tykeson Room of the Eugene Public Library in downtown Eugene.

For further information about the meeting and the site, visit the project web page: [www.eugene-or.gov/ArliePark](http://www.eugene-or.gov/ArliePark). If you are unable to attend, keep checking the website for updates, as there will be a web survey and opportunities to sign up for guided site visits.

For background information about the 2009 East Ridgeline Community Task Team, read the article in the June 2009 *Bulletin* by John Jacobsen, who was on the Task Team.

# OBITUARY

## DON HUNTER 1914–2016

**O**BSIDIAN MEMBER DON HUNTER passed away on April 10, a few months shy of his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Even though Don participated in his first Obsidian activity in 1935, he did not join the club until 1960 and never relinquished his membership. Through the years he became increasingly involved in conservation and environmental issues, using his skills as a photographer to document areas of interest and concerns. A year after the eruption of Mt. St. Helens he flew over the mountain and soon after received a permit to hike into the caldera. The pictures he took of the devastation made a powerful presentation at one of our potlucks. Don became very involved with *Friends of the Three Sisters* and the efforts of that lobbying group helped to declare it a wilderness area. He made several trips to Washington D.C. on behalf of the *Friends* to promote other areas for protection, all of them successful. Don led trips for our club too, one of which was a 17-hour 'day' trip to Smith Rock and the Painted Hills to take photos of those beautiful areas. In September, 2014 Don hosted a table at our celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Wilderness Act*, a piece of legislation which Don, among others, was instrumental in promoting.

The April, 2007 issue of the *Bulletin* featured Don and his involvement with the club and environmental causes.

A memorial service is planned for June 10 at Central Presbyterian Church.

*Editor's Note: At the time of this writing no obituary has appeared in The Register-Guard.*

## Nepal Tour Opportunity

**T**HE EUGENE-KATHMANDU SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION is seeking adventurous, flexible, and active people to join its two-week tour of Nepal in November. The trip will include Kathmandu, Gorkha, Pokhara, Lumbini (birthplace of the Buddha), and Chitwan National Wildlife Refuge. The tour will also include a stay in a village off the beaten track where participants will hike to the mountaintop ruins of a 16<sup>th</sup> century fortress. The leader of the tour is Harvey Blustain, an anthropologist who has been engaged in Nepal since the 1970s. For details, please contact Harvey at [hblustain@gmail.com](mailto:hblustain@gmail.com).

### Welcome New Members

*Blackwell, Michelle  
Eugene*

*Duerr, Patrick  
Eugene*

*DuPont, Alayna  
Lowell*

*Ellington, Jon  
Springfield*

*Henrichsen, John  
Dexter*

*Phillips, Daniel  
Eugene*

*Salle, Isabelle  
Eugene*

*Thornton, Eric  
Springfield*

*Warren, Charles  
Eugene*

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for June 2016 *Bulletin*

**Saturday, May 28, 2016**

### April

### Assembly/Mailing Team

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# Summer Trips Leader Orientation

John Cooper, Summer Trips

Photo by Darko Sojak

**THIRTY-ONE PEOPLE TURNED OUT** for the Leader Orientation night. Thanks to all who attended and those on the committee whose ideas and energy made this possible. The season's trips keep growing thanks to the club's dedicated leaders. There are many new additions to the schedule. Those leaders who have not decided on an activity to lead might consider the following trips that are not yet on the schedule: Larson Rock, Silver Falls, Sahalie Falls Loop, Canyon Creek Meadows, Tidbits, Lowder Mountain, Talking Stones, Tahkenitch Dunes Loop, and Eula Ridge among many others. Please if you can lead a trip send the information to [summertrips.org](http://summertrips.org). Your help will be greatly appreciated.



## Did You Miss Leader Orientation Night? Peruse a Few of the Highlights

### What's New?

The *Place of Departure* on *Trip Sign Up* has a pull down box with address choices.

The *Emergency Contact* list is available in *Leader Access*. Print and take on your hike.

A form to report trail condition is available. Contact Dave Cooper: [dwcoop@yahoo.com](mailto:dwcoop@yahoo.com)

First aid classes for leaders are in the planning stages.

### Safety

Carry a copy of the *Incident Report* in your personal first aid kit.

What is the difference between the accident and incident report? Read the *Safety Manual*.

### Guide for Trip Leaders

Read it! It has been revised and revised through the years by a multitude of members who want to share what works for a successful trip.

**Where can I find the online Obsidian documents for leaders?** *Members Only*.

Have questions? email [summertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:summertrips@obsidians.org)



Photo by Darko Sojak.

## Backpacking Rendezvous at Lodge

Summer Trips Committee (Photo by Darko Sojak)

**B**ACKPACKERS spread out their gear on the Lodge floor to share ideas and swap stories about backpacking. Around twenty-five people mingled and did the mental math to figure out which stove, sleeping bag or tent was the lightest. Spreadsheets and weight tests added to the speculation of how one could do more with less. Innovation also played a role in assembling one's gear. What was a com-



fortable backpack weight? Thanks to Ken DenOuden, Scott Hovis, Nola Nelson, Kathy Randall, Sue Wolling, and Mark Hougardy who shared the contents of their backpacks. A big thanks goes to Mark Hougardy who organized the Backpack Rendezvous—a fun and informative event.

# May Board Notes

## By Dave Cooper

Vice-President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: David Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Todd Larsen, Matt Bell and John Cooper. Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, Lyndell Wilken, Wayne Deeter, Kathy Hoeg, and Lenore McManigal.

The Board approved the minutes of the April 2016 meeting.

## Treasurer's Report:

Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-versus-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet. The Board approved payment of the bills.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Earthquake Insurance**—After some discussion the Board approved spending \$621 for earthquake insurance.

**Board Nominating Committee (Lana Lindstrom):** The Nominating Committee consisting of John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Maryanne Reiter met in April to recommend three candidates for the Board of Directors. Traits that the Committee considered important were past experience, enthusiasm, new ideas and commitment to the club. The following names will be presented at the May Board meeting: Laurie Funkhouser, Marci Hansen, and Lyndell Wilken. All three women have been active in leadership roles in the club for a number of years. Full bios of all three individuals will be in the September *Bulletin*. The nominees will be formally voted on by the general membership at the October 14 annual meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** There were 23 completed activities for April. There have been 20 hikes, one bike trip and two educational events. Leader Orientation night had a good turnout as was The Backpackers Rendezvous organized by Mark Hougardy. Thanks to Mark for coming up with this program and to the backpackers who brought their gear and ideas to share. There are 117 activities remaining on the schedule.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The Climbs Committee, along with Eugene Mountain Rescue, had another successful Climb School this year. Luckily, the weather cooperated and we had enough snow on the west side to have Snow Practice at Hayrick Butte. Twenty-four students registered this year. The Climbs Committee also launched the climbing season with a successful climb up Unicorn Peak in Washington. So far, there are 23 more climbs to come this season.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There was one outing this past month in Spencer Butte Park with twelve Obsidian participants. The majority of our group hiked up the West Trail working to discourage the use of illicit side trails.

**Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth):** The April bus trip to Wildlife Safari was enjoyed by 18 members and 6 nonmembers.

**Summer Camp (John Jacobsen):** Camp Robertson, Obsidian Summer Camp, camp roster is full. We currently have two people on the wait list.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (John Pegg):** On April 26, Caitlin Goodman gave a very entertaining ExploraTalk on Nutrition for Active Adults at the Lodge. Ms. Goodman is a nutritionist at the UO Athletic Department. I was impressed with the number of very intelligent questions and the amount of

useful information. The ExploraTalk on June 14 will feature biologist and Obsidian Tommy Young with a slideshow and talk *A Comparison of Seal Rock Tidal Pools and Sarasota Bay Tidal Flats*.

**Publication (Lou Maenz):** Publications mailed 202 *Bulletins* in April.

**Entertainment (Judy Ness & Lana Lindstrom):** Dr. Marli Miller did an excellent presentation on the Geology of Oregon at the April 22 potluck. Approximately 70 persons attended.

**Membership (Laurie Funkhouser):** Current membership, including new members, is as follows: 432 active, 10 associate, 6 honorary, 8 junior and 15 life members for a total of 471.

**Publicity (Janet Jacobsen):** Oregon Wild's Brewshed and Outdoors Celebration at the new Ninkasi Administration Building on April 28 attracted a large crowd including 15 or so Obsidians. We joined twelve other outdoor and advocacy organizations in the courtyard for the social hour before the program. Our table had a new look with a Velcro strip attached to the table rim and the banner so that we didn't have to use cords. Instead of photos from past activities, we had flyers promoting upcoming events. Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, and John Jacobsen answered questions.

**Concessions:** The new merchandise at Concessions led to \$179 total sales for the month.

**Online (Wayne Deeter):** There are now 7,073 photos in 514 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery.. From our Facebook Page maintainers (Shellie and Marci, Marci reporting): We had 12 additional followers to our Facebook page, we now have 515 total followers. We had 336 *Likes* to posts. That's a page record by over 50.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** The activity sheets belonging to members who did not renew their dues last fall, have been transferred to a set of books for former members. The trips and activities printed in the March *Bulletin* have been recorded.

**Lodge Building (Doug Nelson):** The Eugene Gleemen have reserved the building for the evening of May 24.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** We had one work party during the month of April for routine mowing and cleanup for the ExploraTalk and Potluck. Thanks to Jim Whitfield. I have been in contact with the tree service about removing the dead and dying firs on the Lodge grounds.

**Safety (Pat Esch):** Lyndell Wilken will be coordinating the Outdoor Emergency Preparedness course November 5 taught by Laurie Monico. It will be a one-day Saturday class instead of the usual three evening classes we had previously in January.

## NEW BUSINESS

The board approved nine new members.

Obsidian Patch purchase: The Board approved an order to Eugene Silkscreen for 350 basic patches.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Various announcements were made about upcoming activities.

The Board then adjourned. Interested members went to the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Café for dinner.



## Trip Reports & Other Activities



### Trail Maintenance

#### Spencer Butte

March 26, 2016

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

**O**UR GROUP OF UNDAUNTED VOLUNTEERS met up on a wet and stormy morning at the main Spencer Butte parking lot to hike up the Main Trail and clear drainage ditches and culverts. We also cleared some of the rolling drain dips that weren't draining water as well as they should. Our group of volunteers carried terra hoes, garden hoes, and shovels up the Main Trail clearing out drainage ditches and culverts along the way. We also cleared ditches along the raised turnpike of the Tie Trail. One of the highlights of the trip was spotting and moving a red racer out of one of the uppermost ditches on the Tie Trail. Members: Matthew Bell, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.



### Byways By Bus

#### A Day at Wildlife Safari

April 12, 2016

Leader: Judy Phelps

**O**ur trip to Wildlife Safari was a pleasant day. We had 24 riders, including a few who were on their first bus trip. Leaving Shopko at 8:00, we traveled to our coffee break destination near Roseburg. Then on to Wildlife Safari park. We were fortunate to have a cool overcast day. Our step-on guide rode through the park with us for the first loop. She was very knowledgeable about the park's history and the animals. The animals were active the first loop and even more so when we drove through on the second loop in early afternoon. We were able to enjoy close-up viewing of lions, cheetahs, bears, hippos, giraffe, rhino and so much more. We had leisurely time to stroll around the village, view the caged animals, birds and reptiles, and have our lunch. Of course our trip would not be complete without an ice cream stop at Rice Hill on the way home. As people left the bus when we returned, I heard many comments about what a relaxing and enjoyable day it was for them. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, Donna Halker, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Rose Marie Moffitt, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Tom Rundle, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Judy Adamcyk, Linn Crooks, Connie McIndoo, Charlene Talkington, Ruby Talkington, Dennis Urso.



### Bike Trips

#### 12 Bridges Extension

March 27, 2016

Leader: Richard Hughes

Photographer: Ruth Kanagy

Bike: 21 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

**T**HE WEATHER GODS CALLED ME EARLY ON EASTER reminding me to start my bike trip by 9:00. In doing so we were rewarded with a beautiful dry ride around the Willamette River, crossing 12 bridges. We stopped at the major bridges to discuss their purpose, cost, size and date they were constructed. It's a small world even on a bike ride in Eugene with only five riders. Laurie, who attended the



University of Puget Sound, discovered that Natalie's daughter is currently attending there in the state of Washington. Ruthy is leading a bicycle tour in Tokyo beginning on Tuesday (3/29). Natalie, VP with Travel Lane County, mentioned that the state of Oregon has a tourism office in Tokyo. Who knew? Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Richard Hughes, Ruthy Kanagy, Lana Lindstrom. Nonmembers: Natalie Inouye.

#### West Wetlands Bike and Birding

April 12, 2016

Leader: Anne Montgomery

Bike: 14 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

**ALTHOUGH THE BREEZE WAS A LITTLE COOL AT TIMES**, we lucked out on the weather as there was no rain during our trip despite the prediction. Along the west Eugene bike path, the usual suspect species were on view: crow, starling, Canada goose, mallard, and English sparrow. In addition, kingfisher, song sparrow, great blue heron, egret, yellow-rumped warbler, widgeon, greater yellowlegs, shoveler, pintail, tree swallow, red-winged blackbird, killdeer, meadowlark, scrub jay, turkey vulture, northern harrier, mourning dove, and

green-winged teal made themselves available for our enjoyment. This gave us a total of twenty-three species for the morning jaunt. My companions were very helpful in pointing out the various species and made our trip a pleasure. Members: Joan Bradley, Patricia Esch, Marlene Malone, Greg Milliman, Anne Montgomery.



## Hikes

### **Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte**

**March 19, 2016**

**Leader: Laurie Funkhouser**

**Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**U**NDER DARK CLOUDS AND THE THREAT OF RAIN, our small crew made quick order to head to Spencer Butte. Along the way we noted trillium in full bloom, fawn lilies sprouting, hound's tongue beginning to bloom with beautiful blue flowers and the spring beauties scattered everywhere. John spied a pygmy owl sitting atop a barren tree at the top of the Butte and the knock-knocking of a woodpecker helped find its location. Luckily we managed to miss the rain. Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Betty Grant, John Jacobsen.

### **Mt. Pisgah under the Full Moon**

**March 22, 2016**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

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

**FOR THE THREE OF US, IT WAS PISGAH UNDER A CLOUDY SKY,** a small rainbow to the southeast, and a partially-viewed sun. We were, however, alone on the summit for at least 20 minutes, which on Pisgah is a treat. This is the opposite of the Harvest Moon, where the moon rises much later each succeeding night after full rather than only a short time later. I won't go into the reason for this phenomenon, except it is related to the quickness at which darkness envelops the tropics after sunset and how long twilight lasts in the northern hemisphere. Now that the astronomy has been discussed, it was a good hike! Members: Hilary Fisher, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

### **Ridgeline Trail/Shuttle**

**March 25, 2016**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE STARTED HIKING FROM THE BLANTON TRAILHEAD** at 8:45 AM. One couldn't miss the trillium, fawn lilies, hound's tongue and calypso orchids bordering the trail. When we reached the top of Baldy, two hikers continued on down to Spring and their waiting car. The other five hikers decided to return the way we came reaching the Blanton trailhead around 1:00. The on and off light showers didn't dampen our enthusiasm for a spring hike with an abundance of wildflowers and bird songs. Members: Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, David Schroeder, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Amy Mason.

### **Beach Clean Up with SOLVE**

**March 26, 2016**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 4 miles, 20 ft. (Easy)**

**DESPITE THE DRIZZLE AND WIND WE HAD FUN.** Collectively we gathered about 150 pounds of trash, mostly plastic, styrofoam, cans and bottles, ropes, car parts and clothing. Claire made the biggest catch with a truck tire still on the rim and a truck front grille. Lunch at the Bridgewater in Florence Old Town rounded a good day. Members: Keiko Bryan, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Susan Sanazaro, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau, Daniel Bryan.

### **Castle Rock**

**March 27, 2016**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 12 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)**

**SEVEN OF US SPENT EASTER HIKING UP CASTLE ROCK.** We started under clear skies and hiked four miles up the trail, taking a break at the road to remove some layers. Naturally, about five minutes later, the cold front suddenly passed through, dropping the temperature about 5-10 degrees. As we got closer to the summit, we encountered sleet, then topping out in bright sunshine at 3,800 feet. Well, sort of bright sunshine. Then the wind came up, and it started to sleet again. Then the sun came out, showing us a few views of the McKenzie Valley. There was surprisingly little snow up there, given that eight days earlier, Marys Peak had a lot of snow at a similar elevation. We then returned the way we came, seeing snow queen in bloom in multiple shades of beautiful green, and a trail that had no people until we were most of the way down to the bottom. There were three blowdowns, but all could easily be managed. The trail itself was in good shape with the usual mud at the bottom. We got lucky with the weather; ten minutes after leaving the trailhead, a cold hard rain pelted us. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, David Strutin.

### **Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte**

**March 30-April 20, 2016**

**Various Leaders: Mike Smith, Marlene Malone,**

**David Cooper, David Lodeesen**

**Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)**

**THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: MARCH 30:** Members: Brad Bennett, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Tom Rundle, Rick Sanford, David Schroeder, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizzen, Fumiyo Tao, Tommy Young. **APRIL 6:** Members: Brad Bennett, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Jim Northrop, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. **APRIL 13:** Members: David Cooper, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizzen, David Strutin, Tommy Young. **APRIL 20:** Members: Brad Bennett, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David



Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Cari Soderlund.

## **Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte**

**April 2, 2016**

**Leader: Laurie Funkhouser**

**Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**SUMMER DAY! THE FLOWERS WERE BLOOMING**—fawn lilies, widow weed, hound's tongue, calypso orchids (fairy slippers), shooting stars, bleeding hearts and one iris! The top was sunny and we shared it with at least 40 other people! Temperature had to be at least 60+ degrees. Enjoyed the crew, which included some newcomers. Members: Brad Bennett, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Toresa Martell, Lynn Meacham. Nonmembers: Sandy Rice.

## **Sweet Creek Falls/Beach and Lunch**

**April 2, 2016**

**Leader: Jane Hackett**

**Hike: 3 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)**

**GREAT TRIP ON A GREAT DAY.** Ten of us hiked the Sweet Creek trail. It was gorgeous—all the water falls were at their best. The wildflowers included trillium and adder's tongue fern which looked like a deep pink fawn lily. The fairy bells and many others were just getting started. Back at the trailhead, the Cordon's left us for Eugene, having spent two days on the coast. The rest of us headed for the North Jetty for a beach hike. Perfect weather and clear skies. We ended the day at the Breakwater for a late lunch or early dinner at 3:00 where we found lots of seating. We had dessert at BJ's and then home. Members: Steve Cordon, Patricia Esch, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Lucy Nelson, Tom Rundle, Susan Sanazaro, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Jim Zajac, Michelle Cordon.

## **Kentucky Falls**

**April 3, 2016**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 7 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)**

**OVERHEARD IN THE CAR WHILE DODGING DEEP POTHOLES** on the six-mile gravel road: "What possessed Janet to lead this hike?" Overheard at the lunch spot by the Swimming Hole Falls on the North Fork of the Smith River: "I am so glad Janet brought us to this amazing place." It was a warm sunny day, perfect to enjoy the dramatic views and the trillium along the river trail. North Fork Falls, Upper and Lower Kentucky Falls roared with overflowing cascades! Darko wandered down to a bog for a close-up photo and smell of skunk cabbage. What a surprise when he showed us a wet hillside of pink fawn lilies. The Kentucky Falls trail is hard to find. Also, a car with high clearance is desirable on these roads. I recommend that you follow Bill Sullivan's directions in his Oregon Coast hiking book and reset your odometer for each turn going and returning. Our return trip to Highway 126 was an adventure for our guest from France, as we traveled alternate twisty logging gravel roads revealing one clear-cut vista after another. Members: Steve Adey, Kathie Carpenter, Alan Curtis, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: Isabelle Salle.

## **Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte**

**April 9, 2016**

**Leader: Laurie Funkhouser**

**Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**AN IDEAL HIKING TEMPERATURE OF ABOUT 53** degrees resulted in a steady pace to reach the summit. No views today. However, the flowers are blooming in full color with fuchsia or magenta shooting stars, purple widow grass, blue hound's tongue, etc. The trail was cleaned up by our dedicated dog poop picker-upper, Janet Jacobsen, who had a full bag today. Enjoyed the company of new members and guests. Members: Brad Bennett, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Lucy Nelson, Dave Predeek. Nonmembers: Kenneth Tomten.

## **North Bank Deer Preserve**

**April 10, 2016**

**Leader: John Jacobsen**

**Photographer: David Lodeesen**

**Hike: 8.4 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)**

**A GREAT TRIP.** The North Bank Deer Preserve loop is one of



my favorite hikes and it is especially fun to share it with hikers that have not been to this unique place before, which on this day were several. While the skies were cloudy, it didn't rain. The wildflowers were out in abundance, the madrone trees were in bloom, the views were panoramic, the poison oak was spectacular and we had a great group of folks on the hike. Oh... and by popular vote, we decided the six or seven deer we saw running around were the rare Colombian whitetail deer, for whom this preserve was created. We had an especially fast group on this up and down and up and down and up and down trip. We left Eugene at 8:00 and left the trailhead at 9:20. We stopped for lunch at my usual lunch knoll about an hour earlier than usual and returned to the cars by 1:30. The sun was supposed to break through about 2:00, but never made it out. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Laurie Funkhouser, Consuelo Gomez, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham. Nonmembers: Isabelle Salle.

## **Amazon Creek Canal**

**April 10, 2016**

**Leader: Pat Soussan**

**Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)**

**WE ALL ENJOYED A VERY PLEASANT WALK** along the canal with a few wildlife sightings and wildflowers in bloom. A

great blue heron was seen a number of times and many red-winged blackbirds. The camas was abundant along the canal and in the adjoining fields and there were also some wild iris, buttercups and checker-mallow. At our halfway point, we observed a work party from the University of Washington that was monitoring the Kincaid's lupine that is the main host plant for the endangered Fender's blue butterfly. Thanks to the participants for good conversation on our two-hour walk and for telling Ken, who was visiting from Virginia, all about Eugene. Members: Barbara Aten, Anne Bonine, Joan Bradley, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Kenneth Tomten.

### **Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte**

**April 16, 2016**

**Leader: Laurie Funkhouser**

**Photographer: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**WOW, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!** The sun was out, the flowers are still blooming, and even with the slightly earlier start, plenty of



people enjoying the hike. Enjoyed the company of our guest as well as gold/silver members. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Lana Lindstrom, Becky Lipton, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Ben Brown.

### **Yachats to Waldport**

**April 17, 2016**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Photographer: David Lodeesen**

**Hike: 7 miles, 30 ft. (Moderate)**

**THERE WAS A LIGHT BREEZE** and so far this was the warmest day of the year. The high tides were spectacular. It was 84 on the central Oregon coast in middle of April! Besides a few sunburns and few small blisters, our jaunt was great.



Afterwards, the happy group stopped at BJ's in Florence for ice cream. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Jim Zajac, Isabelle Salle.



## **Byways** **By Bus**

### **New Coastal Museum & Aquarium**

Date: May 19 (Thursday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$60 (\$62 non) Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

### **Birding at Summer Lake**

Date: June 7-9 (Tuesday-Thursday)

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$290 (\$296 nonmembers) Judy Phelps, 726-0118

### **More Food V**

Date: July 14 (Thursday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$49 (\$51 nonmembers) Barbara Payne, 746-1964

### **An Oregon Coast Adventure**

Date: September 11-17 (Sunday-Saturday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$1,045 (\$1,059 non) Barbara Payne, 746-1964

### **Fall Color & Harvest Time**

Date: October 6 (Thursday)

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$54 (\$56 nonmembers) Judy Phelps, 726-0118

### **Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise**

Date: December 1 (Thursday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$98 (\$100 nonmembers) Barbara Payne, 746-1964



## Upcoming

# Why Backpack?

*Becky Lipton*

**EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY**—like a B & B camp setup or how other backpackers hike hundreds of miles with only three pairs of socks.

- Get to know the locals—chipmunks, beavers, frogs and thru hikers come to mind.
- It's surprisingly affordable—I mean, how much can granola cost, anyway?
- Personal satisfaction from the adventure and success of each day.
- Peace—as your inner self slows down and you tune in to the moment.
- Abundant beauty—the sound of waterfalls and rapids, the fiery colors of changing light on mountains and sky, the mist rising from valleys in early morning, the sudden surprise of a meadow in bloom when rounding a bend ....

Currently, the Obsidians club offers eight backpack trips in 2016. Join us and experience the adventure!

**May 20–22 Blacklock Pt.**—Scott Hovis. Medium difficulty, 2.5-mile full gear in/out, Saturday day hike 6–8 miles.

**June 25–27 Brice Creek**—Becky Lipton. Very easy, 1.5 miles, flat, day hikes and explorations.

**July 29–31 Sky High Lakes (N. CA)**—Bill Sullivan. Difficult, 6 miles, 2000 ft. elevation, seven mile day hike.

**Aug 13–21 Mt. Jefferson to Hwy 242**—Becky Lipton. Difficult, 67 miles along the Pacific Crest Trail—our third segment of the Oregon Pacific Crest Trail.

**Aug 19-21 Duffy Lake**—Kathy Randall. Moderate - 6.7 mi in, day hike

**Sept 3–5 Broken Top via Tam McArthur Rim**—Becky Lipton. Difficult, six miles in with elevation, day hike up the flank of Broken Top.

**Sept 19–24 Lost Coast (Humboldt, CA)**—Scott Hovis. Difficult, 25 trail/beach miles full gear.

**Sept 30–Oct 2 Salmon Lakes/Waldo Wilderness**—Scott Hovis. Medium, three mile in/out full gear, Sat. day hike six miles.

## Camp Robertson Reminders Summer Camp 2016 ~ Ruby Mountains, Nevada July 30 - August 5, 2016

*John Jacobsen, Summer Camp Chair*

**T**HE CAMP ROBERTSON SUMMER CAMP RALLY is coming up on Friday, May 13, 7:00 PM at the Obsidian Lodge (this is not a potluck). We'll discuss camp logistics, ways to get there and show slides of the camp, the area, and recreational opportunities. The rally is a good place to get any questions you may have about Summer Camp answered. Those who have signed up for camp will be able to receive their Camp Robertson booklet at the rally with all the camp details, including hiking options and other activities.

The camp roster is currently full with a short wait list, but if anyone else wants to sign up they are encouraged to. The Camp Robertson Registration Form that went out in the March *Bulletin* and is available at our web site has detailed information on Summer Camp registration and how the wait list works. People on the wait list should be patient since historically there are some cancellations that occur as camp time approaches and most people who wait it out get to go ... but there are no guarantees.



## At The Lodge



# POTLUCK

Friday May 20  
at 6:30 PM

## The Curious History of Obsidian Climbs and Climbers

**I**NTERESTED IN **OBSIDIAN CLIMBING HISTORY** and the current state of the Obsidian Climb Program? Join us with the Obsidian Climbs Chair, Maryanne Reiter, for an entertaining evening offering an overview of historical (or is that hysterical?) Obsidian mountaineering through anecdotes, vintage climb photos, gear comparisons, and a look at how climbing in the Pacific Northwest has changed. We'll update you on our current climbing program/class and offer options for further exploration and involvement.

### May Potluck

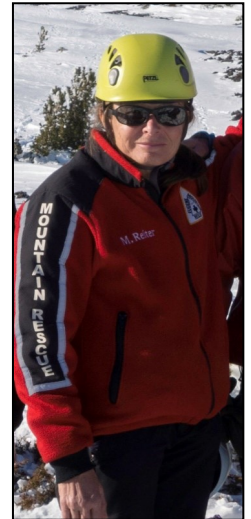
Friday, May 20, 2016

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.*

**Maryanne Reiter**  
**Obsidian Climbs Chair**



Ray Sims August 7, 1929 climb photo from his scrapbook in the Obsidian archives  
An accompanying newspaper article headline read "Obsidians put twenty on N. Sister."



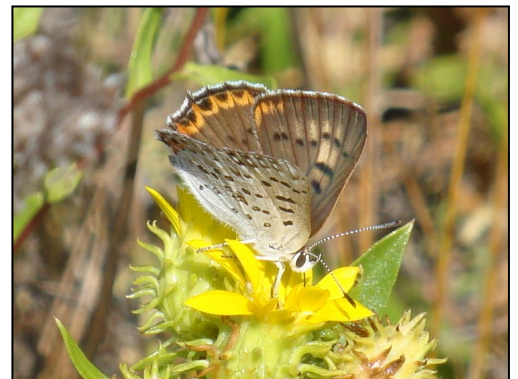
Tuesday May 31 at 7:00 PM

## ExploraTalk

Butterflies of Lane County

Presented by naturalist Rick Ahrens

**J**OIN LOCAL NATURALIST **RICK AHRENS** at the Obsidian Lodge on May 31 at 7:00 PM for a fascinating look at our local butterflies. In a presentation illustrated by beautiful photographs he will examine most of the common species and a few rare ones—exploring life cycles, ecology, as well as where and when to look for these ephemeral winged wonders.





# Obsidian Calendar

## May

6 Fri	<b>Goodman Creek Hike M Camp</b> .....	221-4429
7 Sat	<b>Patterson Mountain Hike E Hackett</b> .....	953-7046
7 Sat	<b>Diamond Peak Graduation Climb Willhite</b> .....	406-570-4514
7 Sat	<b>Blanton Heights B Hike M Funkhouser</b> .....	206-2303
8 Sun	<b>Macduff Mountain Hike D Smith</b> .....	357-5208
9 Mon	<b>Spencer Butte Conditioning Hike Willhite</b> .....	406-570-4514
9 Mon	<b>Transit of Mercury Class E Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
11 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe</b> .....	206-9501
13 Fri	<b>Summer Camp Rally</b> .....	<b>Rally</b>
14 Sat	<b>Mt. Hood Climb Reiter</b> .....	521-8472
14 Sat	<b>Mt. Hood Climb Harris</b> .....	521-5807
15 Sun	<b>Owyhee Rafting Trip Ext Trip Schechter</b> .....	687-1887
16 Mon	<b>Skinner Butte Eagles' Nest Hike E Essenberg</b> .....	343-1733
17 Tue	<b>Ankeny Wildlife Refuge Bike M Hughes</b> .....	933-5542
18 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper</b> .....	868-5427
19 Thu	<b>New Coastal Museum &amp; Aquarium Bus West</b> ..	343-5492
20 Fri	<b>Alpenstocks to Ice Axes</b> .....	<b>Potluck</b>
20 Fri	<b>Blacklock Pt Bk Pk M Hovis</b> .....	731-3412
21 Sat	<b>Mt. Thielsen Graduation Climb M Williamson</b> ..	531-7305
21 Sat	<b>Sweet Creek Falls Hike E Ewing</b> .....	344-9197
22 Sun	<b>Horse Rock Hike E Sojak</b> .....	525-1124
23 Mon	<b>Finley Wildlife Refuge Hike E Lindstrom</b> .....	683-1409
25 Wed	<b>Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell</b> ....	503-884-8829
25 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith</b> .....	357-5208
28 Sat	<b>Dog Mountain Hike D Pierce</b> .....	206-902-7326
28 Sat	<b>Horsepasture Mountain Hike M Hackett</b> .....	953-7046
31 Tue	<b>Butterflies of Lane County</b> .....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>

## June

1 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith</b> .....	357-5208
3 Fri	<b>Smith Rock Ext Trip D Sojak</b> .....	525-1124
3 Fri	<b>Parvin Covered Bridge Bike M</b> .....	Esch 338-8280
4 Sat	<b>National Trails Day Trail Maint M Bell</b> .....	503-884-8829
4 Sat	<b>Mt. June Hike M Lindstrom</b> .....	683-1409
4 Sat	<b>Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser</b> .....	206-2303
4 Sat	<b>McKenzie River Trail Hike D Johnson</b> .....	520-2470
5 Sun	<b>Crescent Mountain Hike D Smith</b> .....	357-5208
5 Sun	<b>Tamolitch Pool Hike E Terry</b> .....	345-0720
6 Mon	<b>Vivian Lake Hike M Cooper</b> .....	868-5427
7 Tue	<b>Birding at Summer Lake Bus Cutsforth</b> .....	746-4929
8 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith</b> .....	357-5208
11 Sat	<b>Brice Creek Hike E Terry</b> .....	345-0720
11 Sat	<b>Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser</b> .....	206-2303
12 Sun	<b>Devil's Staircase Hike D Hougardy</b> .....	505-7031
12 Sun	<b>Tire Mountain Hike M Jost</b> .....	485-1612
14 Tue	<b>Baker Beach/North Jetty Hike M Hovis</b> .....	731-3412
14 Tue	<b>Tide Pools</b> .....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
15 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen</b> ....	214-709-0352
17 Fri	<b>Mt. Adams Climb Reiter</b> .....	521-8472
18 Sat	<b>Erma Bell Lakes Hike E Ewing</b> .....	344-9197

18 Sat	<b>Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser</b> .....	206-2303
19 Sun	<b>Crabtree Valley Hike M Sojak</b> .....	525-1124
20 Mon	<b>Mt Pisgah Solstice Hike M Jacobsen</b> .....	206-1251
22 Wed	<b>Mt. Whitney Climb Hamilton</b> .....	343-6550
22 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Gunther</b> .....	654-3576
24 Fri	<b>Southern California Coast Walk</b> .....	<b>Potluck</b>
25 Sat	<b>North Sister Climb Willhite</b> .....	406-570-4514
25 Sat	<b>Iron Mtn/Cone Peak Loop Hike M Cooper</b> ...	344-8517
25 Sat	<b>Blanton Heights B Hike M Funkhouser</b> .....	206-2303
25 Sat	<b>Brice Creek Bk Pk E Lipton</b> .....	736-7498
26 Sun	<b>Dome Rock &amp; Tumble Lake Hike M Randall</b> ...	844-5916
28 Tue	<b>Macduff Mountain Hike D Johnson</b> .....	520-2470
29 Wed	<b>Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell</b> ....	503-884-8829
29 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper</b> .....	868-5427

## July

1 Fri	<b>Obsidian Loop Hike D Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
2 Sat	<b>Mt. Jefferson Climb Ellis</b> .....	917-880-6744
2 Sat	<b>Blanton Heights B Hike M Funkhouser</b> .....	206-2303
3 Sun	<b>Olallie Mountain Hike M Randall</b> .....	844-5916
6 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen</b> ....	214-709-0352
8 Fri	<b>Siuslaw Falls Bike M Esch</b> .....	338-8280
9 Sat	<b>Crater Lake Hiking CarCamp Hougardy</b> .....	505-7031
9 Sat	<b>Mt. Adams Climb Huseman</b> .....	743-3658
10 Sun	<b>Middle Pyramid Hike M Adkins</b> .....	344-4163
13 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Gunther</b> .....	654-3576
14 Thu	<b>More Food V Bus West</b> .....	343-5492
16 Sat	<b>Hwy. to Hwy. Hike D Cooper</b> .....	868-5427
16 Sat	<b>Hwy to Hwy Support-Metolius Hike E Cooper</b> ..	517-6785
16 Sat	<b>Middle Sister Climb McGlinsky</b> .....	232-0421
16 Sat	<b>Whale Watch Ewing</b> .....	344-9197
17 Sun	<b>Browder Ridge Hike D Randall</b> .....	844-5916
19 Tue	<b>Mt Pisgah under Full Moon Hike M Smith</b> .....	357-5208
20 Wed	<b>Amazon Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen</b> ....	214-709-0352
23 Sat	<b>Scott Mountain/Benson Lake Hike D Wolling</b> ..	345-2110
24 Sun	<b>Around Three Fingered Jack Hike D Cooper</b> ..	868-5427
27 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith</b> .....	357-5208
29 Fri	<b>Sky High Lakes Backpack D Sullivan</b> .....	683-6837
29 Fri	<b>Thousand Creek Gorge Hike E Sojak</b> .....	525-1124
30 Sat	<b>Camp Robertson-RubyMtns Jacobsen</b> .....	914-1132
30 Sat	<b>Glacier Peak Climb Ellis</b> .....	917-880-6744
30 Sat	<b>Olallie Mountain Hike M Terry</b> .....	345-0720

## August

10 Wed	<b>Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer B Hike M Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
13 Sat	<b>Mt Thielsen Climb Huseman</b> .....	743-3658
13 Sat	<b>Black Crater Hike M Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
13 Sat	<b>Mt Jefferson PCT to Hwy242 Bk Pk D Lipton</b> ..	736-7498
14 Sun	<b>Mt. McLoughlin Climb Huseman</b> .....	743-3658
14 Sun	<b>Green Lakes Hike M James</b> .....	683-7488
17 Wed	<b>Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
18 Thu	<b>Pisgah Sunset/Full Moonr Hike M Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
19 Fri	<b>Duffy Lake Bk Pk M Randall</b> .....	844-5916
20 Sat	<b>Three Fingered Jack Grad Climb Hamilton</b> ..	343-6550
26 Fri	<b>The Wife Hike D James</b> .....	683-7488
26 Fri	<b>Waldo Lake Kayak Overnight M Sinnott</b> .....	915-0234
27 Sat	<b>Mt. Shuksan Climb D Ellis</b> .....	917-880-6744
31 Wed	<b>Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell</b> .....	503-884-8829

## Shopping for trips? A few tips...

To see the latest updates to our trip schedule, be sure to visit the Obsidian Online System Login at: [www.obsidians.org/onlinesignup/index.htm](http://www.obsidians.org/onlinesignup/index.htm). There you will find the necessary links to retrieve your password, if you have forgotten it, or to register if you are a nonmember.

Can't spot the trip you want? Be sure to scroll down through the entire list to view all current selections.

On the Obsidian home page [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)—you will find a handful of links (Summer Trips, Climbs, Bus Trips, and many more) taking you to expanded descriptions of upcoming trips and events.

Wondering if an upcoming trip is a fit for you? Follow THE REPORT PAGE link to search for reports of past trips.



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*Welcoming committee at Wildlife Safari. Photo by Sharon Cutsforth. (See trip report on page 5)*