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### Dates to Remember

May 18	Potluck
June 1	Bulletin Deadline
June 2	National Trails Day
June 6	Board Meeting

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No ExploraTalk in May

## KUDOS FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE

by Janet Jacobsen

**O**BSIDIAN TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS WERE FEATURED FOR THEIR WORK ON THE RIDGELINE TRAIL in the online *Eugene Outdoors 2017 Year in Review*. The article, *Hikers that Volunteer: Caring for What you Love*, included this acknowledgment: *This dedicated group does it all. Each month club members hike the Ridge-line trails, scope potential projects, amass community volunteers and do great work. With just a little support from Eugene Outdoors, they do all this independently. They also share their passion for the outdoors by working with Parks and Open Space to resurface, brush, rebuild, steward and lead hikes. Though they have officially adopted Spencer Butte Park, they work wherever they are needed most. This year, they built new trail alongside youth crews in Wild Iris Ridge, planted recently burned areas, and helped clear debris following winter storms. Thanks to the Obsidians for their incredible dedication to stewarding Eugene's emerald necklace over all these years. We can't do it without you.*

Also in this article is a timeline of eight events, including Obsidians leading their first hike on Spencer Butte, March 15, 1928, collaborating with the City of Eugene in 2008, and adopting the Spencer Butte Park Trails in 2012. Find out more with this link:

[bit.ly/outdoors2017](http://bit.ly/outdoors2017)

#### 2017 by the Numbers:

- 16 events
- 426 hours
- 148 volunteers
- 39,010 feet of trails maintained
- 506 forbs planted

*Obsidians building trail on the west side of Spencer Butte*  
 Photo by: Darko Sojak



## President's Notes

**I** AM ALWAYS DELIGHTED WHEN I HAVE A CHANCE TO VENTURE OUT OF DOORS to see what I can see. With the coming of spring, getting out is so much easier, and has brought me in touch with what our club members do. For example, one day my grandson and I happened by the Lodge via the Ribbon Trail, and saw John Jacobsen and his crew, like a well-oiled machine, attack the grass and brush that were fighting back from their winter hiatus. Thanks so much for what the Grounds Committee does. At the Potluck the Lodge and grounds were ready to impress.

On my twice weekly hike up Spencer Butte I was also made aware of work done by the Obsidians. Matt Bell, his Trail Maintenance Committee, and volunteers have been working on the west trail from the main parking lot. In the past this steep but scenic approach had been overlooked by the City, but gradually improvements have been made. An old rock terrace-like stairway has been cleared and the log fence that

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# Obituary

## Suzanne Steussy 1956–2018

SUZANNE STEUSSY WAS AN OBSIDIAN MEMBER FROM 1981–2012. An active member, she received her 200 Trip Award, attended three summer camps, climbed Middle and South Sisters, and led 16 hikes. A reminder of Suzanne’s joy and enthusiasm for the out of doors are seen in her July, 1997 Black Crater trip report: *The views of the mountains were absolutely breathtaking—some were in clouds and others sparkled like jewels.* She was a kind, cheerful person with an infectious laugh and will be missed by all who knew her.

At the time of her death, she was living in Corvallis. Her father Robin Steussy, now deceased, was an Obsidian from 1981–1996. She is survived by her mother, Edith, and two siblings. A Remembrance Gathering will be held at the Obsidian Lodge on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

*Editor’s Note: A complete obituary will be published in the Register-Guard.*

### Welcome New Members!

**Michael Dunne**  
Eugene, OR 97403

**Clarence Townsend**  
Eugene, OR 97405

#### Membership Count

Active	406
Honorary	6
Junior	11
Life	16

Total 439

### President’s Notes (Continued from page 1)

prevents hikers from creating shortcuts has been repaired. Thank you for these improvements, along with the many other projects you have done on the Butte.

My other recent hikes have been on Mount Pisgah, where members of the Obsidians have quietly helped make an amazing impact on a trail system that is usually near impassable in the winter. Trail #4 is now a beautifully maintained trail encased with small gravel pellets, not mud. No matter the weather or season this trail does its job, so you can get to the top or wherever you choose to roam. Thanks to Bill Montgomery, Larry Dunlap, and Dave Predeek—Obsidians who worked on Trail #4 and portions of the North Trailhead network.

I also would like to recognize and applaud what an asset to the club and the community the Climbs Committee has been with the conducting of the 70<sup>th</sup> Climb School. Please see the article about the climb school written by Maryanne Reiter, the Climbs chair.

I know with every trip I take or event I attend, the great work of Obsidians will be evident. I also know that there are so many more members to recognize and thank.

**John Cooper, President**

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Maryanne gives climbing technique lesson to Liz Bouressa and Jen Ablow.



Kimberly Van Winkle working with Ryan Eberle on climbing.



Hanna Hostick ascending a fixed line with Marge Huseman watching.



Thomas Ridder (volunteer), Ed Wilson.

**T**HE OBSIDIANS CLIMB SCHOOL CELEBRATED ITS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR! Seven decades of teaching students the skills needed to safely travel on snow and rock.

This year, given the popular demand, we opened it up to 30 students\*. On February 16 at 12:01 AM registration opened and it was full in minutes. In a couple hours we had 27 people on the wait list. We wish we could have taken everyone, but we just don't have the capacity for that big of a class.

The students had fun tying knots (more than just the four they learned in 1948), learning what to bring on a climb, appropriate clothing and food. Then came the climbing skills with a session at the indoor rock gym at the Bob Keefer Sports and Recreation Center in Springfield, outdoor climbing at the Skinner Butte Columns (how to travel on a fixed line, rappelling and rock climbing) and then finally learning snow skills (self-arrest, traveling as a rope team, snow anchors) at Hayrick Butte. The students and volunteers were enthusiastic and motivated, making it a fun class.

**Maryanne Reiter**



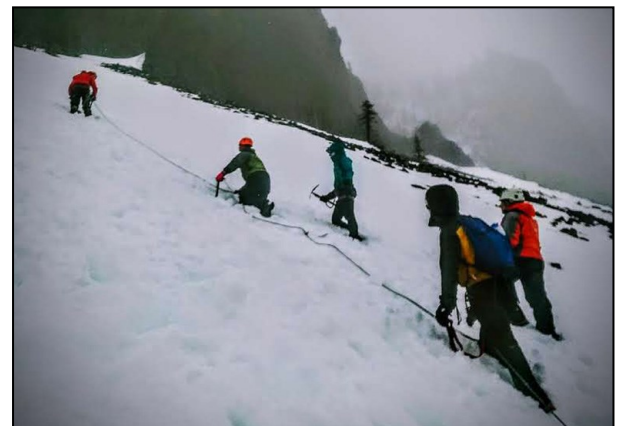
Climbing: Connor Mowry.



Rappel practice: Danni Harris, Lars Hornlein.

Rock photos [6]  
taken by  
Laurie Monico.  
Snow practice [R]  
taken by  
Theo Davis.

\* For a complete list of the class participants, see the trip report on page 14.—Ed.



Snow practice at Hayrick Butte.

# Obsidians Search and Rescue: 1927-2018

by Janet Jacobsen

**T**IM CHASE, LANE COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE, reported that over the last few years he has seen a significant increase in search and rescue missions. In 2016 there were 172 missions, nearly double the previous years that had averaged about 90–100 missions. In 2017 there were 165 missions with 3,900 person-hours, most of which were volunteer hours. Through the years the Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue have played a vital role in providing volunteers for these life-saving operations.

The Beginning: 1927–1967

Back in 1927, when two University of Oregon students, Guy Ferry and Henry Cramer, both from The Dalles, failed to return home from their Labor Day weekend climbing trip into the Three Sisters, Eugene did not have an organization to coordinate a search and rescue mission. The search that developed brought 150–200 men and some women volunteers from Eugene, Portland, Bend, Hood River and The Dalles together at Frog Camp for a ten-day, unsuccessful search and rescue effort. A member of the Portland Mazama outdoor club, Ray Conway, was in charge. [On August 30, 1929 the bodies of Cramer and Ferry were found in the saddle between Middle and South Sister. Coroner William Branstetter and Obsidian Dot Dotson returned to the scene to retrieve the remains.]

With hardly a letup in rain and sleet, the searchers set up Forest Service tents in six inches of snow. It was in one of these rain-soaked tents that it became apparent that Eugene needed its own mountaineers' organization to coordinate and

Joseph E. Shelton, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce, and Dr. John F. Bovard, President of the [Eugene] Outdoor Club, were placed in charge of the search with Ray Conway, of the Oregon State Motor association, in charge at the field base of operations. In sharp contrast to the unorganized group of Eugeneans who took the field a few weeks before when they sought Ferry and Cramer, this group of approximately 300 men which assembled in the wilds of Swisshome presented an example in organized efficiency under the direction of the [Eugene] Outdoor club leaders. With headquarters established at the local chamber of commerce, men, properly equipped, were rushed into the field the Oregon State Motor association providing transportation to Camp Kirby, near the base camp for the search which had been established at Camp Russell. Every phase of organization for a thorough search was gone into in this crisis, even to the point of setting up an emergency hospital at the base camp under the direction of Dr. Del Stanard of Eugene and a professional nurse.

With mills and other industries of the neighborhood closed so that their employees could join the search for the missing youth, a Boy Scout, the large party systematically covered the

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*From the Register-Guard March 10, 1968 article: "Rescue Team's 'Play-Acting' has Deadly Serious Purpose."*

*[not shown:] Members of the Eugene Mountain Rescue set up equipment atop Rosary Rock in preparation for a practice rescue),*

*[left:] then send Jerry Calbaum over the side to the rescue of an "injured" man,*

*[right:] and finally with Calbaum as a guide and assisted by Don Banton, begin the lift of the victim to the top of the nearly 800-foot high volcanic formation, with one of the Rosary Lakes as a backdrop.*

*Photos were taken, by rescue unit members Tom Taylor and Mel Jackson.*



train volunteers for rescue missions. A committee was formed, and met September 21, 1927 to begin organizing the Eugene Outdoor Club. The following year the name was changed to Obsidians. Search and rescue was the impetus for the club's formation and continued to play an important part of the Obsidians until 1967 and the formation of Eugene Mountain Rescue.

Excerpts from *The Story of the Obsidians 1927–1933* by Dr. John F. Bovard, Dean of the School of Physical Education at University of Oregon, chronicle the role of volunteers in two other search and rescue missions. On October 20, 1927 a 13-year-old boy near Swiss Home was reported missing.



# The OBSIDIAN



## THE NORTH SISTER RESCUE

Reprinted from the September 1955 *Bulletin*

**A**BOUT 10:30 ON JULY 24, A PARTY OF CLIMBERS FROM SALEM WERE ASCENDING THE CHUTE ON THE PINNACLE OF THE NORTH SISTER, when a large rock came loose and fell, striking one of the climbers, Frank Gillette, and narrowly missing three others. Gillette's hand and foot were badly injured.

The climbers, and a group from the Portland Wy'East Climbers who were just below the chute, attempted to get the injured man off the mountain. They lowered him out of the chute and started to work him across the snowfield that lies immediately below. During this operation, Ross Petrie, one of the Portland group, attempted to traverse upward on the steep snow without crampons, and slipped and fell. He attempted a self-arrest, but was thrown over backward when his ice-axe struck a rock. He slid down the snow for nearly 150 feet, miraculously coming to a stop on the only rock ledge between the snow and the cliff below.

He was brought up to the party, who were badly shaken by the narrow escape, and the attempt to cross the snowfield with the injured man was abandoned. Two men were sent for help, and a bivouac was dug out of the loose, shale-like rock for the injured man and a companion, Richard Chambers.

Word reached Eugene about 2:00 P.M., and two hours later an advance group of Obsidians, Lloyd Plaisted, Gene Sebring, Mike Stahl, and Jim Harrang, were on the way, with others to follow as they could be contacted. After stops at Leaburg to alert the Carlsons and Bob Elston, and at McKenzie Bridge to talk with the Forest Service, the group reached Frog Camp at 6:00, and were in Sunshine at 8:00 P.M.

On the way in we met several parties, one of which was the Obsidian group who had climbed the Middle Sister and had attempted to help the rescue party. Jim Jeppesen was injured in the attempt, and came out. Another party was from Portland, part of the Wy'East group, and there were three or four good climbers in that group whom we felt should have stayed in to help with the rescue.

After talking with the Petries, who were at Sunshine, Gene Sebring and Mike Stahl took four sleeping bags and some food, and started for the mountain, planning to reach the injured man around midnight. However, by the time they reached the lower edge of the snowfield, they were so tired, and their lights were so dim, that they decided not to attempt a crossing in the dark, and so bivouacked among the rocks until daylight.

Meanwhile, the second group had reached Sunshine, and around 1:00 A.M. they started up, bringing Dr. Ronald Findlay of Eugene, with them. The second, or main rescue group, were: Lloyd Plaisted, Jim Harrang, Henry Carlson, Dale Carlson, Bob Elston, and Keith Petrie.

The advance party reached Gillette and Chambers about 4:30 A.M., gave them some hot soup, and started cutting a path across the snowfield. The main group arrived at 6:30, and soon after 7:00 the injured man, splinted, folded in a sleeping bag, and tied in a wire basket stretcher was started across the snowfield.

The crossing took nearly half an hour, with the stretcher, belayed at three points, being moved a foot at a time along the narrow path chopped in the frozen snow. Then the stretcher, still securely belayed, was carried across the treacherous rock gully between the snow field and the south ridge, and then down the ridge. The third party from Eugene met the stretcher about half way down the ridge, and took over the job. They were: Ray Harris, Bill Byrd, John Lindstrom, Bob Sherman, Joe Daniel & Leo Margosian.

The rescue party reached the flat just above Sunshine Shelter about 12:15 P.M., and half an hour later the Coast Guard helicopter from Port Angeles, Washington, landed and took the injured man aboard.

Two parties of five men each, from the Hood River Crag Rats and the Alpinis, were coming up the mountain from Sunshine Shelter to help, but were not needed.

All organizations co-operated splendidly in this operation: The Forest Service, the State Police, the Lane County Sheriff, the Coast Guard, and the Red Cross. Although the Obsidians performed the main rescue operation, these others provided communications, transportation, food, and co-ordination vital to the rescue of Frank Gillette.

M.S. [Mike Stahl]

## Search & Rescue (Continued from page 4)

area, but the boy was not found till Tuesday, October 26. [A malfunctioning firing pin in the boy's rifle was the cause of his death.]

The next major crisis to face the new club came with the search for Fay Wilber, young stenographer in the Eugene Guard office, who became lost in the woods near Siuslaw Falls west of the city. Word of the trouble came on Sunday, December 9, 1928 after the girl and a companion had gone for a hike in that vicinity. Becoming separated from her companion, the girl failed to show up that evening and the Eugene club was again asked to direct the search.

Under the leadership of J. Ed Turnbull and Henry Korn, the club, cooperating with members of the Eugene American Legion post, established a downtown headquarters at the Eugene chamber of commerce with J.E. Shelton in charge. The field base camp was established at the J. W. King ranch where sleeping quarters, a cook tent, and first aid equipment were set up. From this camp the actual search was directed with the enlistment of searchers being handled through the Eugene headquarters. On Tuesday, orders were issued for a blanketing search of the district in which it was believed the young girl should be found. The area was drenched in rains and the weather was cold leading to the fear she might suffer from exposure. They organized the party into a long line, with all of the men spaced 5 feet apart and nearly 200 men in the line. The result was that early Tuesday, Dec. 11, Miss Wilber was found by two members of the party...She had improvised a shelter of logs when she realized her predicament and had patiently awaited aid. Beyond discomfort and frights, she had suffered little.

To cover search expenses, the Club established an Earl Pierce Search Fund at the Bank of Commerce. When the bank closed its doors in 1932, Dr. Bovard was able to recover only a part of the \$158.77 in the account. It is not clear when the club started to appoint a Search and Rescue Chair. The first reference to a chair appears in the January, 1938 *Bulletin*. Ray Sims wrote that Henry Korn, the Search and Rescue Chair, was aroused a number of times from his sleep on Sunday nights "when someone reported someone to be lost, so the search committee would make ready, then luckily the lost parties would turn up Monday morning." Some Search and Rescue missions were reported in the *Bulletin* and the local newspaper.

The September, 1967 *Bulletin* has accounts of three serious climbing accidents, one on Mt. Thielsen and two on Middle Sister. That was the impetus for Gary Kirk to inform the Board at the September Board meeting that the Club was limited in the number of available volunteers and funding for the increase in search and rescue missions. The Board gave him authority to collaborate with other groups interested in forming a separate search and rescue organization. Kirk, President from 1968-1969, helped facilitate the emergence of the Eugene Mountain Rescue.

## Search & Rescue Chairs Historical List\*

1937	Henry Korn
1938-41	Harold Trotter
1942	Robert Swennes
1943-51	Ray Sims
1952	Bailey Castelloe
1953-54	Mike Stahl
1955	Ray Harris
1956	Gene Sebring
1957-58	Ray Harris
1959	Gene Sebring
1960	Gene Sebring <i>Ch.</i> Mike Stahl <i>Co-Ch.</i>
1961	Lorena & Alan Reid
1962	Mark McLaughlin
1963	Stan Hasek
1964	Mark McLaughlin
1965	Derald Hember
1966-67	Mark McLaughlin
1968-71	Gary Kirk
1972	Wes Prouty

\*Editor's note: the *Obsidian* archives do not provide a record of the Chairs during the first ten years, but there is occasional mention of searches done during that period.

*Eugene Mountain Rescue*  
took over responsibility in 1968.

*To be continued in a future issue*



## FWOC News

reprinted from the Spring 2018 issue of *Outdoors West*

**JORRY ROLFE WAS ELECTED TO BE FWOC'S VICE-PRESIDENT AT THE LAST CONVENTION.** She is the Conservation Chair of the Obsidians based in Eugene, Oregon.

Jorry has lived in Eugene for about 35 years and enjoys hiking, camping, kayaking, and canoeing. She recently retired from being a librarian for the Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon.

Jorry states that living in Oregon, experiencing Oregon's wildernesses and forests, and reading about environmental degradation and climate change all have made an impact on her. Her oldest son has been a huge inspiration since he founded the Environmental Club in his high school. Also, she sadly witnessed huge devastation of forests when she was in Borneo, Indonesia 5 years ago.

Jorry plans to assist FWOC President George Milne, appreciating effective, strong yet compassionate leadership. She will support the outcomes from the recent xComm strategic planning retreat to ensure the health and success of FWOC.

# APRIL BOARD NOTES

## April 4, 2018 by Maryanne Reiter

President John Cooper called the meeting to order. Board members present: Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Marci Hansen, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall. Others present: Stewart Hoeg, Carla Cooper, John Jacobsen, Kathy Hoeg, Dave Lodeesen.

The Board approved the minutes for March 2018.

**Treasurer's report (Stewart Hoeg):** The Board approved payment of the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth):** The March 4<sup>th</sup> Bus Rally at the Lodge was attended by approximately thirty-five people, a \$50 donation was made to Obsidians in lieu of putting out the collection basket. Twenty-seven riders enjoyed the March 8 Caring Community bus trip, \$37 in trip fees was collected.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The Climbs Committee and other volunteers have been busy in March getting ready for Climb School. This year we have admitted 30 students to the class, which is six more than we typically have. Due to the extra students we had to rearrange some activities as well as purchase more student gear. The Climbs Committee Chair also had an orientation for new climb leaders and new assistants where we went over logistics of putting on a climb. Finally, we continued to populate the climb schedule for 2018.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** With two events in March—the Bus Rally and Potluck—our total sales came to \$433.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Caroline Forell and Dave Strutin presented a program about Norway at a very well-attended potluck; \$61 was collected.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** Lana Lindstrom led a successful three-day ski and snowshoe trip in the Mt Hood area, staying at the Kiwanis Camp. The site was great; we will return. \$110 was transferred to the General Fund.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** Due to a decline in experience with the club's insurance broker of more than 15 years, the committee decided to do an informal Request for Proposal to see what was available. Lana Lindstrom checked with ten local not-for-profits who own property to see who their brokers and insurance providers are. Three brokers, including our current provider, were interviewed by three committee members and Jim Northrup from the Safety Committee. The team selected Jane Kammerzelt, Insurance Partners, as the club's new broker. The team is also exploring increasing the club's insurance coverage and will be presenting options to the Board. The committee wrote proposed additions to the Finance Committee bylaws that would add a club investment policy and an annual Board review of the club's adherence/performance relative to this investment policy.

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** McKenzie River Trust rented the Lodge recently. This was their second rental this year.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** We held the first grounds work party of the year on March 29. There was a lot of catch-up to do after the winter hiatus including mowing the already overgrown grass, mulching of leaf accumulations, blowing out the drives and parking, cutting back ferns, and pulling weeds. Thanks to Brad Bennett, Dave Cooper, Clara Emlen,

Jim Northrup, Doug Nelson and Dave Strutin for an aggregate 20+ hours of hard work.

**Publications (Lou Maenz):** Publications mailed 200 issues for \$52.52 in March.

**Publicity (Marci Hansen):** The publicity committee is considering some new ideas and actions to help increase membership. The next step will be meeting with the membership committee about our ideas and getting their thoughts. John Cooper and I attended the U of O student presentation for the Obsidians.

**Summer Trips (Dave Cooper):** Thirty-three outings have been scheduled for April with plenty of easy and moderate hikes to start the season. We expect more hikes, rides and paddles after the April 10 Summer Trips Rally at the Lodge.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** March trail maintenance participation: One outing in Spencer Butte Park. Participants: 15 total; 10 members; 4 nonmembers.

**Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen):** March activity: 25 completed trips: 19 hikes, 5 snowshoes, 1 x/c-ski. 235 total participants: 220 members, 15 nonmembers. \$262 in trip fees.

## OLD BUSINESS

Proposal for Obsidian support for The Friends of Buford Park, Mt. Pisgah and The Arboretum: tabled for now due to difficulties of one non- or not-for-profit supporting another.

Insurance broker/policy selection: The Obsidians' new broker is Jane Kammerzelt, from Insurance Partners, Inc. The club will be exploring insurance for directors and officers.

U of O project with John Mitchell from the School of Journalism: Students made suggestions for bringing in new members as well as reaching out to the community.

Stewart discussed the proposed wording for the new investment policy and review process for the Finance Committee bylaws. The investment policy would be a formalized process which would include review as needed but at least once a year. The Board approved the suggested changes.

Lyndell brought the new AED to the meeting so we could all see it. After realizing the service contract would be more expensive than originally thought, the Safety Committee proposed they take on the service which would include monitoring the battery life and changing pads every 2 years. The AED will be located in a prominent spot in the Lodge.

## NEW BUSINESS

Approved changing language in Safety Committee bylaws to include First Aid kit checking and AED maintenance.

Membership: Lisa Van Liefde and Jerimi Paul-Burnside were approved.

Formed a Board Nominating Committee consisting of John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Lyndell Wilken, and Lana Lindstrom.

## OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed housing development near the Lodge: The Board felt that the proposed development did not impact the Lodge and discussion was dropped.

Board retreat and dates were also discussed.

# TRIP REPORTS



## Hikes

### **N. Fork Smith to Kentucky Falls**

**March 31, 2018**

**Leader: Darian Morray**

**Photographer: Dave Lodeesen**

**Hike: 8.7 miles, 1400 ft. (Difficult)**

**T**HIRTEEN HIKERS CARPOOLED WITH FOUR CARS from Target on 11<sup>th</sup> St. We were surprised by 6–8 inches of pretty fresh snow on the potholed approach to the Kentucky Falls parking area. The trip over took 90 minutes and was uneventful. We hiked downstream and stopped first at the



*Obsidians hugging the big Douglas-fir tree.*

twin Kentucky Creek and N. Fork Smith Falls. There we saw an adult bald eagle. The falls were impressive. There were a number of small, medium, and large trees across the trail, but we were able to get around all the obstructions. The group got separated briefly when the leader failed to detect a junction, but we reunited within 20 minutes. We proceeded to the 11-ft. diameter Douglas-fir and had lunch there. There were trillions of trillium; that became the name of the hike. We crossed the two new bridges on the lower N. Fork and ended at the lower parking area at about 3:30 (time for the hike about five hours). We were home by 5:15. It was a splendid day! Members: Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Jules Moritz, Darian Morray, Cindy Rice, Randy Sinnott, David Strutin, Angela West.

### **Mt. Baldy Sunrise**

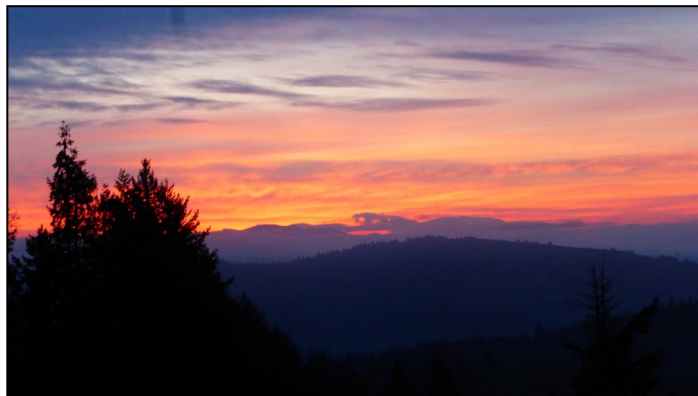
**April 1, 2018**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Photographer: Holger Krentz**

**Hike: 3.5 miles, 950 ft. (Easy)**

**ON THIS QUIET MORNING OF APRIL FOOLS' DAY**, a great group of people enjoyed cardio ups and easy downs in good weather and with acceptable views from Mt. Baldy. Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Larry Myers.



*We did have some color.*

### **Heckletooth Mountain**

**April 1, 2018**

**Leader: Lynn Meacham**

**Photographer: Dave Lodeesen**

**Hike: 11.5 miles, 2000 ft. (Difficult)**

**FOUR OF US VENTURED OUT ON A FINE SUNDAY MORNING** to tackle Heckletooth Mtn. The trailhead for this hike is only a couple of miles east of Oakridge and has a very easy access



*Marguerite, Kathy, and Lynn at the summit.*

point. This is a long hike at 11.5 miles with a little over 2000' elevation gain. The first 1.5 miles had some level parts and some climbing. The next two miles were mostly easy, flat areas with some rolling hills. The last two miles were mainly



climbing and more climbing. Then, some more climbing! You earn your lunch by the time you reach the top, but we all agreed it was well worth it for all the great views waiting for us. Since I did this hike last October when—though it rained the whole time—the fall colors were incredible, I would recommend this as a fall hike. Shoot for a clear day for the views. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall.

## **Amanda Trail**

**April 8, 2018**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen Asst Leader: David Cooper**

**Photographer: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 7.6 miles, 1600 ft. (Moderate)**

**OUR FIRST STOP ON THE AMANDA TRAIL WAS THE STATUE** in memory of Amanda, a woman of the Coos Tribe who was forcibly marched to the Alsea Sub-agency camp in the 1860s. After a steep climb, the skunk cabbages' yellow flags on parade in the boggy area of North Cape Creek were a restful sight. From there it was up and down on a slippery trail to the Cape Perpetua Whispering Trail Rock Shelter, the highest point on the Oregon Coast. Escaping the wind in the shelter, we had a quick lunch break. We then retraced our steps at a fast pace anticipating a second lunch stop. Somehow I managed to persuade everyone that we needed to do the short



*Janet and Marguerite in Cape Perpetua Overlook.*

Ya'Xaik Trail and Gerdemann Botanic Preserve on the other side of Yachats before our late lunch at the Luna Sea Fish House. We had the downstairs dining area to ourselves—a pleasant way to end our exhausting five-hour Yachats expedition that was double the mileage and elevation in my trip description. We did see all five historic site signs commemorating the history of the First Nation People. The “Yachats’ Early Residents” sign with an illustration of the Ya'Xaiks playing a game called “Shinny” reminded Holger Krentz that he learned how to play the game with old hockey sticks in elementary school in Canada when he was ten years old. He still has the badge when his team won the championship. Members: David Clinger, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Leah Firth, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe, Richard Shields, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Millie Schwandt.

## **Delta Ponds Birding**

**April 10, 2018**

**Leader: Anne Montgomery**

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

**WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT SIX PEOPLE SHOWED UP** to go for a bird walk in the rain with me? I found it astounding. We were fortunate that the rain only lasted for about the first forty minutes of our trip. Lots of currant bushes were in bloom to attract hummingbirds. Unlike last year at the same time, we only saw one pair of Canada geese with goslings. We saw double-crested cormorants, mallards, great blue herons, osprey, bald eagle, glaucous-winged gulls, crows, northern flickers, Anna's hummingbirds, scrub jays, downy woodpeckers, tree swallows, black-capped chickadees, bushtits, robins, spotted towhees, starlings, song sparrows, red-winged blackbirds, dark-eyed juncos, orange-crowned warblers, yellow-rumped warblers, and white-crowned sparrows if my memory serves me accurately. That gave us a total of 24 species. Besides seeing a nutria in one of the ponds, we saw a mink in the Willamette River. This is the first time I've seen a mink there although I've seen them in the Amazon Channel several times. Pat should get a special award for going on all the birding trips I've led! That shows what a tolerant person she is! Members: Jacque Davis, Patricia Esch, Anne Montgomery, Nola Nelson, Diane Schechter, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Dick Jones.

## **Hardesty Loop conditioning**

**April 14, 2018**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Photographer: Dave Lodeesen**

**Hike: 16.5 miles, 4550 ft. (Difficult)**

**THIS IS A TOUGH HIKE. PERIOD.** Hardesty is always muddy, and it was really muddy today. We had snow at about 3500 feet, and it was slick the last two miles to the summit. The



*Lots of downed trees across the trail had to be negotiated while coming down Eula Ridge.*

small bowl above the Eula Ridge junction had at least 18 inches of snow in it. We took a short break at the summit and then came down Eula Ridge. The snow disappeared at about the really steep stretch, but the whole area was slick. We

navigated that and had lunch on a big log at about nine miles. There were several huge blowdowns which the leader photographed for the Scorpions. We got to the Willamette Trail just before 2:00 and negotiated its 1K feet of vertical as well, which is difficult after 11 miles. Everybody did fine, including two who were training for an upcoming Grand Canyon trip. They should do fine on the Hermit Trail and its connections. Members: Ben Brown, Steve Cordon, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Kent Godfrey.

## Exploring the Ridgeline

April 14, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 4 miles, 620 ft. (Easy)

THIRTEEN HIKERS ENJOYED THIS EASY HIKE from the Willamette Trailhead to Fox Hollow and back. It was a cloudy and cool morning as an abundance of wildflowers



*Fawn lilies were everywhere along the trail today!*

greeted us. The fawn lilies are especially prolific along this section of the Ridgeline this year. Members: David Clinger, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Leah Firth, Vicky Hanson, Sandra Larsen, Noah Lee, Ginny Reich, Darko Sojak, June Sutterfield, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Michael Dunne.

## Spirit/Pinard/Moon Falls Trifecta

April 15, 2018

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Rebecca Eastwood

Hike: 3.2 miles, 523 ft. (Easy)

WAITING IN THE PARKING LOT FOR EVERYONE TO ARRIVE, serious thought was given to canceling this hike due to the very soggy, wet conditions; however, once everyone arrived we decided to head to our destination. First up was Spirit Falls. This trail turned out to be a wet, muddy, slippery mess! We chose to hike slowly rather than slip and fall on our backsides, and we eventually reached the falls which were lovely. After returning to our cars, we next drove up the road another 3.4 miles to the Pinard Falls Trailhead. The first part of this hike is on an old logging roadbed, so it wasn't as muddy as the first and was easier to circumnavigate the mud puddles. Pinard is a tall, thin waterfall that was dropping a lot



*Holger and Darko past the mud.*

of water over the cliff—impressive! There were places where water was running down the trail, so on the hike out we did a little trail enhancement by placing diversion rocks and trenching the water rivulets across the trail instead of down the trail. Lastly, we drove to the Moon Falls Trailhead. This



*Growth on fallen log.*

trail is mostly level, so it wasn't nearly as muddy or wet as the first two. Moon Falls was absolutely spectacular!! It was dropping about twice the amount of water I've normally seen over it. Our group returned to the cars—wet, but satisfied and looking forward to hot showers on our return. The weather and trail conditions made this hike considerably more strenuous than it would be normally. Despite that, our group managed to have a good time and enjoyed the waterfall trifecta. Members: Roberta Chord, Rebecca Eastwood, Autumn Estes, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Ean Estes, Brandi Turney.

**Sweet Creek**

**April 20, 2018**

**Leader: Dorene Steggell**

**Photographer: Dave Cooper**

**Hike: 4.2 miles, 265 ft. (Easy)**

**WE HIKED FROM THE HOMESTEAD TRAILHEAD** to Sweet Creek Falls and back. The creek was roaring full. We saw pink fawn lilies, trillium, skunk cabbage, and thimble berry blossoms. We also drove a few miles up the creek to the Wagon Road Trailhead and hiked up to Beaver Creek Falls



*Our little group at the falls.*

where Sweet Creek and Beaver Creek join. Interpretive signs told us about the use of the wagon road to haul milk to the Siuslaw River where it went on to the Cushman Cheese

factory. That trail was in good shape and a lovely add-on to Sweet Creek. Members: David Cooper, Kay Coots, Dorene Steggell.

**Driftwood Shores to Lily Lake**

**April 21, 2018**

**Leader : Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 10 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)**

**ON THE EVE OF EARTH DAY TEN OF US HIKED** from Driftwood Shores to Lily Lake and back, totaling ten miles. Cold north wind followed us the whole day. Wading the fast



*Kathy Randall wading Sutton creek. Photo by Darko Sojak.*



*Snowy Plovers. Photo by Holger Krentz.*

running Sutton Creek was fun as was exploring the hidden maze of dune trails around the Lily Lake. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Holger Krentz, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.

## Shellburg Falls

April 21, 2018

Leader & Photographer: David Cooper

Hike: 5.7 miles, 740 ft. (Moderate)

OUR HIKE STARTED WITH A WALK DOWN A ROAD through open pasture land before entering the trees. In a short time we came to a bridge built right over the top of Lower Shellburg Falls. Moving across the bridge we took advantage of a



*Heading to the Falls.*

viewing area. Then it was up to the main attraction—Upper Shellburg Falls. The full spring flow plummeted from the Columbia River basalt ledge atop the area. Softer rock beneath the the basalt has been eroded away creating an alcove behind the falls where the trail goes. Above the falls, the trail through the woods took us to a campground where we took a lunch break in a large group picnic area. Two more short trails along the creek and over a ridge gave us a loop back to the road. But before going to the cars we followed an unmaintained trail to get a view of Stassel Falls which features a dramatic free-standing column of basalt. Dramatic falls, spring flowers, nice weather, and good company. Members: David Cooper, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Barbara Gunther, Jane Hackett, Vern Marsonette, Karla Rusow, Dan Russell. Nonmembers: Gloria Russell.

## Earth Day Sunrise/Spencer Butte

April 22, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5.2 miles, 920 ft. (Moderate)

ON A BREEZY SUNDAY MORNING, FOUR OF US, with hope, stormed up the butte to see a glimpse of the Lyrid meteor shower, but there was already too much light. By 6:05 AM we arrived at the top of 35°F Spencer Butte and welcomed Earth Day at sunrise with a dozen more people. On the way down we enjoyed blooming wildflowers, birdsongs, and the sight of a grazing deer. Members: Darko Sojak, Angela West, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Janet Whitesides.

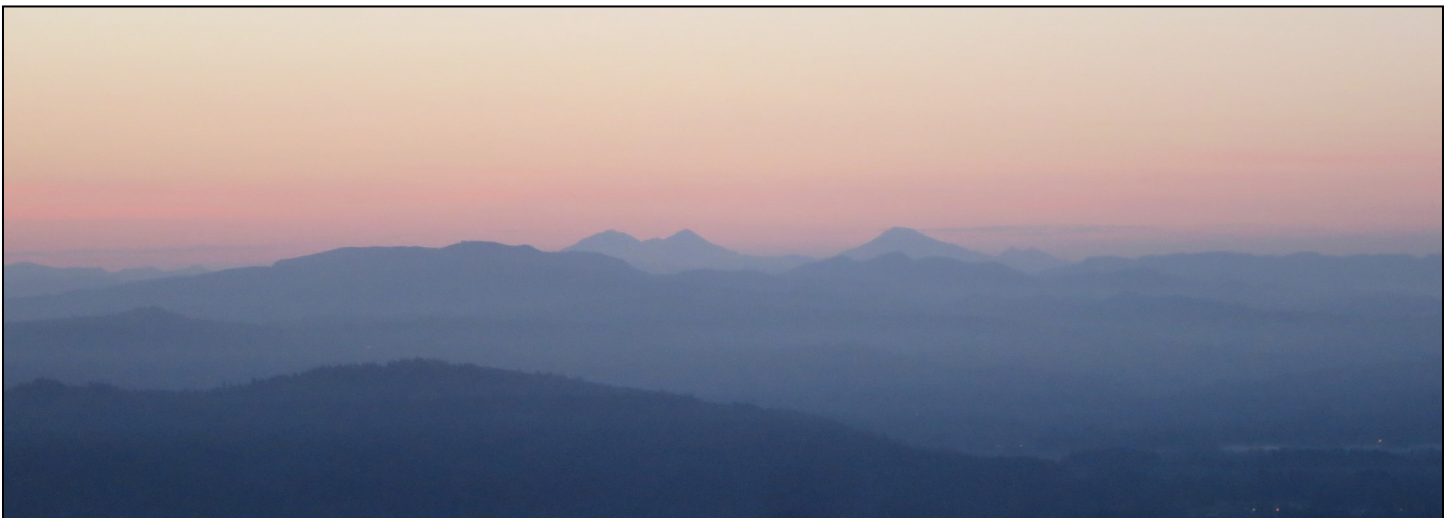
## Marys Peak from the North

April 22, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 12 miles, 2400 ft. (Difficult)

MARYS PEAK EARLY IN THE SEASON IS ALWAYS INTERESTING. There were several areas with large blowdowns and groups of blowdowns going up the north side. There was significant snow at about 3500 feet, and most of the way to the top part was on slippery snow. For once, we had a clear day, seeing



*View from Spencer Butte: Earth Day sunrise .*

both the ocean and the high Cascades from Mt. Adams to Diamond Peak with a lot of haze over the Willamette Valley. After finding a sheltered place from the cold wind, we had lunch and then started down the East Ridge Trail. The good news was that the big blowdown mess from the recent two years was replaced by a much smaller one. The bad news was that the trail was icy, with a steep drop-off to the east. We managed to navigate that, broke out of the snow at about 3000 feet, and had a quick descent to Conners Camp. The sad part of the trip was seeing the results of the forest thinning for about two miles along the road back to Woods Creek Trailhead: slash piles were frequent; the forest floor was a mess; a lot of the trees were cut high enough to waste significant wood; and what appeared to be decent wood was in the slash piles. There are more markers suggesting further cutting, and if so, this trip as currently done will no longer be done by me. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

### Full Ridgeline w/Shuttle

April 26, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen Asst Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1400 ft. (Moderate)

**THE PLAN TO OFFER THE ONE-WAY HIKE WITH THE OPTION** of a round trip went smoothly with only five of us. Dave Cooper left his car at the Spring Trailhead at sunrise and starting hiking to the Blanton Trailhead where he met the rest of us via my car shortly after 8:00. He barely had enough time for a snack before we were hiking back the way he came. Two hours later we were at the Dillard Trailhead. Dave led the group up to Baldy and down to his welcoming car, while I headed back to Blanton for the two-hour hike to my car. We were able to keep a steady pace, visit, and have quick looks at the many wildflowers. The trail was in excellent condition with very little litter. Members: David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Jorry Rolfe.

### Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

March 28–April 25, 2018

Various Leaders: Darian Morray (3/28),  
Lana Lindstrom (4/4), Vern Marsonette (4/11),  
David Strutin (4/18), David Lodeesen (4/25)

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1530 ft. (Moderate)

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** March 28: 18 Members. April 4: 16 Members, 1 Nonmember. April 11: 15 Members, 1 Nonmember. April 18: 18 Members. April 25: 17 Members, 1 Nonmember.

### Mt. Pisgah

April 12–15, 2018

Various Leaders: Janet Jacobsen (4/12),  
Dorene Steggell (4/13), Janet Jacobsen (4/15)

Hike: 5–7 miles, 500–1600 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** April 12: 3 Members. April 13: 6 Members, 2 Nonmembers. April 15 (switched from North Bank Habitat): 3 Members.

[You may access these trip reports with a list of participants on the Obsidian Website.—Ed.]

### Wild Iris Ridge

April 9 and 24, 2018

Leaders: David Cooper (4/9), Chris Stockdale (4/24)

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3.4-5 miles, 620–700 ft. (Easy)

**April 9: AN EASY, FOGGY MORNING HIKE.** We spotted wild irises and baby blue eyes blooming along the trail. And only one limb down after yesterday's high winds. The trailhead parking lot at Bertelsen & Bailey Hill roads is much



*Kathy and Tommy leading the way for Dan, the two Daves, and Brad.*

improved. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Dan Russell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Joe Sanders.

**APRIL 24: WILD IRIS RIDGE IS A LITTLE KNOWN** 250-acre Eugene park in the southwest hills. On a beautiful sunny day, the nine Obsidian hikers learned firsthand why it has its name as the irises were in their peak blooming stage (as was the prolific poison oak). A newly gravelled trail goes from the Bailey Hill Trailhead to the ridge and loops around the western section of the park before heading back down. This hike, however, took the participants into the less developed and rather wet and muddy section of the park to the east. Few people go there so solitude can be found on most days. Parks and Open Space has been clearing quite a lot of trees and undergrowth so the area is opening up. From the ridge (which will eventually be incorporated into the Ridge Line Trail once access across private land to Blanton Heights is negotiated), you have views of Spencer Butte, the Coast Range, and the woods and hills to the south. This is a park that is definitely worth visiting. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Kay Coots, Nikki Frank, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Nancy Minson.



## Climbs

### **Basic Climb School 2018**

**April 2, 2018**

**Leader: Maryanne Reiter**

**Photographer: Marge Huseman**

**T**HE OBSIDIANS CLIMB SCHOOL CELEBRATED ITS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY this year—seven decades of teaching students the skills needed to safely travel on snow and rock! This year, given the popular demand, we opened it up to 30 students. On February 16 at 12:01 AM registration opened and it was full in minutes. In a couple of hours we had 27 people on the wait list. We wish we could have taken everyone, but we just don't have the capacity for that big of a class. The students had fun tying knots (more than just the four they learned in 1948) and learning about the appropriate clothing and food to bring on a climb. Then came the climbing skills: first with a session at the indoor rock gym at the Bob Keefer Sports and Recreation Center in Springfield, then outdoor climbing at the Skinner Butte Columns (how to travel on a fixed line, rappelling, and rock climbing), and finally snow skills (self-arrest, traveling as a rope team, and snow anchors) at Hayrick Butte. The students and volunteers



*Class at snow day at Hayrick Butte with Marge Huseman.*

were enthusiastic and motivated, making it a fun class. Members: Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Tipaleli Fotu, Mallori Oliva, Heather Corbin, Dylan Kalnbach, Conner Mowery, Ed Willson, Doug Sandburg, Krista Shennum, Hanna Hostick, Ted Dubrawski, Hargobind Khalsa, GuruParkash Khalsa, Theo Davis, Janine Neyssen, Robin Hostick, Ute Hostick, Andrew McCulloch, Ryan Eberle, Kerry Gibson, Ransom Schafer, Derrick Wood, Lars Hoernlein, Elizabeth Bouressa, Sarah Case, Jennifer Ablow, Janet Gillman, Tom Keating, Melanie Williams.



## Bus Trips

### **Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum trip**

**April 19, 2018**

**Leader: Jim Northrop Asst Leader: Mary Ellen West**

**Photographer: Dave Lodeesen**

**E**IGHTEEN OBSIDIANS AND GUESTS LEFT TOWN and then were driven the back roads between Salem and McMinnville to the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum.



*The Spirit of St. Louis.*

We toured the *Spruce Goose* and saw replicas of the *Wright Flyer* and Charles Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*, and then some of us took in an IMAX movie. There was much to see and we could have spent another hour or two at the museum; however, we didn't want to miss the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival east of Woodburn. Once there, the tulips were at their peak in brightly colored rows. One rider commented that she had previously been to this festival five times and this was the best she had seen the flowers. With time running short, we skipped the Mt. Angel Abbey and headed back to Eugene. All in all, it was a great day in the northern valley. Aviation enthusiasts and flower lovers included: Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, David Hawkins, David Lodeesen, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Marian West, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Richmond Cross, Pete Ferrero.

## At the Lodge

### **Fossils, Shells, and Rocks Presentation**

**April 22, 2018**

**Presenter: John Mellott**

**Photographer: Darko Sojak**

**Sponsored by the Bus Trips Committee**

**T**HREE AUDIENCE VOLUNTEERS OPENED THE PRESENTATION with a ceremonial trumpeting of conch shells. John is a retired OSU and Oregon Department of Agriculture

employee, as well as a member and former president of the Oregon Society of Conchologists. We met John and his wife, Theresa, on the 2017 Southwest National Parks bus trip. Together they have explored 49 of the 50 U.S. states and have toured 73 foreign countries at least once. Today John came to share his interest in collecting and studying the fossils, shells, and rocks from their travels. Along with showing photos of his collection, John entertained us with stories of getting his finds past foreign customs agents and onto airplanes. Nothing stopped John from bringing his treasures home, even if it required hoisting a fifty-pound carry-on bag of rocks and fossils into the overhead bin (tearing his shoulder in the process). The Mellott's yard in Salem showcases their collection, the focal point being a 4000-pound petrified log that John and Theresa spotted in a

some other work that will need to be done. Members: David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Meg Kieran, Patricia Mac Afee, Vern Marsonette.

**Summer Trips Rally**  
**April 10, 2018**  
**Leader: David Cooper**

**A GRAND TIME WAS HAD SOCIALIZING, EATING PIZZA, AND TALKING** about the different types of trips that Summer Trips might sponsor this season. There were lots of ideas shared about going places that hadn't been visited for a long time or at all. I even had a trip submitted the next morning from one of the brainstorming groups. And a couple of new leaders are on the horizon! Members: David Adkins, Mari Baldwin, Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, John Cooper, Steve Cordon, Joella Ewing, Nikki Frank, Jane Hackett, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Helen Martz, Lynn Meacham, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Laura Osinga, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Richard Shields, Chris Shuraleff, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, Meg Stewart Smith, Eric Thornton. Nonmembers: Joe Sanders.



**Upper North Fork Siuslaw**  
**April 22, 2018**  
**Leader: Richard Hughes**  
**Photographer: Lana Lindstrom**  
**Bike: 30 miles, 890 ft. (Moderate)**

**THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A MORE BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A BIKE RIDE.** Although the headwind was slight heading out, it reversed and picked up speed on the return.



*Fairy Bells.*

We ate lunch at the PAWN Trailhead, then hiked the 0.7 mile magical loop trail that displayed fairy bells and trilliums. Members: Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom.



*Alice Krentz, John Mellott and Rebecca Eastwood.*

yard in Mitchell, Oregon, purchased, and then, with help, transported home, inching it into an upright position in the backyard, just like the stone faces on Easter Island. After the presentation the audience took a close look at a sampling of John's collection, arrayed on tables at the front of the lodge. Some lucky audience members took home conch shells as door prizes. The Obsidian Bus Committee thanks John and Theresa for sharing their passion with us on this Sunday afternoon.

**Spring Lodge Cleaning Work Party**  
**April 13, 2018**  
**Leader: David Cooper Asst Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**THANKS TO JANE, JANET, JOHN & PATTY** for giving the Lodge a spring cleaning. New Lodge Committee members Meg & Vern pitched in while learning about the Lodge and

## UPCOMING



# Bus Trips—2018

## OLD ALBANY AND NEW CAROUSEL

July 19 (Thurs)

Leaders: Vern Marsonette, Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$55 (nonmembers \$57) Due July 1

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 541-726-0118

Load bus at 7:30 a.m., depart at 8:00

THE NEW ALBANY HISTORICAL CAROUSEL IS THE FOCUS OF OUR TRIP to Linn County. On our way we will have a leisurely visit to old time Albany and the small rural city of Halsey. We'll start at the Halsey city park for our coffee break. Next will be a tour at the Ewethful Fiber Farm & Mill located in an old, old building, part of a century farm. Yarns are produced here from a variety of animals. The gift shop has many temptations! Our last stop in Halsey is City Hall, a new-looking building rescued from the ancient railroad station. We'll see democracy at work. In Albany we'll visit the oldest house (Monteith 1849), the Regional museum and drive past many historic residences. **Lunch (Bring your own)** will be at the Monteith River Park located at the confluence of the Calapooia and Willamette rivers. This beautiful park has facilities for picnickers and a paved trail along the river. The Carousel located nearby is fun for all. We'll have a tour of the carving room, time for the gift shop and riding on a favorite animal. Our final stop will be at the Talking Waters Garden in north Albany. This is an engineered water treatment wetland developed by Albany, Millersburg and the metals manufacturing ATI. This is a good opportunity to enjoy the many sights available on a good trail around the grounds.

## EXPLORING EASTERN WASHINGTON

Sept. 10–15 (Mon–Sat)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard, Sharon Cutsforth

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS ADVENTURE-FILLED TRIP!**

## A DAY AT THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

Oct 11 (Thurs)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Don Payne

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

December 8 (Saturday) 2–4 PM

Refreshments, music, door prizes, fun

**Please Note:** when paying for bus trips, please make checks payable to *Obsidians Bus Trips Account*. Thank you!

Bus Trip information is also available on the Obsidians home page: [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)

Contact information at: [bustrips@obsidians.org](mailto:bustrips@obsidians.org)

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee

Chair, 746-4929

**O**NLINE SIGNUP IS AVAILABLE FOR THE REMAINING ONE-DAY BUS TRIPS. Multi-day bus trips require contacting the registration person listed for that trip.

## OREGON JEWISH MUSEUM

May 17 (Thurs)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Jim Northrop

Cost: \$50 (nonmembers \$52)

Reservations & checks: Judy Adamcyk, 302-8160

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

OUR DESTINATION TODAY IS THE NEWLY EXPANDED OREGON JEWISH MUSEUM recently relocated to old town Portland. If you haven't visited this part of Portland in recent years, you will be amazed by the changes. This is an early Oregon history trip which includes learning about discrimination in many forms, including the prominent early 20<sup>th</sup> century Ku Klux Klan. There are also art and cultural exhibits in three galleries. We will have a guided tour. Jewish people, primarily from Russia and Bavaria started arriving in Oregon by 1850. Many became merchants outfitting gold prospectors in Southern Oregon. Jewish-style baked goods are available for purchase at Lefty's inside the Museum. Rugelach or Hamantaschen—ummmmgood!! We will have lunch (**your cost**) at Kornblatt's New York Style Delicatessen on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (*This is a change from the original trip write-up.*) A visit to Bauman's Farm will be included in this trip. We plan to be home by 6:00 PM.

## BIRDING AT SUMMER LAKE

June 12–14 (Tues–Thurs)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Rick Ahrens

Cost: \$331 (nonmembers \$337)

(\$50 registration deposit)

Reservations & checks: Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

THIS WILL BE A REPEAT OF A 2016 TRIP. We will stay at Summer Lake Lodge across the road from the Wildlife Refuge. Plenty of time for bird watching. Lunches at the Pioneer Saloon in Paisley and the Waterin' Hole in Fort Rock. Stops at Fort Rock State Recreation Area and the Homestead Museum in Fort Rock. Space is limited to twenty-three people.



## Coming Up in May

# Cascadia Cave Guided Hike

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE THAT LIVED HERE** before the westward migration of white settlers in the 1800s? Then a trip to Cascadia Cave with the Obsidians on May 24 should be on your calendar.

The Kalapuya people have lived in the Willamette Valley since long before the arrival of settlers in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, and their rock art is still visible at Cascadia Cave. It is an area that is both culturally and geologically significant. The cave is located on private land on the South Santiam River and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. Over the years people have carved their initials into the wall and even painted the petroglyphs to make them stand out more. In order to protect it, the site is now accessible only through guided tours.

The landowners allow the Sweet Home Ranger District to lead tours of the site. Forest Service archaeologist Tony Farque will be our guide and his presentation is guaranteed to inform and entertain with a wealth of information. Plan on a short hike through the forest—about two miles round trip; the trail may be muddy. Sign up online and don't forget to bring your camera!

Contact Dave Cooper: [summertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:summertrips@obsidians.org)

## Upcoming Summer Trips

*Be sure to check online to choose from a variety of outings happening in May.*

**READY TO HIKE TO A VISTA?** Consider going up to the old lookout site on Tidbits Mountain on May 27. A short climb through forest and open rocky areas will take you to the lookout pad. It's a great place to take in the views of the Cascade Peaks. Or, how about a beach hike from Yachats to Waldport on the 20<sup>th</sup>? How about a short backpack with plenty of day hikes from camp? Blacklock Point is back on the schedule for May 18–20. Finally, enjoy Memorial Day by taking a walk from the Masonic Cemetery to the Obsidian Lodge and on to Hendricks Park. Return to the cemetery in time to hear "Taps" played at noon with a visit to Hope Abbey for coffee and cake.

Check the online system to find additional activities throughout May.



## SAVE THE DATE

### Women's Olallie Lake Kayak

September 11–13 (2 nights)

See the June *Bulletin* for trip description and signup information.

Leader: Pat Esch

## Overnight Trips Wish List

**THE EXTENDED TRIPS COMMITTEE IS HARD AT WORK PLANNING POSSIBLE OVERNIGHT TRIPS** for this and next year. We welcome any ideas you might have, so please don't hesitate to contact any committee member and share what may be on your wish list. At this point we are just looking for your suggestions—we are eager to please!

*Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Nancy Whitfield*

## AT THE LODGE



# POTLUCK

Friday, May 18 at 6:30 PM

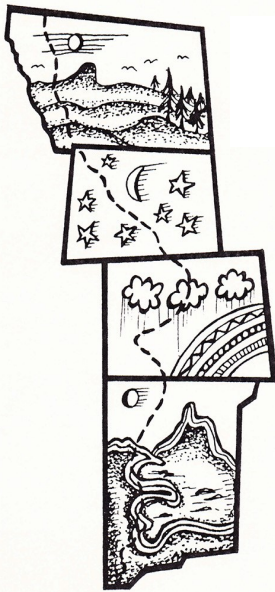
## The First Women's Hike of the Continental Divide Trail —1978—

Presented by Jean Ella

### WOMEN & ADVENTURE

*to take the risk*

—TWO WOMEN—  
THE GREAT DIVIDE  
—a 2600 mile walk—



**I**N 1978 JEAN ELLA AND HER HIKING PARTNER, Lynn Wisheart, became the first women to complete the Continental Divide Trail. Jean will describe their epic Mexico to Canada backpacking trek. She will also show the visually compelling documentary these two accomplished photographers made shortly after the trip.

*Potlucks will now be held on the last Friday of the month, except in May and November, due to holidays. (In the past, they were usually scheduled for the fourth Friday.)*

**Note: There will be no potlucks in June, July, or August.**

### **Potluck**

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

**Obsidian Lodge**

**Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM**

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

# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

<b>May</b>		12 Tue	<b>Birding at Summer Lake</b> Bus Cutsforth.....	746-4929
1 Tue	<b>Rooster Rock Hike</b> M Jacobsen .....	13 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike</b> M Cordon .....	513-3452
1 Tue	<b>12 Bridges Bike Trip</b> Bike M Hughes .....	16 Sat	<b>Middle Sister Climb</b> M Reiter.....	521-8472
1 Tue	<b>Badlands CarCmp</b> Hackett .....	16 Sat	<b>Marys Peak, East Ridge Hike</b> M Smythe.....	757-6357
2 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Butte Hike</b> M Rolfe .....	16 Sat	<b>Mt St. Helens Climb</b> Kaminski.....	510-610-1705
4 Fri	<b>McCall, Memaloose, &amp; Mosier Hike</b> M Osinga .	21 Thu	<b>Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike</b> M Jacobsen...	206-1251
5 Sat	<b>Mt Hood Climb</b> D Harris .....	23 Sat	<b>Yapoah Crater Geology Hike</b> D Rundle.....	653-0741
5 Sat	<b>McKenzie Falls Weekend CarCmp</b> E Hougardy.	23 Sat	<b>Exploring the Ridgeline Hike</b> E Cooper.....	517-6785
5 Sat	<b>Mt. Pisgah Hike</b> M Nagy.....	24 Sun	<b>Lowder Mountain Hike</b> M Terry .....	345-0720
6 Sun	<b>North Bank Habitat Hike</b> M Jacobsen .....	27 Wed	<b>Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt</b> M Bell.....	503-884-8829
8 Tue	<b>Ankeny Wildlife Refuge Bike</b> M Hughes .....	30 Sat	<b>Mt Washington Graduation Climb</b> M Hamilton	343-6550
9 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike</b> M Marsonette .....			
11 Fri	<b>Cottage Grove Exploration Hike</b> E Jacobsen .....	<b>July</b>		
12 Sat	<b>Silver Falls Hike</b> M Bennett.....	1 Sun	<b>Rosary Lakes Hike</b> E Terry.....	345-0720
16 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike</b> M King .....	8 Sun	<b>Middle Pyramid Hike</b> M Adkins .....	344-4163
17 Thu	<b>Oregon Jewish Museum Bus</b> West.....	11 Wed	<b>Newport Beach Camping Hike</b> E Nagy .....	514-4110
18 Fri	<b>Hiking the Continental Divide</b> .....	12 Thu	<b>Exploring Central Oregon CarCmp</b> M Hougardy	206-9532
18 Fri	<b>Mt. St. Helens —Truman Trail Hike</b> Hougardy	19 Thu	<b>Old Albany Bus</b> West.....	343-5492
18 Fri	<b>Blacklock Point Bk Pk</b> M Hovis .....	21 Sat	<b>Broken Top Climb</b> Hansen .....	360-852-2041
19 Sat	<b>Horse Rock Geology Hike</b> E Rundle .....	21 Sat	<b>Three Fingered Jack/ P.C.T. Hike</b> D Cooper.....	868-5427
19 Sat	<b>Mt Thielsen Climb</b> Edinger.....	21 Sat	<b>Goat Rock Wilderness Bk Pk</b> Lipton.....	736-7498
19 Sat	<b>Diamond Peak-Graduation Climb</b> Polhemus....	22 Sun	<b>Annual Beach Barefoot hike</b> Hike E Sojak .....	799-9199
19 Sat	<b>Mt Shasta Climb</b> D Gran.....	25 Wed	<b>Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt</b> M Bell.....	503-884-8829
20 Sun	<b>Yachats to Waldport Hike</b> M Jacobsen.....	26 Thu	<b>Maxwell Butte Hike</b> M Miller.....	484-4586
20 Sun	<b>Mt McLoughlin Climb</b> Bowen.....			
20 Sun	<b>Brice Creek &amp; Trestle Cr. Falls Hike</b> M Hackett	<b>August</b>		
23 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike</b> M Cordon .....	4 Sat	<b>Otter Lake Geology Hike</b> D Rundle .....	653-0741
24 Thu	<b>Cascadia Cave Hike</b> E Cooper.....	4 Sat	<b>PCT- (Obsidian trail to Hwy 58) Bk Pk</b> D Lipton..	736-7498
26 Sat	<b>Dog Mountain Hike</b> D Lipton .....	5 Sun	<b>Brice Creek Hike</b> M Terry .....	345-0720
27 Sun	<b>Tidbits Mountain Hike</b> M Randall .....	10 Fri	<b>Jefferson Park Bk Pk</b> D Sullivan .....	683-6837
28 Mon	<b>Masonic Cemetery to Lodge Hike</b> E Jacobsen....	19 Sun	<b>Mt Washington Climb</b> Hansen .....	360-852-2041
29 Tue	<b>Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike</b> M Jacobsen...	23 Thu	<b>Waldo Lake Kayak Kayak</b> M Sinnott.....	915-0234
30 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike</b> M Cooper .....	25 Sat	<b>Broken Top Climb</b> Hamilton.....	343-6550
30 Wed	<b>Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt</b> M Bell.....	29 Wed	<b>Trail Maintenance</b> .....	Trl Mnt M Bell 503-884-8829
30 Wed	<b>Banks-Vernonia Cycling &amp;... Bike</b> M Lindstrom			
31 Thu	<b>Exploring the Ridgeline Hike</b> E Cooper.....	<b>September</b>		
		1 Sat	<b>Broken Top via Tam McArthur Bk Pk</b> Lipton..	736-7498
<b>June</b>		4 Tue	<b>Mt. Hood Car Camp CarCmp</b> D James .....	683-7488
1 Fri	<b>Yachats Hike</b> M Hovis .....	7 Fri	<b>Maiden Lake Bk Pk</b> D Hovis .....	731-3412
2 Sat	<b>Mt Hood Climb</b> D Harris.....	8 Sat	<b>The Husband Climb</b> Willhite .....	406-570-4514
2 Sat	<b>National Trails Day Trl Mnt</b> M Bell.....	9 Sun	<b>Divide Lake Hike</b> M Cooper .....	868-5427
2 Sat	<b>Pueblo Mountain Hike</b> E Thornton .....	9 Sun	<b>The Wife Climb</b> Edinger.....	231-1457
3 Sun	<b>Dorris Ranch to Clearwater Hike</b> E Nagy.....	10 Mon	<b>Exploring Eastern Washington Bus</b> Beard.....	994-2337
3 Sun	<b>Exploding Whale Hike</b> Hike E Hougardy .....	11 Tue	<b>Women's Olallie Lake Kayak Ext Trp</b> Esch .....	338-8280
3 Sun	<b>Horse Pasture Mountain Hike</b> M Hackett .....	16 Sun	<b>Charlton L. to Irish L. via PCT Hike</b> M Sojak...	799-9199
6 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike</b> M Smith.....	18 Tue	<b>Waterfowl</b> .....	ExploraTalk
9 Sat	<b>Iron Mountain Geology Hike</b> M Rundle.....	21 Fri	<b>Mount Hubris Climb</b> Reiter.....	521-8472
9 Sat	<b>Wicked Portland Walk Hike</b> M Hougardy .....	28 Fri	<b>Living Well Without Waste</b> .....	Potluck
9 Sat	<b>Mt Thielsen- Graduation Climb</b> Hansen.....	29 Sat	<b>National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt</b> M Bell.	503-884-8829
9 Sat	<b>Mt Shasta Climb</b> D Williamson .....	29 Sat	<b>Tatoosh Range Peaks [3] Climb</b> Hansen .....	360-852-2041
11 Mon	<b>Saddle Mountain Hike</b> M Osinga .....	30 Sun	<b>Lost Coast California Bk Pk</b> D Hovis .....	731-3412

## Times Are Changing

**T**HE MONTHLY SPENCER BUTTE TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORK PROJECT HAS SWITCHED TO ITS SUMMER SCHEDULE: Starting this month it will take place on the last Wednesday of the month from 5:30—to 8:00 PM:

Make a note of these dates: May 30, June 27, July 25, and August 29.

### Other Trail Maintenance projects:

Litter Pick-up: Friday, May 18, 9–11:00 AM

National Trails Day: Saturday, June 2, 9 AM –12 PM

Sign up online.

To get on the reminder email list to be sent details about the work parties, contact Matt Bell: [trails@obsidians.org](mailto:trails@obsidians.org)



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