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Annual Meeting

**Friday, October 12
6:30 PM**

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 at the Lodge. A social hour featuring banana splits begins at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting at 7 PM. Committees will give brief summaries of their activities and new board members for 2019 will be elected. Read about our Board nominees on page 4. Climb, trip, and leader awards will be presented, followed by special, often humorous awards. Guests who would like to find out about our club are also welcome to attend.



Award presentations are a highlight of the Annual Meeting. At right, Jim Duncan presented Lana Lindstrom with two awards in 2017.

In the Steps of History: Obsidians Climb All Three Sisters in One Day

John Pegg

ON JULY 1, AT 7:30 PM, JUST AS EVENING WAS STARTING TO DESCEND over Oregon, Obsidians Marge Huseman and Dalen Willhite climbed to the summit of the South Sister and joined a very select number of mountaineers who have succeeded in climbing all three of the Sisters in one day. They relaxed a little, drank some water, and took in the view of the other Cascade peaks despite the 40-mph wind gusts. There was North Sister, where they had stood at 10:00 AM and Middle Sister, which they had summited around 3:00 PM. Dalen laughed, “Want to include Broken Top?”

They were walking in the footsteps of Obsidian and mountaineering history. In 1931, the Obsidian Summer Camp was at Green Lakes with 57 people in attendance. Ed Johnson, Clifford Stalsberg, and Don Johnson left early one morning in August from their camp to do something no one had ever done: climb all three Sisters in one day. They completed their extraordinary feat by returning to camp sixteen and a half hours later. Then, as reported by *The Register-Guard*, on Labor Day Weekend in 1949, Doris (Simms) Jones, accompanied by Obsidians Lloyd Gust and Mike Stahl, left from Frog Camp at 1:00 AM, reached the North Sister summit at 8:20 AM, Middle Sister at 12:05 PM and the peak of the South Sister at 7:30 PM. Although 20 men had repeated this amazing feat since 1931, she was the first woman.

In any year, in any time, Marge and Dalen’s climb is a major undertaking, both physically and mentally, and needed to be carefully planned. Kimberly Van Winkle, Marge’s spouse, left them at the Pole Creek Trailhead at 4:00 AM. They carried light packs with every item consciously selected. Both said they used every item they brought with the exception of a small first aid kit. They had been thinking about this for the past three years, ever since they participated in Alex Ellis’s Obsidian trip to

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Dates to Remember

September 18	ExploraTalk
September 28	Potluck
September 28	Bulletin Deadline
October 12	Annual Meeting
October 17	Board Meeting

Current schedules at:

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Register-Guard – Outdoor Calendar
Tuesday

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Cameron

SHIRLEY R. CAMERON, MOST RECENTLY OF GREEN VALLEY, AZ, PASSED AWAY **JULY 13, 2018**, at the age of 90. Originally from San Diego, she came north after retirement and became an Obsidian in December of 1992. She led four trips, participated in 17 hikes, four summer camps, and four bus trips, and was on the Conservation Committee. She was also an Obsidian delegate at the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs for a number of years. Interestingly, while living part time in Arizona she was a contributing editor to FWOC newsletter and served in 2005 on their program committee for annual meetings.

Jorry Rolfe knew Shirley well and published an article in the October, 2016 *Bulletin*. It includes a picture of both her and Shirley. Jorry traveled back and forth to the FWOC with Shirley and has written the following tribute:

“I got to know Shirley well as we drove to two FWOC conferences together in 2016 and 2017. She is what I call a gentle crusader for the environment. She was soft-spoken and mild-mannered while being a deeply passionate defender and protector of our wildernesses and public lands. Her compassionate instincts directed her to be involved in social justice causes in her lifetime. Her curiosity, open-mindedness, and listening skills made her a great travelling companion!”

Editor’s Note: Shirley’s complete obituary can be found in the August 8 issue of *The Register-Guard*.

Joe Lowry (1931–2018)

JOE LOWRY, A MEMBER SINCE 1977 AND PRESIDENT IN 1983, participated in 168 activities and led 52 trips. He led Umpqua River raft trips, snowshoe trips, Black Butte hikes (eleven times), Yachats to Waldport (nine times) and overnight winter educational trips to Heceta House. His trip reports frequently began with a perceptive comment about unpredictable weather or snow conditions such as *Where is the snow this winter? The snow is where it’s been at this time the last several Januarys—waiting to fall*. In 1984 he worked to promote the Waldo Lake Wilderness legislation. Joe wrote for the 75th Anniversary *Bulletin*: “If you want to increase your friendships with likeminded outdoor inclined folk, the Obsidians are for you. And you will make friends . . . guarantee it!”

Editor’s Note: Joe’s complete obituary can be found in the August 19 issue of *The Register-Guard*.

Trip Totals

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOW MANY TRIPS YOU HAVE COMPLETED? Go to the Obsidian webpage and log in. Click on the tab *Trip Reports*. Then choose *Trip Summary* to view your totals. If you have questions, contact:

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Trip and Leader Awards: Janet Jacobsen,
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Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

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National Public Lands Day September 29, 9:00 AM

OBSIDIAN TRAIL MAINTENANCE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to help Eugene Parks and Open Space staff improve the Floral Hill section of the Ridgeline Trail. The 970 foot resurfacing project will include moving 27 yards of gravel, some of it almost 1,000 feet away from the starting point (then working back to the starting point), down a steep incline. Lighter duty work will be removing trailside vegetation. The meeting place will likely be the picnic area of Hendricks Park. To prepare for this project, Matt will also need three or four volunteers on Tuesday afternoon, September 18 for the Embrace The Community Day event, rebuilding a 44-foot retaining wall and excavating the trail surface. For the latest details, sign up online or contact Matt Bell at trails@obsidians.org.

Matt Bell, Obsidian Trails Committee Chair
Christina Bentrup, Henricks Park Volunteer Coordinator
Carrie Karl, Natural Area Volunteer Coordinator

Membership Renewal Changes

Diane Schecter, Membership Chair

AS YOU MAY HAVE READ IN THE JULY BOARD MINUTES, representatives from the membership and publicity committee are working together to improve aspects of Obsidian membership. We are working to implement various ideas and approaches to increase our membership. One of these strategies is to explore a way to renew membership and pay online. The representatives hope to make renewal easier for members and are responding to many requests for an online renewal option. All members will continue to receive a renewal form with the *Bulletin* and will have the option to pay by check. This year, we will be sending out membership renewals with the October *Bulletin*. This will give the group an additional month to work out the complexity of integrating this into our database. We will present this information at the September board meeting. More details will follow in next month's *Bulletin*. Stay tuned!

Bus Trip Leaders Needed

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Trips Chair

THE BUS COMMITTEE IS IN NEED OF NEW PEOPLE TO HELP WITH PLANNING AND LEADING FUTURE BUS TRIPS. Over the last few years we have had a number of longtime leaders retire from bus trips and we need to find new people willing to step in. A new person would not be expected to immediately begin leading trips; we would pair you up with an experienced trip leader. There is considerable detail work involved in making arrangements for a bus trip and we are happy to help a new leader figure it all out. For people thinking about taking on bus trip leadership, we invite you to attend our first Bus Committee planning meeting on Thursday, October 18, at the Obsidian Lodge. We will meet at 12:00 noon for social time and begin the planning meeting at 12:30. If you have questions please contact: Sharon Cutsforth, email skcutsforth@comcast.net, phone 746-4929, or Jim Northrop, email jim.b.northrop@gmail.com, phone 343-3426. We have a great committee to work with, but we need more leaders if bus trips are to continue.

2019 Board Nominees



Dave Cooper

SINCE RETIRING AND BECOMING AN OBSIDIAN IN THE SPRING OF 2014, I have gone on over 400 hikes and have been a leader on 55. I became a member of the Board starting in 2016 and served as the Board secretary. In 2017 I became the chair of the Lodge Building Committee. This year I stepped away from the secretary position and took over as chair of Summer Trips. I truly appreciate being part of a group that enjoys and deeply values the outdoors. Belonging to the Obsidians has opened doors to a variety of travel and outdoors activities. Because of the Obsidians, I've found other ways to give back to the outdoor community, such as working with the High Cascades Forest Volunteers.

I'm so impressed by the work of the dedicated volunteers in the Obsidians who give so much of their time and effort to help meet the needs of the members. I'm honored to be nominated for an Obsidian Board position again.



Dave Hawkins

I HAVE BEEN HIKING WITH FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS. I had heard of the Obsidians Club nearly forty years ago and always planned to join someday. However only in the past few years, as I phased away from work as a CPA, did I find time to become an Obsidian, and I joined approximately five years ago. Besides having participated in a number of Obsidian hikes these past few years, I also enjoyed the Strawberry Mountains during Camp Bell, and the Orcas Island extended trip, as well as bus trips. Just recently I joined Darko and others for a great time in Croatia. The past few years I've served on the Obsidian Finance Committee.

Pickleball has become a bit of an addiction as well after I retired from racquetball.

I presently live with my wife, Donna, and we have two grown children: Ryan, who lives in Vancouver, WA and Nicole, who lives here in Eugene.



Maryanne Reiter

MARYANNE REITER IS THE OBSIDIANS CLIMBS COMMITTEE CHAIR and has been a member since 2001. She led her first trip in 2006, and has been involved with leading climbs and organizing climb school since then. She became involved with the Obsidians through Eugene Mountain Rescue when Sue Sullivan roped her into assisting with Climb School and Crevasse Rescue training.

Maryanne was born in Washington State but grew up in Minnesota. After graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Soil Science, she realized she could leave Minneapolis without a note from her mother, despite what her mother said, and moved to Oregon. There she started climbing and also pursued a Masters degree in Forest Hydrology from OSU. She currently works as a forest hydrologist for Weyerhaeuser Co. and climbs whenever she can.

JULY BOARD NOTES

July 11, 2018

by Maryanne Reiter

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

The Board approved the minutes for June 2018 and the June 15 Special Board meeting minutes. (See page 1 of the June *Bulletin*.)

Treasurer's report: Stewart Hoeg. Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses and also the balance sheet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): The June 12–14 *Birding at Summer Lake* bus trip was a great success, with thirteen members and eleven nonmembers taking part. Because of the limited lodging at Summer Lake Lodge, we were unable to take all the people who wanted to go. \$138 in trip fees was collected and forwarded to the general fund. There is space available for more participants on all remaining bus trips.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): There were four climbs in June. The weather did not cooperate for the two Middle Sister climbing teams, but the Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Washington climbs were successful in reaching their summits.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Three members of the Finance Committee along with Jim Northrop presented insurance options to the Board at a special board meeting on June 15. Based on the committee's recommendations, the club will now purchase accident insurance, and directors and officers insurance in addition to the club's property insurance. The committee also completed a successful audit of the treasurer for 2017 which included the general fund, extended trip fund, endowment fund and capital and contingency fund.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): The activities printed in the June *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): June 11 – Thanks to Jim Northrop for helping me get all the lumber and sheet goods removed from behind the Lodge and taken to the storage building or disposed of. July 3 – Completed the last mowing (hopefully) of the summer before things get too dry to use the mowers safely around the Lodge. Recut and expanded the cleared perimeter around the Lodge. Cleaned out blackberries and poison oak along the street by the entry gate. Weeded planting beds. Thanks to Clara Emlen, Brenda Kameenui, Doug Nelson and Jim Northrop for helping out. Thanks to Janet Jacobsen for bringing muffins for the crew.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): The Publicity Committee has formed a committee to discuss using a credit card for new and renewing members. Our first meeting is July 16.

Publications (Lou Maenz): 200 *Bulletins* were mailed in

June.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): Lana Lindstrom and Richard Hughes made a scouting trip to Idaho and Montana in late June to check out possible locations for the 2019 Obsidian Summer Camp. A suitable location was found near St. Mary on the east side of Glacier Park and tentative plans are being made for Summer Camp there next year. A later than normal scheduling in early September is contemplated to avoid the tourist hordes of summer. We will be asking for approval for Lana Lindstrom to chair the Summer Camp Committee.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): Thirty-one hikes were completed in June. The participant counts for these events were 221 members and 34 nonmembers. Total trip fees came to \$317.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing during the last month. We removed old rotting steps from the West Trail in Spencer Butte Park and cleaned the trailhead steps and kiosk. We found and moved three salamanders while removing the last step. Four participants: three members, one nonmember for a total of 12 volunteer hours. 2018 Trail Maintenance participation: ten outings in Spencer Butte Park. 65 total participants: 21 unique members, 7 unique nonmembers. 181 volunteer hours for \$4,117.75 estimated total value.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lana Lindstrom updated the Board on insurance. We now have directors and officer insurance, as well as accident insurance. The payments were approved earlier in the meeting. We have received the D & O policy, but not the accident policy yet. We are also waiting for a quote to possibly increase the deductible on our Liberty property insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to scheduling and scouting for future summer camps, the Summer Camp Chair is usually appointed in the summer. John Jacobsen proposed that Lana Lindstrom become the Summer Camp Chair. The Board approved the motion. Lana recently scouted a private campground in Glacier National Park. The tentative dates are September 1–6, 2019. John is now the Summer Camp Treasurer.

Approval of Committee Reports

Membership-applicant approval: Andrew McCulloch, Janet Whitesides, and Karen Yoerger.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS:

How to act on recommendations to increase membership was presented at the June 6 board meeting by Marci Hansen and Diane Schechter.

ADJOURNMENT

(Three Sisters in One Day continued from page 1)

climb Broken Top, South, and Middle Sister in successive days. Why not climb all three Sisters in one day, they thought? What an adventure that would be!

North Sister was their first objective because it is the most technical and demands the most focus and care. They carried a 45-meter rope, crampons, and three pickets, which they definitely used on the notorious *dinner plate*, that large patch of 45-degree snow across the face of the mountain with nothing but a void below it. At 10:00 AM, they were on the summit where they could clearly see their next summit, Middle Sister. At 2:00 PM they were on the summit of Middle Sister. Marge remembers telling Dalen at this point, "Let's sit down for a minute and eat something."

They had been moving constantly and both were starting to feel the physical wear and tear this was taking on their bodies. The South Sister was now in sight, so after some water and food, they were off again. Both knew by the time they were approaching the north face of the South Sister that they would finish. "I just wasn't sure," Marge said, "whether it would be in a day." And the north face proved to be a struggle. Both recall they were more concerned here than anywhere else on the marathon. Everything was loose, nothing was stable. They tried to stay on snow until it ran out and left them on sections where rocks the size of cars could roll down on you if you touched them. At one point they witnessed a 20-foot section of the mountain not far from them just slide away. Marge had come down the north face once before, but trying to follow the easy snow led them off route a little. On top of all this, the wind was now 30 mph with gusts of 40 mph, enough to push you over.

Finally, though, they were on top. The desire to rest and take in the evening and their success balanced with the need

to keep moving before darkness would force them to navigate by headlamp. Making good time now, they were on the climbing trail by the time it was totally dark. Kimberly was waiting at Devil's Lake with drinks, mac & cheese, and bacon. It had been eighteen and a half hours. Ed, Cliff, and Don, those first Obsidian climbers, were not there to shake their hands, but you can bet their spirit was there to welcome them to the great mountaineering history of Oregon.



Editor's note: Author, John Pegg, Obsidian president in 2007, earned the Ten Peak Leader Award in 1995.

Linn-Benton Community College Opportunity Tanzania Expedition December 2018

THE 2018 WINTER BREAK TANZANIA EXPEDITION WILL TAKE PLACE IN TANZANIA, AFRICA and will consist of three main activities:

- A climb of Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain and location of Africa's last glacier, will focus on the geological, climate, and astronomical observations possible to make in this part of the world. This segment begins December 14, and consists of six consecutive days of strenuous hiking.
- Beginning December 20, a Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater safari will look at physical and biological aspects of this amazing ecosystem right at the beginning to the Great Migration.
- A week on Tanzania's beaches will focus on the biology of East Africa's marine ecosystem, starting December 26.

The field and hands-on experiences possible in Tanzania are unique, and robust, and will make the science of college coursework come alive.

The Serengeti Safari and the Beach Ecology weeks will require walking/hiking up to several kilometers a day. A person must be able to carry a backpack that holds at least two liters of water, some snack foods, a flashlight and two kg. of scientific equipment while making day hikes.

For more information about lodging options and costs, please contact Greg Mulder (LBCC physical science instructor) at 541-917-4744 or mulderg@linnbenton.edu.

Obsidians Jorry Rolfe and Randy Sinnott are participating and are also willing to try to answer your questions.

TRIP REPORTS



Bike Trips

Row River Trail

July 2, 2018

Leader: Betty Grant

Bike: 31 miles, (Moderate)

WEATHER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR THIS PLEASANT EXERCISE RIDE. Nice to meet new folks, share previous biking adventures, and simply enjoy the day together. Members: Betty Grant, Holger Krentz. Nonmembers: Larry Myers, Cheryl Flavin.



Trail Maintenance

National Trails Day

June 2, 2018

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

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

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING, IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, we broke into three groups. The first group of Clara, Brandi, and Roberta worked the trailhead area cleaning the kiosk, steps, and picking up 13 gallons of litter. The second group, Janet and Mike, hiked down the Tie Trail cutting back woody brush to finish the work we started on Wednesday. The final group, Autumn, Dan, Jim, Naith, and I, hiked up the West Trail to continue to re-establish the tread along the upper portion. We were able to improve about 200 feet of trail. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, Clara Emlen, Autumn Estes, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Nathaniel Bell, Brandi Turney.



Bus Trips

Old Albany

July 19, 2018

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Assistant Leader: Vern Marsonette

Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

THE NEW HISTORIC ALBANY CAROUSEL WAS THE FOCUS of our July 19th Obsidian bus trip. This magical, colorful building houses a fifteen-year effort by Albany volunteers to produce beautifully carved and hand painted animals in an authentic carousel. On our way, we had the experience of visiting the small town of Halsey, a farming community dating from the 1840s. We started at the City Park for our coffee break. A special treat was visiting the new City Hall and Conference Center constructed from the ancient railroad station. We visited the administrative office, museum, and council chamber on the second floor. There was room for all of us. Democracy at work! Our last stop in Halsey was at the Ewethful Fiber Farm and Mill located within a century old building. Kim Biegler showed us the process and machines she uses to produce a variety of yarns. Her gift shop, with mostly local arts and crafts, was enticing for shoppers. Then it was on to old town Albany. We visited the Albany Regional Museum and the charming Monteith house, the first residence built in 1848. We had our lunch in Monteith Park located at the confluence of the Calapooia and Willamette rivers. From there it was a short walk to the carousel where



we enjoyed riding the special animals and touring the carving room where several new animals are being carved, the painting room where we saw paint being applied, and a very nice gift shop. The carousel is powered by an antique refurbished 1909 mechanism. Our final stop was at the Talking Waters Garden in north Albany. This is an engineered water treatment wetland developed by Albany, Millersburg, and the metal manufacturing ATI. There are many sights available on good trails around the grounds. After a really full day we decided to have ice cream at the Harrisburg Dari-Mart, a cool treat on a very warm day. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Barbara Bruns, Marcia Claypool, Carla Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, Judy Garwood, Don

na Halker, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Vern Marsonette, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Cynthia Poindexter, Margaret Prentice, Karla Rusow, Barbara Wallace, Marian West, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Mary Sherriffs, Pete Ferrero, Sheila Marsonette, John Mellott, Theresa Mellott, Pat Kubota, Cheryl Leair, Kate Deline.



Backpacks

PCT— (Obsidian Trail to Hwy 58)

August 4, 2018

Leader: Becky Lipton

Backpack: 70 miles, (Difficult)

WHAT A MELLOW TRIP THIS YEAR! No fires, no multiple trail closures, no wandering in the wilderness, no hitchhiking to find our car, no Life Flight helicopters. Just lots of views and lakes, swimming, visiting with fellow backpackers, beer and ice cream at Elk Lake Lodge, huckleberries, playing cribbage, more swimming, Trail Angels providing more beer and ice cream, even more swimming, and moving down the trail! Next year—Crater Lake, here we come! Members: Steve Cordon, Becky Lipton. Nonmembers: Kim Davidson-Ruby.

Jefferson Park

August 10, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Bill Sullivan

Backpack: 15 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

JEFFERSON PARK IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER as our group of Salem Chemeketans and Eugene Obsidians discovered. Last year's fire burned all of the Whitewater Trail from the parking lot to the Pacific Crest Trail but stopped there, leaving alpine meadows and lakes intact. The Whitewater Route is so damaged that it is unlikely to open until August 2019. With that shortcut closed, we hiked the South Breitenbush Trail. It's completely unburned, but is a mile longer, gains an extra 1,000 feet of elevation, and has a 4-mile stretch where the trailbed is full of loose rocks. Surprisingly, Jeff Park is still very crowded, especially on weekends. The online campsite reservation system has been discontinued, apparently forever, so there is an afternoon scramble to secure one of the 30 approved sites marked by posts. We occupied four sites on different sides of Bays Lake, went swimming, and had a grand time. Members: Ben Brown, Rebecca Eastwood, Scott Hovis, Bill Sullivan, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Janell Sorensen, Linda Parker, Ian Sullivan.

Carl Lake

August 17, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Kathy Randall

Backpack: 9.4 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

DESPITE THE HOT AND DUSTY TRAIL CONDITIONS, our group had a fantastic backpack trip. Carl Lake is beautiful, and we found plenty of good campsites to choose from. Evenings and mornings were spent exploring the lakeshore for frogs, newts, and deer, as well as viewing beautiful sunrises. On our lay-over day we hiked north to Table Lake. Along this trail we

passed numerous amazing volcanic features, small meadows, tarns, Betty Lake, and lots of huckleberries!! After lunch at Table Lake, three brave souls ascended The Table while the others swam or just relaxed by the lake. Those who hiked The Table agreed afterwards it wasn't worth the effort due to the very real risks of falling or at least twisting an ankle—the plateau before dropping to Betty Lake actually offers the best views of Mt. Jeff. Our first evening at camp we witnessed what we can only describe as a UFO in the upper northern sky. None of us have ever seen anything like it. Cold drinks and (real) food at Takoda's on our way home were a great finish to this wonderful trip. Members: Keiko Bryan, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell.



Keiko Bryan embraces the fantastic view of Mt. Jefferson



Climbs

Mt. St. Helens

June 16, 2018

Leader: Bob Kaminski

Assistant Leader: Brian Hamilton

Climb: 12 miles, 6,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE CAMPED FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MARBLE MOUNTAIN SNO-PARK TRAILHEAD (plenty of parking, no water, pit toilets). We departed camp at 2:00 AM. Following the Swift Creek/Worm Flows Trail via headlamps presented no challenges. Shortly after emerging from the forest Brian noticed an old injury was flaring up. Rather than push it, he decided to return to camp. David and I continued on. At predawn we reached the weather station equipment at around 5,500 ft. We continued to ascend and at 6,300 ft. we noticed many boot tracks traversing west toward the Monitor Ridge Trail. Instead of taking that course, we choose to continue slightly to the right and up. We followed a small scree ridge. At 7,100 ft. we chose to traverse west toward Monitor Ridge Trail. At this point we encountered snow. It was early in the morning and the snow was crusty. We used traction. I wore crampons

and David used micro spikes. It wasn't technically difficult, but it was nice to have a good purchase on the snow for our boots. We crossed the Monitor Ridge Trail and continued to the true high point of the rim, aka the summit. We arrived at 9:05 AM. Since we had it to ourselves, and the predicted thunder and lightening were a no show, we stayed for an hour, enjoyed a meal, and took in the views. Then we geared up for the descent. We were able to glissade to about the weather station. From there we walked back to camp, arriving at 2:00 PM, just fifteen minutes after the first sounds of thunder and a few drops of rain. We reunited with Brian and headed home. Members: Brian Hamilton, Bob Kaminski, David Lodeesen.

Middle Sister Team 2

June 16, 2018

Leader: Danneille Harris

Climb: 18 miles, 5,300 ft. (Difficult)

SINCE WE HAD 13 PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR THE CLIMB, we split into two groups. One group was led by Maryanne Reiter and one by Danni Harris. See Trip Report in the July 2018 *Bulletin*, page 6. Members: Danneille Harris, Lars Hoernlein, Bill Lowder, Christine Martin, Kana Moll. Nonmembers: Rick Lindfors, Jennifer Marlow.

Mt. Washington Graduation Climb

June 30, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Brian Hamilton

Assistant Leader: Kerry Edinger

Climb: 10.5 miles, 3,000 ft.

WE LEFT THE TRAILHEAD NEAR BIG LAKE AT 4:30 AM and we all reached the summit by 11:30. Kerry Edinger's assistance was crucial by helping the six Climb School graduates with preparing for ascending roped pitches and rappelling while the leader was setting up or removing ropes higher up on the route. The weather was perfect on the summit where we stayed for an hour. We encountered 10 or 12 other climbers, including two ascending the West Ridge and one who seemed to come out of nowhere to surprise us at the summit and was free-climbing with no helmet, rope, or pack. On our descent down the west scree slope we had to watch out for rocks kicked loose by climbers on the North Ridge, including one soccer ball-sized missile that whizzed by within feet of us. We returned to the trailhead before 7:00 PM and enjoyed cold sparkling cider and berry juice before driving home.



Members: Kerry Edinger, Brian Hamilton, Mallori Oliva. Nonmembers: Ed Willson, Krista Shennum, Ted Dubrawski, Hargobind Khalsa, GuruParkash Khalsa.

Mount Olympus

July 16–21, 2018

Leader: Roy McCormick

Photographer: Jennifer Johnson

Climb: 43 miles, 7,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE PARTICIPANTS ALL KNEW THIS WOULD BE AN EPIC HIKING AND CLIMBING ADVENTURE, but wow, what an amazing trip! Rather than set a *car to car* time record, we had decided to spend some time and immerse ourselves in the wilderness of Olympic National Park. **Monday:** Larry, Jen, and I drove from Eugene to Portland to pick up Bob and continued on to the Quinalt Wilderness Information Center for permits, then to the Hoh Rainforest Campground to sort gear and swap stories by the campfire. **Tuesday:** After a spectacular encounter with a bull Roosevelt elk, we backpacked to the Olympus Guard Station Campground (about 9 miles) with packs weighted down with glacier and rock climbing gear. Many thanks to Jen for helping to carry the rope even though she wasn't going to climb with us.



We arrived in camp early enough to practice some glacier skills before dinner. Camp was on a gravel bar along the rushing Hoh River. **Wednesday:** We left our riverside camp and proceeded up to Glacier Meadows Campground at 4,300 feet. The first tricky section of the trip was to cross a large washout by descending a cable ladder with loaded packs. With that out of the way, we set up camp in the old growth and scouted up the moraine to look at our route for the next day. **Thursday:** The alarm was set for 02:00 and we were underway by 03:15. We knew this would be a long day, but it was even tougher than anticipated. The first hurdle was to descend the several hundred feet from the top of the lateral moraine to the glacier itself on extremely loose sand and scree. The crossing of the Blue Glacier and climb up Snow Dome was straightforward, but then the crevasses got larger and more numerous and the route more circuitous. The bergschrund had one snow bridge left and the rope team was very observant as we crossed it and proceeded through Crystal Pass. Some route-finding difficulties near the false summit added more time and we arrived at the base of the 5.6 direct rock climb near our turn-around time of 13:30 with a party of three just starting up the route ahead of us. We elected to enjoy the view from one pitch below the summit and then headed back down the mountain. Additional difficulties on the descent included one member plunging thigh deep into a crevasse and another suffering some muscle cramps, but we

made it back to camp before needing to turn the headlamps on again. **Friday:** After sleeping in we headed back down the trail nine miles to the Olympus campground where we enjoyed another crystal clear night on the gravel bar with a carefully tended campfire. **Saturday:** The flat miles between camp and the trailhead went by quickly, and we saw our only black bear of the trip. Arriving at the crowded visitor center in early afternoon, I'm sure we scared some tourists with our trail worn appearances. A mandatory stop in Forks for burgers and then the long drive home. I am still in disbelief that we had such good weather in one of the wettest places in North America. This trip produced memories that will last a lifetime, just like a good Obsidians trip should. Members: Bob Kaminski, Roy McCormick. Nonmembers: Larry Huff, Jennifer Johnson.

Broken Top

August 25, 2018

Leader: Brian Hamilton

Climb: 17 miles, 3,900 ft.

WE DROVE TO THE GREEN LAKES TRAILHEAD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. The parking lot was full and cars were parked on both sides of the Cascade Lakes Highway for about a 200-yard stretch. Our team rode in two vehicles and we lucked out by waiting in the parking lot for hikers to come back to the trailhead and drive off, leaving a couple of vacant spots. We hiked along Fall Creek for about 3.6 miles and then headed northwest cross-country for another 1.5 miles to reach our camping spot at the springs and headwaters of a small creek. There was daylight by the time we started our climb on Sunday morning. A couple of hours trudging up the climbers' trail and north ridge got us to the rope-up spot. After a short climb up a 12-foot wall and negotiating the catwalk, everyone was on the summit. We were 1,000 feet above a sea of clouds that covered everything except the tops of Mt. Bachelor, Mt. Thielsen, and Diamond Peak to the south. There was a cold wind at the summit, so we did not stay long. A quick descent down the ridge got us back to our camp before noon. We rested for a while and some climbers soaked their feet in the stream next to camp, then we packed up and hiked out to the trailhead. Members: Ted Dubrawski, Brian Hamilton, Patrick Mucker, Krista Shennum. Nonmembers: Matt Cook, Rick Lindfors,



Hikes

Horse Pasture Mountain

June 24, 2018

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 3 miles, 910 ft. (Moderate)

A ONE WORD DESCRIPTION OF THIS TRIP IS HOT. The two of us started hiking around 10:30. It was breezy and not too hot, the sky was clear, and there was a haze. Two thirds of the way to the top Noah wanted to know where the helicopter was to take him to the top. By now it was around 88° and no breeze. At this time it became clear to me that we were not going to the top. We returned to the car, found a place along

the road that gave us good views of the Three Sisters, Jefferson, Washington, and Three Fingered Jack. We still had a good time, even as we watched the car thermometer hover between 88–93° down into the valley. Members: Jane Hackett, Noah Lee.

Crescent Mountain

June 30, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 10 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

DESPITE MY ERROR OF FORGETTING TO PUT A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HIKING, everything went well on a somewhat crowded Crescent Mountain. For the first time, I saw mountain bikes (at least nine) and the trail to the north off the summit was cleared, suggesting to me that this mountain has been *discovered*. Our 14 from Eugene and one from Salem got to the top before noon and had a pleasant stay with bright sunshine and views from Mt. Adams (perhaps) all the way to Diamond Peak. I identified 34 different species of wildflowers, and the bright colors of the penstemons, phlox, gilia, larkspur, queen's cup, and the ubiquitous bunchberry were most enjoyable. We left the summit after a long stay, passing through the wildflowers in the upper meadows to the much cooler forests below to Maude Creek, then back uphill to the trailhead. Members: Jennifer Baer, Ben Brown, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Steve Cordon, Jacquie Fern, Michael King, Alice Laffey, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Angela West, Sue Wolling.

Bohemia Mountain

July 2, 2018

Leader: Michael King

Assistant Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 1.6 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

THE ROCK GARDEN ON TOP WAS AT ITS PRIME with things like penstemons, onions, sedum, buckwheat, plus many others in full bloom. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Michelle Cordon, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale.

Gordon Meadows / Gordon Lakes

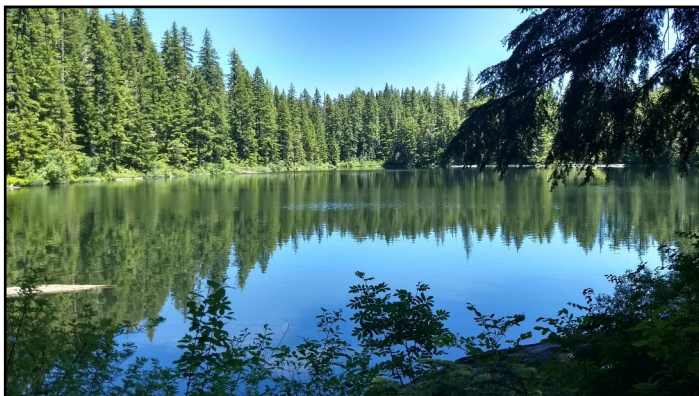
July 1, 2018

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Lynn Meacham

Hike: 8.4 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A PLEASANTLY SUNNY DAY FOR THIS HIKE, which was new to nearly all of the participants. The meadows were not yet in full bloom, but still impressive in their mass of flowers and sheer size. At one time long ago, these meadows were lakes. Past the meadows the trail crosses over a ridge with numerous old-growth trees. Several hikers enjoyed a swim in N. Gordon Lake during our lunch/rest break while others enjoyed watching the newts and crawdads in the shallow water near the shore or just rested and enjoyed the lake view. This trail gets little use by hikers which is a shame because it has many interesting features along the way. Members: Keiko Bryan, Kathie Carpenter, David Cooper, Daphne James, Lynn Meacham, Jules Moritz, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott. Nonmembers: JoDee Martin, Janet Whitesides.



Lower Gordon Lake

Yapoah Crater Geology

July 7, 2018

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 12.2 miles, 1,360 ft. (Difficult)

STARTING AT LAVA CAMP, WE HIKE UP THE PCT to South Mathieu Lake at a relaxed pace, encountering four small logs across the trail. On the way we made several stops for photography and study of the local volcanic features. We went through about two miles of burned or partially burned forest, mostly blackened, standing dead conifers. At South Mathieu Lake we ate lunch, followed by a 30-minute geology talk about the geologic history of the area. After lunch we continued up the PCT to Yapoah Crater, where 11 of us climbed up unconsolidated scree to the summit. It was windy on top with 30 mph gusts, making it difficult to walk at times. There were some unusually colored rocks, including rare ones with native sulfur. We returned to Lava Camp on a loop, stopping at North Mathieu Lake for a water and snack break. On the way back we again hiked through about a mile of burned conifer stands. During the entire trip we did not find any snow directly on the trail, although there were a few patches on the surrounding ridges. Members: Keiko Bryan, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Kent Godfrey.

Phantom Orchid Hike

July 8, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

WE DEPARTED FROM THE SPENCER BUTTE TRAILHEAD to walk up to the Meadow Junction and then down the Tie Trail to the sharp switchback where we saw the phantom orchids hiding quietly up in the greenery. We opted not to go to the summit. The parking lot was almost full when we returned to our cars. I recommend an early start and possibly car pooling if hiking from the main trailhead on the weekend. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Noah Lee, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Linda Magyary.

Waldo Mountain Loop

July 9, 2018

Leader: Ben Brown

Hike: 10.3 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

TOOK WALDO MT. TRAIL TO SUMMIT. Beautiful, clear day with views of Mt. Hood to Diamond Peak along with Waldo

Lake. Returned by way of Winchester and Salmon Lakes Trails through Waldo Meadows along with a short detour to Upper Salmon Lake and Salmon Creek Falls. All trails in fine shape. Some huckleberry overgrowth on the approach to the meadows. A few mosquitoes, but not bad at all. Members: Ben Brown, Nancy Hoecker, Sam Miller, Barbara Orsi, Harold Thompson.

Newport Beach Camping

July 11, 2018

Leader: Evelyn Nagy

Hike: 8 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

WE STAYED AT THE GROUP CAMPING SITE AT SOUTH BEACH STATE PARK IN NEWPORT. The trade-off of cool beach weather was met with coastal 21 mph north winds. The first day we drove to the Yaquina Lighthouse and returned with a beach walk and the wind to our back. The second day was a visit to the Newport Aquarium and Hatfield Marine Science Center at South Beach. The first night some of us took a short walk to the beach to watch the sunset. Members: Nikki Frank, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Valerie Metcalfe, Sarah Heacock-Jackson.

Matthieu Lakes

July 12, 2018

Leader: Betty Grant

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

HOW INCREDIBLY LUCKY WE WERE TO ESCAPE EUGENE'S FIRST HIGH 90S HEAT DAY with a cool hike upward from McKenzie Pass! There were four of us—a perfect car full. Being essentially new acquaintances, we enjoyed sharing our stories as we drove and hiked through the day. After a rest break at North Matthieu Lake, we proceeded on to South Matthieu for lunch and a *refreshing* swim. Although the two lakes are as beautiful as ever, the trail in both directions did not fare as well. Approximately 1/3 of the six-mile loop suffered severe fire burn from last summer's fire. Members: Steve Adey, Betty Grant, David Hawkins, Lucy Nelson.

Obsidian Loop

July 14, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 12 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS GOOD TO AGAIN RETURN TO THE OBSIDIAN LOOP after two years' absence. The trees near the trail in the first 1/2 mile were burned, but the rest of the hike was not affected by the fires. The wildflowers were superb with broadleaf lupine, mariposa lily, mountain Indian paintbrush, bog St. John's wort, red heather, and fields full of multiple colors. We had lunch at Obsidian Falls which was flowing well and then walked through the area with obsidian everywhere around us. While it was very hot in the valley, the temperatures at 6,500' were reasonable with a nice breeze. Members: Michael Dunne, Daphne James, Barbara Orsi, Mike Smith, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Eric Selker.

Iron Mountain

July 15, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 4 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

OUR 7:30 EARLY DEPARTURE COMBINED WITH TAKING CIVIL ROAD #035 TO THE UPPER TRAILHEAD gave us a headstart to beat the predicted soaring temperatures. We started hiking

around 9:20 and were on the summit platform by 10:30. The flowers, a bit wilted, and the views of the major Cascade peaks were impressive. We continued on the loop trail until we voted for an early lunch and then headed back to our cars. Vicky and Jean were on their first hike to Iron Mountain and were more than satisfied with the shortened trip. On the way back three of us made a quick visit to House Rock Campground to view the historical cave, a *cool* stop for travelers on the Santiam Wagon Road. Members: Jane Hackett, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Jean Harris.

Three Fingred Jack/ PCT

July 21, 2018

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 13.5 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD A WONDERFUL DAY AND GOT A BREAK FROM SOON-TO-RETURN HOT WEATHER. The 12 of us set off from a very crowded PCT parking lot at Santiam Pass. Traveling north through part of the B&B burn, we had nice views back to Washington and the Sisters. There is a contrasting beauty to this area with all the bleached out dead snags and the recovering greenery of small trees, flowers, and shrubs. Climbing steadily, we passed under the ruggedness of Three Fingred Jack's west face. By noon we arrived at our lunch spot where the PCT passes over the north ridge of Jack, a special place with panoramic views of the mountain's geology and Canyon Creek Meadows spreading out below. Then we followed the PCT north toward Minto Pass, stopping to take in the view above Wasco Lake. From the pass we dropped down to the lake where we heard someone call out "yo, Obsidians". It was a member of the group that had dropped us off at the trailhead earlier. They were on their own hike to explore Canyon Creek Meadows (see next report) and relax at Wasco Lake. Our group headed on to the Meadows with their abundance of flowers—such a refreshing destination after hiking through a little bit more burn leaving Wasco Lake. Both groups arrived at the cars at Jack Lake within about ten minutes of each other, eager to share stories of the day and head home. Members: Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Lisa Grissell, Lana Lindstrom, Christine Martin, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Angela West. Nonmembers: Morgan Stueber.

Canyon Creek Meadows

July 21, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 8 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER LEAVING 12 HIKERS AT SANTIAM PASS for their longer hike (see report above), our group was on the trail at Jack Lake by 10:00. I was a little worried about how crowded the trail would be after seeing the number of cars parked at the trailhead and down the road. I needn't have worried, though, as it was not overly crowded as we made our way to Canyon Creek Upper Meadow. We had plenty of time for taking pictures, enjoying a leisurely lunch, and spotting the other Obsidian hikers taking their lunch break up on the ridgeline. We watched as they started back down the trail and then we went back through the meadows to continue our loop. We made a side trip toward Wasco Lake with some members going all the way down to the lake for a dip. All eight of us were back to Jack Lake by 4:00. We considered this a successful outing as we saw a spectacular display of wildflowers and had a good hike despite it being longer than advertised. Some of

our group even experienced three goat sightings—two mountain goats on a ledge as we were returning from the Upper Meadow, four pack goats with a backpacking couple and their son, and as someone who shall remain nameless put it, "12 old goats up on the ridgeline!" Members: Carla Cooper, Kay Coots, Michelle Cordon, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Richard Shields, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Sheridan Gates.



Three Fingred Jack from Canyon Creek Meadow trail

Rosary Lakes

July 22, 2018

Leader: Judy Terry

Hike: 5.4 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

SEVEN OF US HEADED UP TO ROSARY LAKES to get out of the predicted Valley heat. The parking area was quite full at the PCT trail junction. This might mean a crowd at the Lakes! Fortunately, when we arrived it was very quiet and practically empty. Last year there were many ducks and ducklings on the Middle Lake and they kept us quite entertained at lunch. This year there was just a random duck. There was a very nice breeze off the Middle Lake to keep a hiker cool while having lunch. We then returned at a brisk pace (all downhill). Members: Barbara Kay Cosby, Kathy Randall, Judy Terry, Clarence Townsend, Lisa Van Liefde, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Dorothy Van Winkle.

Annual Beach Barefoot Hike

July 22, 2018

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.6 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)

THIS FOGGY AND WINDY SUNDAY WAS JUST RIGHT for our cheerful, shoeless group. We walked close to the high tide ocean where the sand is compacted and easy to experience barefoot. At midpoint we stopped near the South Jetty boulders for our snack, dancing and singing Vicky's song which she wrote years ago:

*I've got sand in my toes,
I've got sand in my nose,
I've got sand all over even in my pantyhose,
I've got sand in my hair,
I've got sand in my shoes,*

And that's why I'm singing "The Sand Dune Blues."

After lunch in Florence's old town, our happy group returned to 85° Eugene. Members: Leah Firth, Vicky Hanson, Holger Krentz, Rachelle Masin, Cindy Rice, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Sheila Guilder, Nancy Minson, Marli Miller, Janet Soto.

Eagles Rest

July 28, 2018

Leader: Lynn Meacham

Hike: 13.4 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

OUR GROUP OF FOUR LEFT LCC AT 7:00 AND WERE ON THE TRAIL BY 7:30. Temperatures were in the mid-50s and had reached 90 when we finished at 1:30. We all agreed that hiking in the trees made it much more pleasant. We had good views at the top of Eagles Rest. On our way back we stopped for a well deserved break at Goodman Creek right next to the log bridge. Some dipped their feet in the creek while others dampened their bandanas for a refreshing wipe down. There were still some wildflowers along the trail that we spent time identifying. It was a great day for hiking. Members: Mike Smith, Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham.

Crescent Mountain

July 29, 2018

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 8.6 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

DESPITE THE VERY HOT TEMPERATURES WE HAD AN ENJOYABLE HIKE to the summit of Crescent Mt. (temperatures driving home ranged from 98–101°). The flowers were a little past their prime in the meadows, but still colorful. We had great views from the summit including Crescent Lake, Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, and every peak from Mt. Jefferson to Diamond Peak. We encountered a group of forestry workers in the meadows working on a very interesting project creating a more natural/positive effect from fires by *ringing* or girdling the trees (removing a circle of bark several feet off the ground down to the cambria). The areas below the girdles will burn as will the meadow plants, but above the girdles, the trees will provide valuable snag habitat for animals and birds. Members: Jules Moritz, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Clarence Townsend. Nonmembers: Jean Harris.

Pamelia Lake

August 3, 2018

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 5 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

A PLEASANT DAY ON A BEAUTIFUL TRAIL. Water was a major feature of the hike. First, we enjoyed hiking along the creek and even when it was a little out of sight we were still accompanied by the sound of the tumbling stream. After lunch at the lake, the younger members of our group decide to wade into the lake. They reported that it was a little cold. The adults were content to sit on the beached logs at the lake's edge and take in the view of Mt Jefferson. Three of us decided to head up the trail to the intersection with the PCT. We'd hoped for a better view of Jefferson but clouds had moved in near the peak. We returned and one of our group decided to take a swim. The kids decided to go back in the water and join in the swimming. In the water or relaxing in the sun we all had a fun time. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper,

Caralynn Judy, Henry Judy, Lauren Judy, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Sheridan Gates.

Opie Dilldock

August 3, 2018

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 15 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

ONCE AGAIN THE HIKE TO OPIE DILLDOCK DIDN'T DISAPPOINT the eleven hikers who joined this trip. The sky was unusually clear and a cool breeze kept the sunny day pleasant. We enjoyed our lunch at the Collier Cone viewpoint which overlooks the lake created by the retreating Collier Glacier. We then finished our hike by trekking down the switchback trail from Opie Dilldock Pass and back to the parking area on the Obsidian Trail. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Steven Johnson, Steven Koester, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Barbara Orsi, Jorry Rolfe, Chris Stockdale, Lyndell Wilken, Sue Wolling.



Great views of the Sisters at the junction of the Scott Trail and the PCT

Otter Lake Geology

August 4, 2018

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 8.4 miles, 820 ft. (Moderate)

WE HIKED THE LOOP IN IDEAL WEATHER with temperatures in the high 60s. The turn-off to Otter Lake was missed although we did get a look at the lake through the trees. This was probably a fortunate mistake since that's where most of the mosquitoes seemed to be concentrated. We had a relaxing, mosquito-free lunch at Williams Lake. Rebecca, Betty and Richard went swimming. We spent about 12 minutes looking at maps and diagrams of glacial remnants, including eskers and linear chains of paternoster lakes. On the return side of the loop, we made a few side trips into Middle and Lower Erma Bell Lakes and the waterfall between them. The trip ended back in the parking lot with a round of strawberry lemonade and a toast to the crew. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Rebecca Eastwood, Betty Grant, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Richard Shields, Dorene Steggell, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Dorothy Van Winkle.

Brice Creek

August 5, 2018

Leader: Judy Terry

Hike: 7 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD PERFECT WEATHER ON OUR HIKE along Brice Creek up to Trestle Creek. When we arrived at the Cedar Creek parking area we were the only cars. The trail had a few areas that needed some work, but the majority of the hike was easy under pleasant conditions. A few of us went up the side trail to the lower Falls. Many selected a lovely lunch spot along the Creek. On our return, there were many people swimming and cooling off in the creek. The parking lot was packed when we finished up the hike. Thank you to Alan Curtis, who provided plant and tree information on our trip through a lovely old growth forest. Members: Alan Curtis, Jan Danforth, Karla Rusow, Meg Stewart Smith, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Carol Mosman, Nancy Minson, Janet Soto, Ed Mosman, Stephanie LeMenager.

Belknap Crater PCT

August 12, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 1,680 ft. (Difficult)

TODAY I TOOK NINE OBSIDIAN FRIENDS ON A PCT HIKE to the top of Belknap Crater in the Mount Washington Wilderness and to Little Belknap Crater. We started at 9:15 from the parking lot off Highway 242, then headed north along the Pacific Crest Trail 2000. For a half mile we hiked through a beautiful pine forest on the edge of a recent lava flow. Then we hit the trail in open lava fields. After a steep hike and lunch on the top of dusty and windy Belknap Crater, we hiked down to see Little Belknap and explore the nearby lava tubes. During the whole day we had great views to North and Middle Sisters, Mt. Washington, Black Butte and others.

It was a great hiking day! Members: Jennifer Baer, Marguerite Cooney, Michael King, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Angela West.



Michael King listens to Tom Rundle's geology talk on the edge of Belknap Crater

Urban to Ridgeline Loop

August 17, 2018

Leader: Jennifer Baer

Hike: 7.2 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD CLEAR SKIES FOR OUR THREE-HOUR HIKE using a novel approach to the Ridgeline Trail System. Some of the hikers had not been on the Ridgeline Connector Trail or to the Southridge City Park. After completing our Ridgeline loop, we descended through the Amazon Headwaters Trail. From Martin Street, we wound our way (gasp, uphill) through neighborhoods back to our starting point at Edgewood Elementary. Members: Jennifer Baer, Carla Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen.

Scott Mountain

August 18, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8.2 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A PERFECT DAY TO LINGER ON THE SUMMIT and enjoy the views of the Cascade peaks. It was even better when later, each of us slowly or quickly plunged into Tenas Lake for a leisurely swim. Everyone had read the trip description and brought fashionable swim attire. I envied those who had towels and flip flops. We encountered few hikers even though the dusty parking lot at the trailhead was jammed with cars. After our hike we sat in the shade by the trailhead outhouse, devouring brownies and cold beverages and watching a parade of cars turn around unable to find a parking space. We gave a thumbs up for our early 7:00 AM departure! Dave Predeck shared that his first trip to the summit of Mt. Scott was in 1967 to fight a forest fire. Records show that Dave has led Scott Mountain 18 times, many of these from the north side. Dave said that an abandoned trail up the north side still has slash marks on trees that were put there probably a hundred years ago. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Dave Predeck, Ernst Schwintzer, Randy Sinnott, David Strutin.

Fuji Mountain

August 19, 2018

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Hike: 12 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

THE FUJI MT. HIKE EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS. The skies were a little hazy when we began the hike but became clearer as we climbed upward towards blue sky. Looking over the blue waters of Waldo Lake there was some haze but all landmarks were visible. We had the top of the mountain to ourselves but did pass three other people as we descended. The thought of smoke probably kept people away including 12 Obsidians who had shown interest in the hike but withdrew leaving Dave, Marguerite and Lyndell to head to the top of Fuji on our own. We reached the top at noon and descended by three with a moderate pace. The day was finished with an early supper and a brew at the Cedar Creek Cafe in Oakridge. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Lyndell Wilken.

Obsidian Loop

August 21, 2018

Leader: Betty Grant

Hike: 12 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

UNFORTUNATELY WE HAD SMOKE COVER IN EUGENE AND THE MOUNTAINS for several days around this hike. A number of people understandably cancelled because of health concerns and although we left town with five, when we stopped at the McKenzie Ranger Station on the way up, two more hikers opted to return to Eugene. Three of us continued and were delighted to find the air clearer at the pass. There was a good breeze which kept the air fairly clear and cooled us as well. We had the trail nearly to ourselves except for a few PCT through-hikers. Wildflowers were minimal compared to previous years in August, likely due to dry conditions and earlier warming. We enjoyed lunch atop Obsidian Falls and explored *Sister Spring* seeping out of the cliff and bubbling up from the ground on the east side of the meadow. North and Middle Sister were as close as ever, but the views were hazy. Sparkling obsidian chips cover the ground in this area. Bill Sullivan reminds us that this black glass forms when lava oozes to the surface without contacting water. A good workout with enjoyable conversation. Members: Betty Grant, Jean Harris, Barbara Orsi.

Tahkenitch Creek

August 25, 2018

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 8.1 miles, -47 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WE WERE WALKING BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH with a gentle breeze to our backs beside crashing surf as the tide came in. We waded across Tahkenitch estuary and had lunch by the beach terrace as the marine layer melted away into a hazy sunshine. On the return loop through coastal forest, there were hikers singing to the birds and birds singing back. We made three stops on the way back to take a closer look at the creek. What a warm and relaxing day at the Oregon coast. Members: David Clinger, Leah Firth, Vicky Hanson, Barbara Orsi, Brian Popowsky, Cindy Rice, Tom Rundle, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Patty Morrow, Marian Paiva.

South Waldo Huckleberry Hike

August 25, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD A DECENT DAY UP ON SOUTH WALDO. It was downright cool at times on the trail, but alas, the huckleberries were either not ready to be picked or dried up, and only a few decent ones were able to be found. We hiked in to Bingo Lake, had lunch, then came back out. I have scouted a trail for logging out, helped log it out, and then have returned with a group to hike the trail. Members: Nikki Frank, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Valerie Metcalfe, Carol Mosman, Sheridan Gates, Ed Mosman.

Frohnmayr Footbridge Mural

August 30, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer : Carla Cooper

Hike: 4 miles, (Easy)

WE MEANDERED ALONG THE TRAILS IN ALTON BAKER PARK to the Frohnmayr Footbridge (formerly Autzen Footbridge) to view the new mural of plants and animals painted by Near-

by Nature staff and volunteers. A "Taskforce Against Graffiti" will maintain the mural. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen.



A portion of the new mural on the Frohnmayr Bridge

Mt. Pisgah

June 27–August 25, 2018

Various Leaders: Jorry Rolfe (6/27), Janet Jacobsen (7/27, 8/5 & 8/25)

Hike: 3.5–6 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: **June 27(sunset):** 4 Members, 2 Nonmembers. **July 27(sunset):** 11 Members, 5 Nonmembers. **August 5:** 4 Members, 1 Nonmember. **August 25 (sunset):** 7 Members, 6 Nonmembers.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

June 27–August 29, 2018

Various Leaders: David Cooper (6/27 & 7/4), Jennifer Baer (7/11), Tom Rundle (7/18 & 8/8), Janet Jacobsen (7/21), Mike Smith (7/25), Jorry Rolfe (8/1 & 8/29) Steve Cordon (8/15), David Lodeesen (8/22),
Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: **June 27:** 18 Members, 1 Nonmember. **July 4:** 23 Members, 2 Nonmembers. **July 11:** 15 Members. **July 18:** 17 Members, 2 Nonmembers. **July 21:** 2 Members. **July 25:** 18 Members, 3 Nonmembers. **August 1:** 17 Members, 1 Nonmember. **August 8:** 9 Members, 1 Nonmember. **August 15:** 11 Members. **August 22:** 15 Members, 1 Nonmember. **August 29:** 14 Members, 1 Nonmember.



**Water
Trips**

Waldo Lake Kayak

August 23–25, 2018

Leader: Randy Sinnott

Kayak: 14 miles (Moderate)

THERE WERE MANY CANCELLATIONS LEADING UP TO THIS TRIP as the smoke and weather forecasts changed almost daily. Fires in British Columbia and a recent blaze ignited at Terwilliger were the main culprits. Ultimately, four of us set off from the North Boat Launch and paddled west to the outlet of the North Fork Willamette where we had our choice of several campsites. After settling in, we tried a clockwise hike that would have looped around to Chetlo Lake, but encoun-

tered many annoying blowdowns. We restarted a new hike to Round Lake and were content with almost getting there. (Not as many blowdowns, but would have added lots of elevation on the return.) In the morning we got off to an early start and noticed lots of smoke pushing over the north end of the lake. We visited Rhododendron Island for a break. Huckleberries were scarce here and most other sites. The smoke continued to follow us and we crossed the lake from just north of Klodahl to a peninsula near Islet Campground thinking we might camp there so that we could escape if the smoke became unbearable. But our final decision was to recross and continue south to the intended destination. Like two years ago, that beach was occupied. We landed at last on a nearby beach we had camped on in 2016—only then there were eight of us. We set up camp and hiked to South Waldo Shelter and Jorry led us to a nearby site, Camp Edith, where Judge Waldo liked to camp. A heart is carved on a tree in dedication to his daughter. Back at camp we were happy to see the forms of Middle and South Sister that the smoke had obscured most of the day. After dinner and cards, everyone was ready to retire. The night was clear, stars were out and a meteor fell around midnight. The following morning, we rose to find kayaks covered with ice droplets. We had a more leisurely start and paddled north over some choppy water, not yet to the white-cap level but edging close. Smoke from Terwilliger was beginning to mushroom to the north as the wind increased. We stopped for half an hour to lunch at a small beach on the east coast as the waves increased, then made a successful beach launch into some brisk waves. Another hour and a half of paddling returned us to our takeout by 1:30. An interesting adventure, all in all—testing us with several challenges and group decisions to make—ended in success due to the great spirit of the group. Members: Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Dorene Steggell.



Car Camps

Exploring Central Oregon

July 12, 2018

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Car Camp: 18 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR FOUR-DAY TRIP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CENTRAL OREGON'S HISTORIC PAST started with a call from the interpretive ranger at Fort Rock. The 100° heat wave hitting the region was cause for canceling our visit to the Fort Rock Cave for safety concerns and the threat of extreme fire danger. The cave is a significant archaeological site where shoes dating back 10,000 years were discovered and public entry is limited to just a handful of people each year. Sadly, but understandably, we were not able to visit the cave and the trip's schedule had to be amended at the last minute. **On our first day**, we arrived at the massive caldera located in the heart of the Newberry National Volcanic Monument. We visited the double 80-foot Paulina Falls and ate lunch overlooking the stream. We located two adjoining campsites on the picturesque East Lake, and just in time as the park was busy. In the afternoon we hiked the impressive Obsidian Flow Trail, a massive flow of volcanic glass and pumice 17 stories tall.

Returning to camp we enjoyed a swim in the cool and clear waters of East Lake. Afterward, we hiked on the beach to the local resort and were reminded of the subtle, yet abrasive qualities of volcanic glass on the feet (even with shoes). At the lodge, we enjoyed a delicious meal and had some good laughs with the staff. The radio in the background was playing a tribute to Tom Petty. We walked about a mile back to camp. That night we listened to a cappella hymns from a Mennonite group camping nearby. **On day two** we drove to the top of Paulina Peak. The peak is 7,984 feet and sits in the middle of Oregon. The views are impressive; to the north, we could see the massive stratovolcano, Mount Hood, then down the spine of the Cascades to the steep-sided Mount McLoughlin close to the California border—a distance of about 300 miles! To our south was our next stop, the iconic shaped Fort Rock, a volcanic landmark named for the tall fort-like walls. We left Paulina Peak and drove about an hour. Our first stop was the Fort Rock Homestead Museum, an open-air collection of historic structures. This is where I learned about a shortcut of a backroad to Derrick Cave, a remote lava tube that we had hoped to visit. Apparently, the private landowner had closed the shortcut because visitors were not closing a gate and his cows were escaping. The alternate route would have involved about a 50-mile detour on forest and back roads. This was tabled until another visit. Our next stop was the massive Fort Rock, a horseshoe-shaped tuff ring that rises 300 feet over the surrounding flat landscape. We hiked for about an hour in the heat then drove to the town of Christmas Valley for ice. We continued on a short distance to Crack in the Ground, a two-mile-long tension fracture where we could hike and scramble over boulders about 30 feet underground. The temperature at the surface was 95°; in the fissure it was a comfortable 70° with some pockets of air in the lowest sections that were chilling. Late that afternoon we stayed at the Rockhorse Ranch where we pitched our tents and gleefully enjoyed their shower! A celebrity at the ranch's store was a black cat named Scratchy. **On day three** we drove a short distance to Hole in the Ground, a crater that is a mile wide and 500-feet deep. Once thought to be a meteor impact, the formation was actually caused by magma contacting groundwater. The resulting flash (there were many over the millennia) formed the massive hole we see today. The steep hike down the side was dusty and the walk up the forest service road was blazing hot. Near the end of our hike, three cars zipped up the road in a cloud of thick dust. The vehicles looked as though they were from the set of a Mad Max movie. The last car to pass was missing the door on the driver's side and the driver was wearing thick goggles. The rag-tag group waved as they passed. These were participants in the Gambler 500, a navigational adventure for cars whose value is no more than \$500. Later that day we visited the High Desert Museum for a closer look at the cultural and natural history of the region, and we explored by flashlight the one-mile long Lava River Cave, the longest continuous lava tube in Oregon. The cave was a welcome 42°! As the sun lowered in the sky we made our way about 30 miles east of Bend to the Pine Mountain Observatory, an astronomical observatory operated by the University of Oregon. The center sits near the top of Pine Mountain at an elevation of 6,509 feet. We made camp, ate dinner, watched the sunset, and enjoyed the various telescopes of the facility. There were close-up views of Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, nebulae, and globular clusters. Various astronomy talks were held by UO instructors. Most im-

pressive was a view of Jupiter and several moons through the 24-inch scope. **The final morning** we woke up hearing a chorus of cows in the distance. We made our way off the mountain appreciating the drastic change in terrain from pines to the open high desert. We took a shortcut around Bend and stopped at the Lava Lands Visitor Center where we explored the 500-foot tall Lava Butte that has commanding views of central Oregon's volcanic story before returning home. Members: Keiko Bryan, Mark Hougardy, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Angela West, Leigh Williams.

Perpetua Hike and Beaver Creek Kayak

August 5, 2018

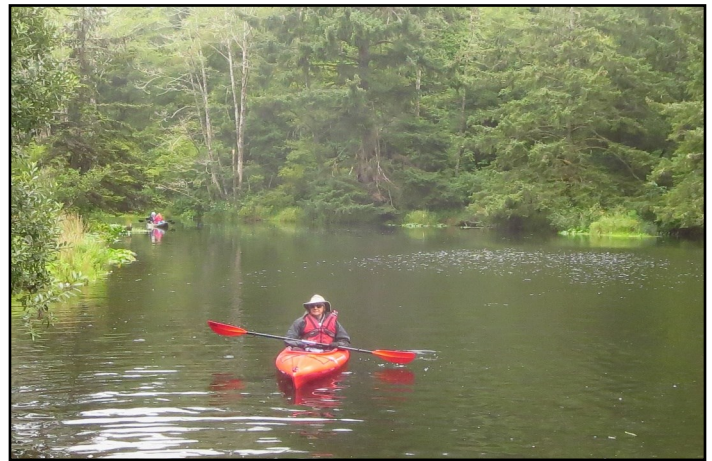
Leader: Mark Hougardy

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Car Camp: 6 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

THE CAPE PERPETUA SCENIC AREA IS ALWAYS STUNNING. Our group was fortunate as the weather was surprisingly mild and there was little wind. We spent much of the morning exploring tide pools and beachcombing during low tide. We visited the magnificent 200-foot tall and 500-year old Giant Spruce. Around lunchtime we pitched our tents at a nearby campground and had a quick bite to eat. Our two tiny campsites proved challenging with our collection of tents. In the late afternoon, during high tide, we appreciated the coast's craggy beauty with visits to Thor's Well and Spouting Horn. In the evening, some of us climbed (some drove) the 700-foot cape and enjoyed awe-inspiring views of the rocky shoreline below. Standing inside the historic Civilian Conservation Corps shelter, we witnessed a brief sunset. That day had seen a whale, gulls, cormorants, sea lions, a myriad of tide pool creatures, turkey vultures, and ravens. The next morning we woke with the sun and drove to Brian Booth State Park where we participated in a kayaking trip on Beaver

Creek. This interpretive tour is offered as a service by Oregon State Parks. Beaver Creek is a freshwater estuary and is prime habitat for Coho salmon, cutthroat trout, winter steelhead, and waterfowl. We finished our three-mile paddle about noon and had a great time. We had seen ducks, nutria (invasive), a family of river otters, kingfishers, a young bald eagle, swallow, cranes, blue herons, a green heron, Canada geese, a merganser, and a red-tailed hawk. As we pulled our kayaks from the water there was a nearby splash—a river otter had been playfully observing us. Across the creek, a bald eagle surveyed our group. That afternoon we drove south to Yachats and enjoyed a tasty lunch before heading home. Members: Keiko Bryan, Mark Hougardy, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Cindy Rust, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Marli Miller.



Nancy Whitfield on Beaver Creek

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

September

8 Sat	The Husband Climb Willhite.....	406-570-4514
8 Sat	Divide Lake Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
8 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike Jacobsen.....	206-1251
9 Sun	The Wife Climb Edinger.....	231-1457
9 Sun	Three Fingered Jack Climb D Huseman.....	743-3658
9 Sun	River walk / Nat Hist Museum Hike E Hackett..	953-7046
10 Mon	Exploring Eastern Washington Bus Beard.....	994-2337
11 Tue	Women's Olallie Lake Kayak Ext Trip E Rice...	517-0757
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Steggell.....	343-7018
12 Wed	North Fork Willamette Hike M Christensen.....	343-8941
15 Sat	Waldo Perimeter Hike D Smith.....	520-488-9569
16 Sun	Charlton L. to Irish L. via PCT Hike M Sojak ..	799-9199
18 Tue	Waterfowl.....	ExploraTalk
19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rubenstein	248-514-5092
20 Thu	Lava Beds / Crater Lake Car Camp M Hougardy	206-9532
21 Fri	Mount Hubris Climb Reiter.....	521-8472
21 Fri	Fawn Lake Bk Pk M Randall.....	844-5916
22 Sat	Coffin Mt/Bachelor Mt Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
24 Mon	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
25 Tue	Hunt's Cove Hike D Cooper.....	868-5427
26 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rubenstein	248-514-5092
27 Thu	California Redwoods Ext Trip E Randall.....	844-5916
28 Fri	Living Well Without Waste.....	Potluck
29 Sat	National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
29 Sat	SOLVE Beach Clean Up Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
30 Sun	Lost Coast California Bk Pk D Hovis.....	731-3412

October

3 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
6 Sat	Smith Rock-Sport/Trad Climbing Reiter.....	521-8472
7 Sun	Alder Dune to Pacific Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
8 Mon	Four-in-One Cone Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
8 Mon	Metolius R/Smith Rock CarCamp M Brown	214-930-6394
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Baldwin.....	206-9251
11 Thu	The High Desert Museum Bus Cutsforth.....	746-4929
16 Tue	The Geology of the McKenzie River.....	ExploraTalk
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Marsonette.....	600-5332
21 Sun	Carl G. Washburne Loop Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
23 Tue	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon.....	513-3452
26 Fri	A Glimpse into History.....	Potluck
27 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
31 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M King.....	554-1180

November

7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
22 Thu	Wicked San Francisco Hike M Hougardy.....	206-9532
24 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
30 Fri	Through the Inside Passage.....	Potluck

December

7 Fri	Shore Acres Lights, Yurts Hike M Baer.....	
8 Sat	Christmas Party at the Lodge	
15 Sat	Stocking Stuffer Hike & Lunch E Jacobsen.....	206-1251

UPCOMING

SHORE ACRES LIGHTS & YURTS

December 7–8

Jennifer Baer

WE HAVE THREE YURTS RESERVED AT SUNSET BAY STATE PARK.

After leaving Eugene, our first stop will be the South Slough for a brisk 4.5-mile walk and a visit to the Interpretative Center. The trail travels through forests and marshes (including a boardwalk), and offers some good bird viewing areas. We will enjoy lunch at one of the benches or picnic areas near the Interpretative Center.

Our next stop will be at the yurts to unload the cars. We will depart soon after for a leisurely two-mile hike along the scenic cliffs to Shore Acres.

We will enter the Shore Acres gardens at sundown and enjoy the spectacular holiday light display as well as a tour of the decorated house.

After our fill of holiday décor, we will don our headlamps and return the two-mile trail through the forest and headlands, enjoying the murmur (low tide) of the ocean. We will have dinner upon return to the yurts.

On Saturday we will drive to Cape Arago and hike the trails there, then return to Eugene.

You will need for this trip: sleeping bag or other bedding (yurts have vinyl mattresses), pillow, backpack with 10+ essentials, two lunches, water, snacks, one breakfast, one dinner, travel mug, headlamp with extra batteries, change of clothes.

Be prepared for rain, wind, cold. Cooking is NOT allowed in the yurt. The yurts are heated. The leader will provide some snacks, morning coffee and tea, and word games in the evening.

Online signup begins September 24.



BUS TRIPS



A DAY AT THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

Thursday, October 11

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Don Payne

Cost: \$57 (nonmembers \$59) Due September 25

Reservations & checks: Judy Garwood 683-5539

Early departure: Load bus 7:15 AM, depart 7:30

WE BEGIN THIS TRIP WITH AN EARLY DEPARTURE TIME in order to make the 11:30 *Birds of Prey* presentation at the High Desert Museum. Our route will take us up Highway 58 to Oakridge, where we will have a short coffee break at Green Waters Park beside the Willamette River. There is much to see and explore at High Desert, both inside the building and outside on the trails. Indoors there are several art galleries, the Hall of Plateau Indians, a Desertarium, the Trading Post, and the Rim Rock Café. Outside there are trails to explore which will take you to the Birds of Prey Center, the Changing Forest, the 1904 Miller Ranch & Sawmill, the Otter Exhibit and more. At 1:00 there may be an opportunity to watch the otters interact with their handlers as they are fed lunch. As we travel on Highway 58 and through the Crescent

Lake Cutoff we will be on the watch for signs of fall color. We will stop at Salt Creek Falls on the return trip and allow time for a short walk along Salt Creek to the top of the falls. Lunch is on your own, either in the Rim Rock Café or bring a sack lunch. Picnic tables are available in shaded areas of the parking lot. Estimated arrival time back at Shopko is 6:00 PM or shortly after.

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

Contact information at: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

Saturday, December 8, 2–4 PM

Refreshments, music, door prizes, fun.

This is always a fun time, please plan on joining us.

AT THE LODGE



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM

Oregon Waterfowl Rick Ahrens

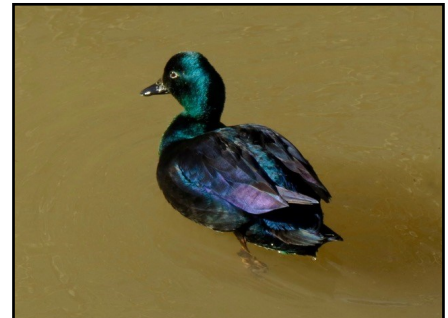
WHAT ARE THOSE ODD DUCKS AND GEESE AT THE PARK?

Do all waterfowl migrate? Do they mate for life?

Where are some good spots to see these birds?

We'll answer these questions and share more than you want to know about waterfowl.

Join local naturalist and fellow Obsidian Rick Ahrens, who has been birding since he was knee high to a nene goose, for this lively and informative presentation.



Friday, September 28 at 6:30 PM

Prevent It! Living Well Without Waste

Presented by
**Emily Shelton, Waste Prevention, Education, and
Events Manager, BRING**



Emily Shelton

EVERY DAY, THE TYPICAL AMERICAN IS EXPOSED TO MORE THAN 3,000 ADVERTISING MESSAGES, and consumption is at an all-time high. By exploring the environmental impacts of the stuff we buy, we can learn the value of consuming less, ways to resist pressure to buy unnecessary things, and options to reduce the amount of trash we generate.

Potluck

Friday, September 28, 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.*



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