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### Dates to Remember

April 16	ExploraTalk
April 26	Potluck
April 26	Bulletin Deadline
May 1	Board Meeting

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## Devil's Staircase Wilderness is Now Official

by Gordon Sayre

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> at Ninkasi Brewing in Eugene, local hikers and fishers joined staff from several conservation organizations to celebrate the passage of what is officially known as the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, or Senate Bill 47. The guest of honor was Oregon's fourth district representative Peter DeFazio, who has led the congressional effort for the bill. S. B. 47 secures protection for several areas in western Oregon. The Chetco River, upstream portions of the Elk River, and tributaries of the Rogue River have been added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, and will be protected from mining activity. The Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary on the North Umpqua River was also included, named for the WWII veteran and longtime owner of the Steamboat Inn on the banks of the North Umpqua. Most exciting for Eugeneans, however, is the Devil's Staircase Wilderness, comprising more than 30,000 acres of Coast Range old growth forest. In this as in past public lands conservation bills, the key to success was to protect many small beautiful places championed by local people who have worked to persuade their state's politicians. As each voted for their state's lands, fish and wildlife, and assented to those in other states, the bill drew 363 votes in the House of Representatives, and was actually signed by President Trump.



Josh Sayre, Liz Bohls, Steve Adey & Gordon Sayre on the 'trail'. Photo by Kathy Randall.

There are now 804 wilderness areas in the United States, in 44 of the 50 states. As some Obsidians learned from the presentation by Matt Peterson, USFS recreation ranger, at the March 19<sup>th</sup> ExploraTalk, the level of public use in Wilderness Areas covers a wide range. The most popular, such as Desolation Wilderness next to Lake Tahoe, California, sees thousands of visitors a day in the summer and requires backpackers to reserve permits months in advance. Other wilderness areas in Alaska see only a handful of campers and hikers every year. The ideal notion of wilderness as pristine, remote, and uninhabited does not match the legal or bureaucratic definition of wilder-

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## Welcome New Members!

**Wanda Meck**  
Eugene, OR 97401

**Paul Winther**  
Brownsville, OR 97327

## OBSDIAN MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Member	429
Honorary Member	6
Junior Member	11
Life Member	16

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**Total Members 462**

## IN MEMORIAM

### Allan Coons 1940–2019

**A**LLAN COONS DIED MARCH 9 AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. He joined the Obsidians in 1996 and went on 79 trips, leading 38 of them. He was Safety Committee Chair while he served on the Obsidian Board from 2000–2003. He chaired a committee in 2000 to study liability for leaders. He also presented a January 2002 pot-luck program about his 28-day, 500-mile Vietnam bicycle tour. Members remember piling into his van to drive up the McKenzie River Valley to hike Four-In-One-Cone or another of his favorite high peaks that had lots of elevation gain. His trip reports were joyful when there were views of the mountains, but he didn't hesitate to mention if there were mosquitoes: *The mosquitoes were out in moderate numbers to welcome us through the lower and middle portions of the trail.* Allan attended four summer camps and brought his grandson Josh who added so much to the spirit of camp.

*Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the April 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of The Register-Guard.*

### John Atkinson 1940–2019

**P**ERSISTENCE AND KINDNESS WERE THE TWO WORDS USED MOST OFTEN TO DESCRIBE JOHN at his celebration of life held March 24 at the Corvallis Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Persistence was certainly evident on his first activity with the Obsidians. With encouragement from Kris Wolters, who had been on several Obsidian climbs, John signed up for his first mountain climb, Broken Top, on October 1, 1980. Approaching the summit he discovered he was afraid of heights. Tenacious by nature, he nevertheless summited with leader Kevin McManigal. John and Kris married the following March and later moved with their two sons to Corvallis where he developed his psychology practice. Kris and John both attended the Sawtooth Summer Camp in 2008—John quickly sent in his membership application—and later attended the 2012 Mt. Baker Summer Camp. He maintained his membership until his death.

*Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the March 10<sup>th</sup> issue of The Register-Guard.*

### John McManigal

**W**E RECEIVED WORD THAT JOHN MCMANIGAL (1924–2019) died March 29 at South Towne Memory Care. John and his wife Lenore have been involved in club activities since 1960. An obituary will be in the May *Bulletin*.

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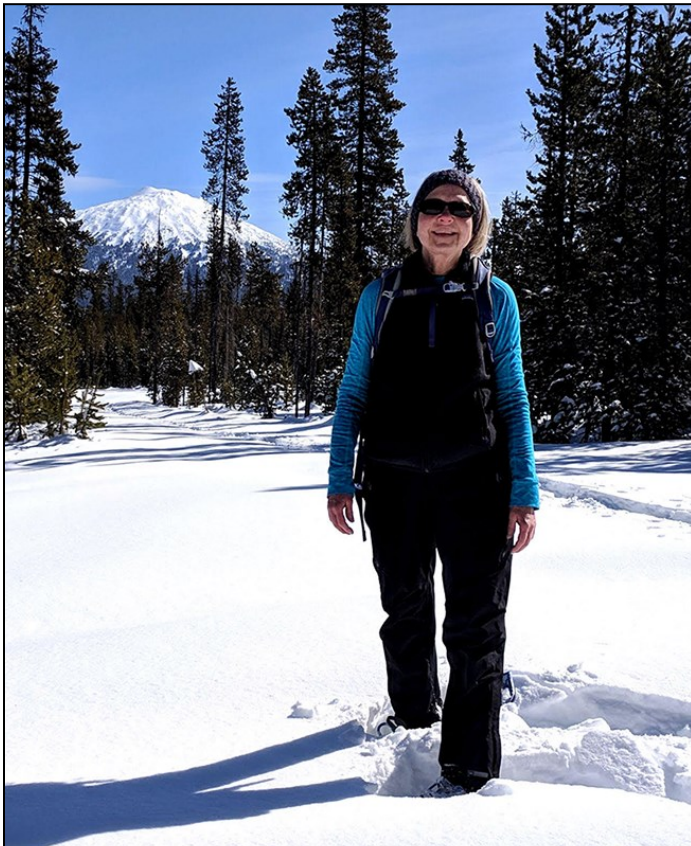
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*Carol Woodman*

## Entertainment Chair Carol Woodman

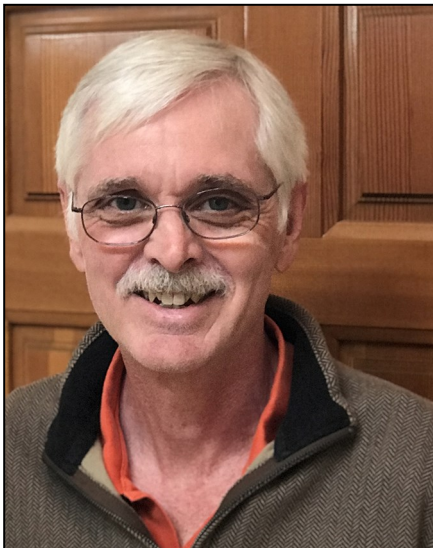
**C**AROL RETIRED JULY 2018 FROM LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE as a project coordinator. She plans to use these skills in her new role as Entertainment Chair. Joining the Obsidians was one of Carol's retirement goals, and she has already enjoyed several local hikes as well as the Elk Lake extended trip. She is looking forward to Summer Camp. Along with outdoor activities, Carol enjoys gardening, fermenting foods, yoga, and playing with her grandson.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**THE OBSIDIAN NOMINATING COMMITTEE**, formed at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, will soon begin the process of selecting three candidates to run for three-year terms on the Obsidian Board of Directors beginning January, 2020. The election will take place at the October Annual Meeting at the Lodge. For more information about the election process, see Article IV of the Obsidian Constitution, available in *Members Only* on the Obsidian website. If you have any suggestions for nominations, please contact a committee member: Lana Lindstrom (*Chair*), Carla Cooper, John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, or Jorry Rolfe.

## NEW BOARD MEMBER—OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

**A**T THE MARCH OBSIDIAN BOARD MEETING, Stewart Hoeg was approved to complete Sharon Cutsforth's 3<sup>rd</sup> term on the Board. Stewart went on his first Obsidian trip March 31, 2002, and quickly became involved with club activities. Stewart has led 31 trips and taken 121. He was a Board member from 2006–2014 and has been the treasurer



*Stewart  
Hoeg*

and the Finance Chair since 2007. He was also vice-president in 2007. Since 2006 he has played a key role in the desktop publishing of the *Obsidian Bulletin*. He hosts the monthly production meetings at his home. With Stewart's work as the Finance Chair the Obsidian's financial future remains bright.

The Board thanks Sharon for serving since 2012. She will remain active as the Bus Committee Chair to see that the bus trips offer unique opportunities to learn, make new friends, and see many beautiful places in Oregon and surrounding states. Sharon has also served on the Membership Committee, the Safety Committee, and assists with the *Bulletin* mailings. She supports the club in so many positive ways. She received her 100-trip award this past year and has led nineteen events.



*Sharon  
Cutsforth*

## Devil's Staircase Wilderness

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ness, which prohibits the construction of roads and buildings and the use of motorized vehicles, but sometimes attracts many, many human visitors.

Because the Wilderness Act was written to protect places where “the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man,” there is no requirement that managers develop services or infrastructure to support recreation in wilderness areas. Therefore the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will likely not improve any roads or develop any parking, trailheads or signage for hikers into the Devil's Staircase Wilderness. A few user trails already lead into the area from unmarked trailheads, but these are located along steep, narrow ridges accessed by rough, narrow, overgrown and poorly signed dirt roads. It would be costly to develop trailheads on these roads, even simple trailheads of the kind Obsidians have come to expect in the Cascades.

Chandra LeGue works for Oregon Wild and spoke at the reception at Ninkasi. She has led many hikes there, including

*Editor's note: To get a sense of the unspoiled beauty as well as the difficulty of access to this amazing place, I urge you to visit the Gallery\* on the Obsidian website, to view photographs taken by Mark Hougardy on the trip he led to Dark Grove/ Devil's Staircase Wilderness in 2016, before it had gained full protection.*

*\*In the Obsidian home page side bar, click on Gallery. Beneath the albums, in the Title search field, type 'Dark Grove', then click on 'Search for other albums'. There you'll be able to access more pics taken on Gordon Sayres' 2017 trip, as well as Mark's 2016 trip. Click on each of the photo albums to see their pictures. Below is a sampling:*



*The Devil's Staircase Wilderness is one of the most remote and inaccessible regions of rainforest left in the Coast Range.*



*After 2 hours and 2–3 miles through rough terrain, we rested at Wasson Creek.*

photos  
by  
Mark  
Hougardy



*This impenetrable area has few if any hiking trails or roads and is visited by only a few hundred people a year.*



*Much of the trail is at angles of 45–50 degrees.*



*It required 7.5 people, at arms length, to surround the giant tree!*



*Trails at Hendricks Park.  
Photo by Carla Cooper*



*Larry Dunlap, working on the Wren Trail near the Forest Service center at Westfir [Mar 5]. What a mess. Slow going.  
Photo by Dave Cooper*



*As of [March 18] there were two root wads on the trail from Blanton. One will just need to be winched out of the way. The other [shown above] is more complicated. The tree has been cut but the wad must have kept sliding down and the cut pieces are stuck.  
Photo by Dave Cooper*

## The Trails: Post-Storm Cleanup

*Editor's note: Summer Trips are scheduled to begin April 1. Our Summer Trips Chair, Dave Cooper has been busy doing his bit to help get some of our favorite trails cleaned up and accessible. At our request, he shared a couple of photos of the clean-up. When asked for info to use for captions, this was his response, dated March 22:*

**“I** THINK EVERYTHING UP HWY 58 IS LIKE THIS. Not only are the trails a mess, but you can't get to the trailheads. We worked on the Wren Trail and the Deception Creek Trail because they are so close to the Forest Service station and the highway. There are minor traffic delays on 58 because they are working on clearing next to the highway. Kathy Randall submitted a hike to Eagles Rest from the upper trailhead. About 10 days ago I heard that about 400 trees were down on the first couple miles of Goodman Creek Road. Had to tell Kathy that I'd keep her trip on file and maybe she could do it later. The Disciples of Dirt and/or the Goats were supposed to work on three trails in the Hardesty area. We all thought someone was over-optimistic if they thought they could make much progress on any one trail. But perhaps they had a lot of volunteers and wanted to spread them out for safety.

Mike Smith, Larry Dunlap, I, and one of the experienced Scorpion\* sawyers figured we got about ¼ of a mile cleared—sort of. We left some trees that look too dangerous to tackle without more expert assessment and possibly some cable rigging.

On a positive note we've been asked to go back to Pisgah and work on Trail 3. Now the problem is trying to find a sawyer and two others that aren't worn out and have the same day free. The same Scorpions that didn't work yesterday had worked on the McKenzie River Trail near Paradise Campground the day before. Six inches of snow there. Today those folks are going to tackle the bottom of the Kings Castle Trail near Rainbow.

*\*The Scorpions are part of High Cascades Forest Volunteers, and Obsidian president Lyndell Wilken is director and secretary of that group.*



*March 5th Scorpions gathered at Martin Street to work their way clearing trees up Amazon Headwaters Trail to the Fox Hollow Trailhead. Obsidian volunteers were Larry Dunlap, Brad Bennett, Mari Baldwin, Mike Smith, and Dave Cooper. Deverton Cochrane, Eugene Parks and Open Space staff, gives the safety instructions. Photo by neighbor, Ingrid Hanson.*

I'll try to find out about what we might scout. I was also thinking that when we get the Wren Trail done I'd lead a hike there for people that want to see some hard hit hillsides and what it takes to clear a trail. I hope we could interest a few more people to help. There was so much debris that I found myself clearing the way to a log rather than just cleaning up after Larry made his cuts. The sawyer needs a clear escape path in case the log springs unexpectedly. More prep work than usual was needed with so many limbs on the ground. We could have used more help with that and things like carrying an extra bottle of gas for the sawyers.”

*Dave Cooper*



*Scorpions on Amazon Headwaters Trail [March 5].  
Photo by Mike Smith*

# MARCH BOARD NOTES

## March 6, 2019 by Denise Rubenstein

President Lyndell Wilken called the meeting to order at the Laurelwood Golf Course meeting room as the Lodge is still managing snow issues. Board members present: Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Dave Cooper, John Cooper, Lana Lindstrom and Kathy Randall. Others present: Jorry Rolfe, Stewart Hoeg, Steve Cordon, Carla Cooper and Denise Rubenstein.

The Board approved the minutes for February 2019.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Stewart Hoeg):** Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses and the balance sheet. The Board approved paying the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The 2019 Basic Climb School public registration opened on Feb. 16 at 7 AM and was full within minutes. This year we allowed members to pre-register and had 18 people signed up before registration went public. Once again Climb School is proving to be popular.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** Our sales from the February ExploraTalk and potluck totaled \$106.46, bringing our total sales for the year to \$365.65.

**Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots):** At the February ExploraTalk 27 people gathered to hear McKenzie River Trust presenters Daniel Dietz and Elizabeth Goward talk about beavers and river restoration. \$32 was collected. Elizabeth Goward and Christer LaBrecque will lead 20 on a Green Island restoration tour the morning of March 7.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** The Summer Camp Rally potluck on February 22 was well attended by an enthusiastic crowd. \$85 was collected.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** Chris Shuraleff led a very fun Extended Trip to the Willamette Pass area, staying at Shelter Cove Resort. Fifteen persons played in the snow and enjoyed good food and camaraderie. \$75 was collected in trip fees.

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** We are not currently taking any reservations for renting the Lodge. We have already exceeded last year's rental income and must limit this amount to keep within the IRS limits on unrelated income for social and recreational clubs. I've declined four rental inquiries since the last meeting. Our ratio of unrelated income will be monitored, and this situation could change. Members may still contact Dave Cooper about possible use of the Lodge.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** The snowstorm last week did a number on the Obsidian grounds, with limbs and branches down, several trees down, a few dangerous hangers and lots of snow on the ground. We are hoping to not start the cleanup until much of the snow is gone to make the job a bit easier—maybe get going toward the end of this week.

**Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** Trips recorded from January *Bulletin*, new member log sheets prepared and two requests for trip activities for inactive members answered.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** The committee has many new members and so we met in mid-January to introduce everyone. We discussed committee goals, new initiatives the committee has undertaken, our collaborative efforts with the

Publicity committee and the role of the greeters. It was an exceptionally productive meeting with excellent input from everyone and many helpful insights to guide our work in the coming year. Membership Status: total membership is 458.

**Publications/Bulletin (Lou Maenz):** In February Publications sent out the *Bulletin*, directory, and application for summer camp to all members.

**Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom):** Summer Camp at Glacier National Park was fully subscribed within 2.5 hours of opening for registration. Wow!

**Summer Trips (Dave Cooper):** Summer Trips is starting to receive trip submissions. 15 trips are on the schedule.

**Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell):** There was one outing this past month to clear and reestablish drainage along the Ridge-line Trail near Willamette & 52<sup>nd</sup> Trailhead in Spencer Butte Park.

**Winter Trips (Steve Cordon):** 21 trips were completed. (15 hikes, three snowshoe, and three cross country ski trips. Seven other trips were cancelled, mostly due to weather.) 177 members and 17 nonmembers participated. \$223 in fees were collected.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The Board approved changes to the Lodge Rental Policy and the Bylaws for the Lodge Building Committee and Lodge Rental. These changes were made to reconcile differences in the wording among these documents and the Final Report of the original Ad Hoc Committee. The only policy that was changed was elimination of the additional fee for full use of the kitchen. Dave Cooper will be responsible for making changes to the rental brochure.

The Board approved two changes in the Bylaws regarding Concessions. Only official Obsidians' concessions merchandise will be allowed to be distributed either for sale or given away for free at Obsidian events. The one exception is in the case of a guest speaker.

Jorry Rolfe drafted a letter to the editor of *The Register-Guard* to show Obsidian support for the Restore Our Parks Acts S.500 and H.R.1225 before the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. (The letter has since been published in *The Register-Guard* on March 10, 2019.)

Marci Hansen presented the new T-Shirt design for Climbs. All were impressed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Membership applicants were approved.

Sharon Cutsforth will be stepping down as Board Member and the Board approved Stewart Hoeg to complete her term. A nominating committee will be put together at the next Board meeting in order to offer names for new 2020 Board members.

Carol Woodman was approved as the new Entertainment Chair.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kudos to John Jacobsen for programming two new features into our data base: the ability to preclude nonmembers from signing up for trips for a certain number of days and the ability to set more than one fee per trip.

## ADJOURNMENT

## TRIP REPORTS



### Hikes

#### Oregon's Birthday

February 14, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 7.9 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

**I**T WAS RAINING WHEN WE CELEBRATED OREGON'S 160<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY by asking questions about state trivia and symbols—Can you name three things named after the Father of Oregon, John McLoughlin? At Dorris Ranch our first stop was the Pioneer Village to see the salmon, the state fish, painted on the wall of the longhouse. At Willamette Heights Park, we saw the totem pole with the carved beaver and salmon. We then walked down through Pioneer Memorial Cemetery Park to Main Street to discover another beaver in the Homer Simpson mural. The Oregon flag on top of the Springfield Museum waved over us in the parking lot while we identified the 43 subjects in the Oregon Trail Mural. It stopped raining when we picked up our pace to complete our loop on the Mill Race and Middle Fork paths. A guest commented "I really enjoyed learning about Oregon, the area and the murals." The trip took 3½ hours. Members: Kay Coots, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Elizabeth Koch, Sandra Larsen, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Sharon Bruns, Nicole Caruso.

#### Waldo Archives Visit

February 15, 2019

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 1 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**JUDGE JOHN B. WALDO IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN MUIR AND HENRY DAVID THOREAU.** While his impact was substantial, he is not as well known as other conservationists of the day. In the late 1800s he proposed a greenspace straddling the crest of Oregon. For decades he traveled extensively documenting the area's unique topography and natural beauty. He worked hard to pass legislation preventing special interests from monopolizing the area's resources. Today numerous national forests, a national park, and wilderness areas from the border with California clear to the Columbia Gorge exist because of his vision. Our visit to the UO Archives was an introduction to his original writings and photographs. We even saw some founding documents for Crater Lake National Park. Members: Keiko Bryan, Mark Hougardy, Gordon Sayre, Mike Smith, Janet Soto, Nancy Whitfield.

#### Ridgeline 10 Miler

February 16, 2019

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 10 miles, 1,550 ft. (Difficult)

**THERE WAS A GOOD BIT OF EXERCISE ON THE RIDGELINE TRAIL FOR EVERYONE.** It had been a rainy week, but the sun came out as we started our hike. We got spread out a bit with this large group while everyone was able to go at their own

pace. At each junction the first person to arrive would wait until the next hiker showed up before continuing. That person would then wait for the next person and so on. All of us gathered for lunch at Blanton and then faced the truth of out-and-back hikes. You must return! On the return it rained a little and then it hailed! Sun, rain, or hail made no difference to this hearty group. Members: Jennifer Baer, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Whitney Gould, Berri Hsiao, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Caroline Moore, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Sharon Bruns, Mike Nease.

#### Lookout Point to Signal Point

February 17, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Keiko Bryan

Hike: 10 miles, 290 ft. (Moderate)

**THANKS TO THE FAST GROUP AND EXCEPTIONALLY NICE FEBRUARY WEATHER,** our hike turned out very well. We crossed over a dozen creeks and streams on a somewhat muddy trail.



*At the shore line.*

Members: Keiko Bryan, Lynda Christiansen, James Dinn, Holger Krentz, Diana Masarie, Darko Sojak, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Diana Dinn.

#### Cape Mountain

February 23, 2019

Leader: Joel Greer

Hike: 8 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

**COOPERATIVE WEATHER ALLOWED OUR GROUP** of 14 hikers to hike the entire eight-mile loop as planned. We had light fog instead of the forecasted rain, but visibility was limited and we only saw occasional hazy glimpses of the ocean. We could hear the ocean better than we could see it; however, we enjoyed the beautiful forest with the occasional enormous old growth trees. The trail was in good condition, with very little mud, and the inclines were gentle so the elevation gain was not difficult. We stopped briefly to see the rather dilapidated Indian shelter along the Scurvy Ridge Trail. We made two stream crossings using conveniently located fallen trees as bridges. We probably made too much noise to see any elk in the meadows along Nelson Ridge Trail, but still enjoyed the

lunch stop in one of the meadows. The rain began to fall shortly after our three vehicles left the Dry Lake Trailhead parking lot, and we experienced continuous rain on the drive back to Eugene. It was a very successful outing, and we were very lucky with the weather! Members: Denise Bean, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Elizabeth Koch, Holger Krentz, Rachelle Masin, Cindy Rice, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde, Janet Whitesides, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.

## Laurelwood Golf Course Walk

March 2, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3.7 miles, 365 ft. (Easy)

A HIKE FROM AMAZON PARK UP TO 29TH STREET PLACE and through the snow-covered golf course to the Obsidian Lodge was a pleasant substitute for the trail closures at Mt. Pisgah. Hiking poles and YakTrax (traction devices) were the popular choices for the packed snow on the sidewalks, streets and trails. Everyone was in good spirits and happy to be out on a sunny day. We surprised Dorene Steggell and Richard Shields when we knocked on their front door with the excuse that we needed to take a photo and that I needed to confirm



*Heading towards Central Blvd.*

directions. Dorene called out, “Turn right, turn left”. Members: Joanna Alexander, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Mike Smith.

## Weyerhaeuser Haul Road: Wallace Creek to Hills Creek

March 3, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 5.2 miles, 150 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL AND SUNNY with a high of 45 degrees. Six days earlier we had one of the biggest snow falls of the valley. These nine superstar hikers hiked 5.2 miles in two to six inches of snow in hiking boots, not snow shoes. Our tenth hiker was baby Eleanor in her father’s pack. We stopped frequently to fix her hat. She was a trooper with no complaints. Most of the trail was pristine with no human shoe prints—only fresh cougar prints. Needless to say we had no stragglers on the trail. Members: Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Vern Marsonette, Kathy Randall, Denise Rubenstein, Darko

Sojak, Eric Thornton, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Eleanor Thornton.

## Eugene Mural Walk

March 3, 2019

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Photographer: Anne Campbell

Hike: 2.5 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

WE VISITED OVER 20 MURALS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. The designs ranged from building-sized murals to the smaller and often hidden micro-art images. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch



*Tiger mural.*

and good company at Falling Sky. Members: Joanna Alexander, Keiko Bryan, Anne Campbell, Nikki Frank, Sheridan Gates, Mark Hougardy, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Carol Mosman, Tracy Vilhauer, Ed Mosman, Eduardo Tapia.

## Alton Baker/Riverbank Trail

March 6, 2019

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 8 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)

WITH THE RIDGELINE TRAIL CLOSED BECAUSE OF SNOW and downed trees, the Wednesday Spencer hikers became flat landers. It turned out to be a nice change of pace. It is much easier to have conversations when everyone is going about the same pace and you can often walk up to four abreast. By doing this hike as a figure eight with the cars in the middle, we could accommodate different mileage preferences. Part of the group opted for about four miles and others held on for eight. There was plenty to see today: osprey, eagles, hawks, and herons. And although we didn’t see foxes, one of our group pointed out the den at Alton Baker. Members: Mari Baldwin, Denise Bean, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Vern Marsonette, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale.

## Green Island Restoration Tour

March 7, 2019

Leader: Jorry Rolfe Asst. Leader: Kay Coots

Hike: 3 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

THE GROUP MET STAFF MEMBERS Elizabeth Goward and Crister LaBrecque on the Green Island property managed by the McKenzie River Trust for a three-mile walk. We learned how and why these former agricultural fields owned by the Green family are being converted to floodplain forest, enhancing the



natural river flow processes. Over 60,000 native trees and shrubs are planted with more to come. Fish such as salmon, bass and chub are reappearing in recently connected backwater channels and through former gravel quarries. Beavers and other creatures are discovering refuge in this restored habitat. Nineteen species of birds were seen by Randy. On June 1, 2019 from 7AM to 4 PM at their Get Outdoors Day event, you may explore this property too—preregistration required. Members: Joanna Alexander, Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Gordon Sayre, Randy Sinnott, Dorene Steggell.

## International Women's Day

March 8, 2019

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

**THE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT TO CELEBRATE** International Women's Day was to select a woman Nobel laureate in any field and educate the rest of us about her. It was really interesting to learn about honored women in various fields including the peace prize (3), literature, and biology. Notable local women were also acknowledged. We started at the Nobel Peace Park in Alton Baker Park and then meandered through the university and returned along the river path. Members: Linda Anson, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Janet Soto, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Glenna Jordan.

## Alder Dune to Pacific

March 10, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 5.6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)



*A bushy-tit strikes a pose.*

**WE ALL AGREED** that the weather, trail, company and food were great. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak.

## Skinner Paths

March 13, 2019

Leader: Denise Rubenstein

Hike: 6.2 miles, 236 ft. (Moderate)

**THIS HIKE WORKED OUT WELL AS A SPENCER BUTTE SUBSTITUTE.** The weather cooperated and a hummingbird was spotted just at the edge of Delta Ponds. For those of us who bookended the walk with hikes up the butte, the distance was

eight miles for the day. Members: Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Vern Marsonette, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Louis Rubenstein, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Glenna Jordan, Paul Winther.

## Pi Hike

March 14, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**DUE TO FALLEN TREES ON THE RIBBON TRAIL,** the location the of the Pi hike was changed to the Mill Race Path. I had the wrong address in the trip description causing confusion at the beginning of the hike. Even with phone calls and walking to the other meeting place, I couldn't get the two groups back together. Nevertheless all enjoyed the sunny day. Margaret and Ruth had blackberry pie but by the time the second group arrived at the 100 Mile Bakery, they were out of pie. Tom won the book, *The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets*. The leader now knows that the secret of a successful Pi hike is to double-check the address. Members: Carla Cooper, Kay Coots, Mary Hamilton, Janet Jacobsen, Margaret Prentice, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle, Dorene Steggell.

## Sweet Creek and Beaver Creek Falls

March 16, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Kathy Randall

Hike: 3.5 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

**THIS HIKE, AS INTENDED, TURNED OUT TO BE A RELAXED STROLL** up Sweet Creek and Beaver Creek trails with time for as many stops as we wanted for photography and contemplating the the natural beauty of cascading water. Between hiking the two trails, we had a pleasant lunch under mostly sunny skies at the Sweet Creek parking area. Many of the spectacular waterfalls on Sweet Creek were created by small faults and joints in the bedrock. The trip was timed so that the water flow would be near maximum and before the willows leafed out to hide some of the most interesting geologic features. Hikers who had been to Sweet Creek before said it seemed



*Whitney, Vern & Tom at Beaver Creek Falls.*

almost like a different experience during high runoff. Members: Vern Marsonette, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Wanda Meck.

## Gwynn Creek/Cooks Ridge Loop

March 16, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak Asst. Leader: Rachelle Masin

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 7.5 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

THE TRAIL THROUGH THE SERENE OLD-GROWTH FOREST was in very good shape except for a few short, muddy places. From Cummings Creek Trailhead we hiked Gwynn



*False turkey tail fungus.*

Creek Loop all the way up to the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center where we (in a completely packed room) attended an hour long presentation about the oldest archaeological sites along the Central Oregon Coast. After the presentation we hiked down via the Oregon Coast Trail back to our cars. Before heading home we stopped in Yachats for an afternoon snack. Members: Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Rachelle Masin, Darko Sojak.

## Drift Creek Wilderness from the North

March 17, 2019

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: David Cooper

Hike: 9.5 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)



*Kathie coming up on the return.*

AFTER DRIVING TO NEWPORT and crossing the Yaquina Bay Bridge, we drove inland 14 miles from US101 to Drift Creek Wilderness, Horse Trail North. I was pleased to have remembered the way in, which is not intuitively obvious! We hiked along the ridge for about a mile and a half, clearing what we could, then took the moderately steep descent the rest of the way down to the creek, clearing more and noting a few blow-downs which will be logged out in early April. The dry trail was in good shape and we had lunch at the campsite by the creek. We turned around and came back out, climbing the 1,200 feet in two miles. It was steady but the footing was good, at least in dry weather. The wilderness, well off the path, has been beaten down by a lot of logging. Members: David Cooper, Jules Moritz, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter.

## Delta Ponds

March 21, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Anne Campbell

Hike: 6.6 miles, 195 ft. (Moderate)

WE VISITED FIVE OF THE DELTA PONDS and observed a wide variety of common birds of the Southern Willamette Valley—more than 20 species—although a few sightings were



*Great Blue Heron on a nest.*

probable. We were amazed by a flight of 11 great blue herons leaving their rookery. At the rookery near Pond 6, we noted two occupied heron nests. Highlights included wood ducks, northern shovelers, buffleheads, flycatchers, hummingbirds, mergansers and a probable Cooper's hawk. Kudos to the expert spotting and photographic skills of the participants. Members: Joanna Alexander, Anne Campbell, Elizabeth Koch, Vern Marsonette, Tom Rundle.

## SOLVE Beach Clean-Up

March 23, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 50 ft. (Easy)

WE WERE LUCKY AGAIN; THE WEATHER WAS GREAT! Our energetic group spread over a big area along Berry Creek and further west on the beach. Supported by light pleasant southern winds, we mingled with sand dunes and vigorous coastal vegetation. All trash was carried to the parking lot where we weighed 244 pounds of mixed debris plus two rimmed tires. After the cleanup, the leader hosted an ice cream parking lot party for all. To all of our volunteers—THANK YOU! Members: Mari Baldwin, Anne Campbell, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Janet Whitesides, Nancy Whitfield.

## Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

March 20 and 27, 2019

Various leaders: Mike Smith (3/20), Jorry Rolfe (3/27)

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

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: March 20: 14 Members, 1 Non-member. March 27: 18 Members.

## Mt. Pisgah

February 18, February 24, and March 20, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Keiko Bryan

Hike: 4-6.6 miles, 1,000-1,400 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: February 18 Sunset/Moonrise: 5 Members, 1 Nonmember. February 24: 7 Members, 1 Non-member. March 20 Spring Equinox: 7 Members.



*Rainy top of Pisgah.*



## Snowshoe Trips

### Brandenburg Shelter

February 17, 2019

Leader: Daphne James

Photographers: Anne Campbell & Monica Ozwoeld

SShoe: 6.5 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

IT SNOWED ENDLESSLY FOR THE DAYS LEADING UP TO our snowshoe trip to Brandenburg Shelter, but on the day of our trip, the snow ceased and the sun shone bright. When we



*What a fun, energetic group! Daphne, Brad, Marguerite, Joel, Esme, Cindy, Lisa, Anne, Monica, Betty, Jean.*

arrived at our trailhead, the sky was a lovely blue with patches of white and grey clouds overhead. Fresh, white snow covered the trees, and over a foot of new snow covered the



*View of Mt. Washington from Brandenburg Shelter.*

unbroken trails ahead of us. Fortunately, we had a group of eleven able Obsidian trailbreakers. We took the South Loop Snow Trail clockwise towards the shelter. After a couple of miles of trekking on the beautiful tree-lined trail, the landscape opened up, giving us glorious views of flat Hayrick Butte and pointed Mount Washington. From there we continued on to lunch and took in the sights at Brandenburg Shelter. After lunch we completed the circle on the Shelter Loop Trail, then headed back. Forging the deep snow took a strong group effort, but it was certainly worthwhile given the variety and great mountain views this trail offered. Members: Brad Bennett, Anne Campbell, Marguerite Cooney, Betty Grant, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Jean Harris, Daphne James, Cindy Rice, Lisa Van Liefde. Nonmembers: Monica Ozwoeld.

### Salt Creek

March 9, 2019

Leader: Scott Hovis

Photographer: Anne Campbell

SShoe: 4 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

DESPITE IT BEING A SATURDAY THERE WERE FEW PEOPLE on the trail. The roads were good and the sno-park was plowed. The trail had been broken which made it a much easier



*Dorothy, Anne, Scott, Tom, Tracy, Lisa, Jean, and Marguerite. Lunch Break at Diamond Creek Falls.*

snowshoe. The largest footbridge over Salt Creek had the most snow on it that I have seen in years; when we walked over it, the guard rail was just over our ankles. Surprisingly there was no trail, tree or structure damage from the recent storms. I still think it is a good idea to walk down the middle of the car/pedestrian bridge to the trailhead. In my opinion it is better to make cars wait than to have them squeeze you into a dangerous situation where a car could push you into the guard rail as it passes you. I think the Forest Service should revisit opening the road and the parking area closest to the Salt Creek Falls because people continue to park in the road and in front of the gate which is hazardous. It is more convenient for them and this happens when the parking lot is full at the children's snow park. More parking at the lower summer area would help the situation. Thanks. Members: Anne Campbell, Marguerite Cooney, Jean Harris, Julia Harvey, Scott Hovis, Tom Rundle, Lisa Van Liefde, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Valerie Metcalfe, Tracy Brandt.



## Extended Trip



### **Elk Lake Cross-country Ski and Snowshoe**

**March 13, 2019**

**Leader: Lana Lindstrom**

**Photographers: Lana Lindstrom & Sue Wolling**

**Ext Trip: 5 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)**

**I**T WAS A SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS TRIP! Willamette Pass required chains but Highway 126 was mostly bare pavement! Obsidians arrived at the Dutchman



*Does this look like a restroom? At least 10 feet on the roof.*

Flats Sno-Park on time to meet the snow vans which transported our gear and us at least part of the way to Elk Lake Resort. It had snowed about a foot the night before so the conditions were perfect for skiing and snowshoeing—most of the group traveled about five miles on foot. The next day, almost everyone circumnavigated the seven miles around Elk Lake and enjoyed stunning views of the surrounding mountains. Six of us also did a side trip to

Hosmer Lake. Others saw beautiful sunsets and sunrises over Elk Lake and explored the area around the resort. The dinners were delicious, especially the desserts and the Brussels sprout salad! On the way out, five participants either skied or walked to Devil's Lake where we were picked up by the vans. Most of the group stopped at the Meissner Sno-Park on the way home and enjoyed the groomed trails. Thanks to the very convivial participants who made this an exceptional trip.



*Sculptured snow at Devil's Lake.*

Extra special thanks to the drivers, the four women who volunteered to share two king beds, and the adaptable occupants of the house which had very limited hot water. Members: Linda Anson, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Jacquie Fern, Betty Grant, Lisa Grissell, Richard Hughes, Daphne James, Lana Lindstrom, Evelyn Nagy, Emily Rice, Diane Schechter, Dorothy van Winkle, Sue Wolling, Carol Woodman.

## At the Lodge

### **Lodge Grounds Work Party**

**March 26, 2019**

**Leader: John Jacobsen**

**A**NICE MORNING—LONG SUNBREAK AND A GOOD TURNOUT resulted in getting 90% of the remaining debris from the snowstorm picked up and removed and getting all of the ferns cut back and ready for the coming growing season. Thanks to all who helped. Members: Ben Brown, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Vern Marsonette, Doug Nelson, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Nancy Whitfield.

## UPCOMING



### Bus Trips 2019

*Online signup is now available for all Bus Trips.*

#### HINSDALE RHODIE GARDENS & MORE

May 16 (Thurs)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$60 (\$62 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Garwood 683-5539

Load bus at Shopko at 7:40 AM, depart at 8:00

**T**RAVEL I-5 SOUTH TO HWY 38 THROUGH DRAIN to the Dean Creek Elk viewing area. A coffee break will be provided along this route. A shuttle bus will meet us at the viewing area to deliver us to the gardens. We have a private viewing of the gardens until about 10:00 AM when we will be shuttled back to our bus and proceed to Cleawox or Woahink Lake for our sack lunch (bring your own). After lunch we will travel north to the Washburne beach area and have a rest stop for a short beach walk and more rhodies. On the way home to Eugene, we retrace on Hwy 101 to Florence and make an ice cream stop. We will travel to Eugene via Hwy 126, arriving at approximately 6:00 PM.

#### HISTORIC COTTAGE GROVE

June 20 (Thurs)

Leaders: Jim Northrop, Janet Jacobsen

Cost: \$55 (\$57 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

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

**F**OR A SMALL TOWN, COTTAGE GROVE HAS A LOT TO OFFER. Did you know that Cottage Grove is the covered bridge capital of Oregon, with six covered bridges? At the **Chambers Railroad Bridge**, we will read interpretative exhibits describing Cottage Grove's lumber mills and logging industry. At the **Bohemia Gold Mining Museum**, we will learn about the 1863 gold rush. The **Cottage Grove Museum**, located in an octagonal-shaped former church, contains hundreds of historical artifacts. Cottage Grove was the location of Buster Keaton's 1926 silent film classic, *The General*; Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine in the 1973 film, *Emperor of the North*; the parade scene in the cult comedy, *Animal House*; and the railroad track portions of the 1986 coming-of-age film, *Stand by Me*. We will view many beautiful murals, including one of Opal Whately, Cottage Grove's most famous citizen.

Lunch is on your own at one of several restaurants and brew pubs in the historic downtown. Or bring a sack lunch to eat in the park. Sometime after lunch we will visit **Sanity Chocolate** to learn about the process of making chocolate. Bring extra cash to purchase some of the shop's delicacies. We will top off the trip with a scenic tour around Dorena Lake to view most of the covered bridges.

#### CRATER LAKE & DIAMOND LAKE RESORT

July 11–12 (Thurs–Fri)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

#### EXPLORING THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

September 23–28 (Monday–Saturday)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Judy Phelps

##### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic drive along Hood Canal.
- Two nights on the waterfront in Port Townsend.
- One night on the waterfront in Port Angeles.
- Time to explore local points of interest.
- Hurricane Ridge, Rialto Beach, Hoh Rain Forest in the Olympic National Park – time for short hikes.
- Overnight in Forks, home of Twilight Series and the Logging Museum, 120 inches average rainfall.
- A special place of interest in Raymond.
- One night on the waterfront in Astoria, visit the Maritime Museum and Astoria Column.
- Lunch at Camp 18 near Elsie on the way home.

#### CHINESE HISTORY IN PORTLAND

October 17 (Thurs)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Vern Marsonette

#### CHRISTMAS STORYBOOK LAND IN ALBANY

December 12 (Mon)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

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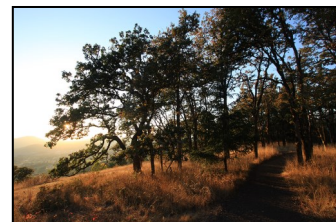
## AT THE LODGE



# ExploraTalk

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM

## Habitat Management at Lane County's Buford Park from planning to implementation: 2008-2035



*Oak savannah view from trail #1.*

**J**ASON BLAZAR, FRIENDS OF BUFORD PARK AND MT. PISGAH STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR, will join us to review the 10-year long planning process of the Buford Park Habitat Management Plan and describe the conservation targets which will benefit from the plan implementation. He will profile the scope of work scheduled for the period 2018-2032, and stewardship practices to be employed to sustain the park's habitats and visitor experience. Updates of activities currently underway, such as cleanup following the late February snow storm, and opportunities for volunteers to assist with this process will also be included.



*Jason Blazer and his dog Sahalie on their way to the summit of Mt. Pisgah.*

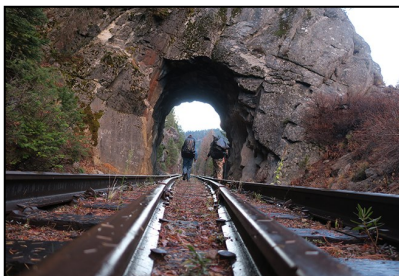


# POTLUCK

Friday, April 26 at 6:30 PM

## The UP North Loop: 2,600 Miles Through the Inland Northwest

Presented by Ras Vaughan & Kathy Vaughan



*Kathy & Ras, abandoned Thunder Mountain Railroad line, Idaho.*



*Ras with pictographs, Hart Lake, OR.*

**O**N MAY 14, 2018, RAS VAUGHAN AND KATHY VAUGHAN, AKA TEAM ULTRAPEDESTRIAN, set out hiking south on the Idaho Centennial Trail from the small town of Hammett, Idaho. On Monday, November 5, after covering more than 2,600 miles on foot over the course of 174 days, they returned to their starting point to complete the first ever UP North Loop. Their route linked together parts of the Idaho Centennial Trail, Oregon Desert Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and Pacific Northwest Trail.

In this talk Ras and Kathy share the genesis of the UP North Loop; the unique physical, mental, and logistical challenges it poses; the thrill of confronting nearly six straight months of doubts, question marks, and uncertainty; and the beautiful brutality of seeing your plans crumble before your very eyes.

*Photographs by Ras Vaughan for UltraPedestrian.com*



*Kathy, Pacific Crest Trail, Oregon.*

**Potluck: Friday, April 26, 2019 at the 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

## April

7 Sun	Ridgeline Trail Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
7 Sun	Shellburg Falls Hike <b>M</b> .....	Hackett 953-7046
8 Mon	Deception Creek Hike <b>E</b> .....	Cooper 868-5427
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Cooper 868-5427
10 Wed	The Oregon Coast Aquarium Bus.....	West 343-5492
13 Sat	North Bank Deer Preserve Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
14 Sun	Kalapuya Talking Stones Hike <b>M</b> .....	Hougardy 206-9532
14 Sun	North Fork Willamette Hike <b>M</b> .....	Hackett 953-7046
16 Tue	Delta Ponds Birding Hike <b>E</b> .....	Montgomery 688-7025
16 Tue	Buford Park Habitat Plan.....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Cordon 513-3452
18 Thu	NOAA Research Vessel Tour Class <b>E</b> .....	Nagy 514-4110
19 Fri	Weyerhaeuser Haul Road Hike <b>M</b> .....	Bean 953-6868
19 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
20 Sat	Cape Perpetua Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741
21 Sun	Driftwood Shores to Hidden Cove Hike <b>M</b> .....	Sojak 799-9199
22 Mon	Earth Day Science walk Hike <b>E</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
22 Mon	Cottonwood Canyon State Park CarCmp <b>E</b> .....	Hackett 953-7046
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Cooper 868-5427
26 Fri	Hiking the UP North Loop.....	<b>Potluck</b>
26 Fri	Silver Falls Hike <b>M</b> .....	Grant 514-1176
27 Sat	Marys Peak Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741
27 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt <b>M</b> .....	Bell 503-884-8829
28 Sun	Rooster Rock Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
28 Sun	Baker Beach Hike <b>M</b> .....	Hackett 953-7046
30 Tue	Finley Wildlife Refuge Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741

## May

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rubenstein 248-514-5092
4 Sat	Grand Canyon Bk Pk <b>D</b> .....	Adey 520-9285
5 Sun	Sawtooth Rock Hike <b>M</b> .....	Randall 844-5916
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Baer 431-0767
10 Fri	Yachats to Waldport Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
10 Fri	Mt Shasta Climb <b>D</b> .....	Gran 338-9328
11 Sat	Heceta Head/Beaver Lake Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741
11 Sat	Willamette Confluence Preserve tour Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rolfe 206-9501
14 Tue	David Thompson, Explorer/Surveyor.....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Lindstrom 683-1409
16 Thu	HinsdaleRhodieGardens & WildRhodies Bus.....	Beard 994-2337

18 Sat	Horse Rock Hike <b>E</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741
18 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
19 Sun	Kayaking on the Siltcoos Kayak.....	Hougardy 206-9532
19 Sun	Mt. June (via Lost Creek) Hike <b>M</b> .....	Randall 844-5916
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Baer 431-0767
24 Fri	Central Oregon Explore CarCmp <b>E</b> .....	Hougardy 206-9532
29 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt <b>M</b> .....	Bell 503-884-8829
29 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Smith 520-488-9569
31 Fri	GrandStaircase Escalante National Monument.....	<b>Potluck</b>

## June

1 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt <b>M</b> .....	Bell 503-884-8829
5 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rubenstein 248-514-5092
8 Sat	Iron Mountain Wildflowers Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Bean 953-6868
15 Sat	Middle Sister Climb <b>D</b> .....	Reiter 521-8472
16 Sun	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Bean 953-6868
20 Thu	Historic Cottage Grove Bus.....	Northrop 343-3426
21 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
22 Sat	Yapoah Crater Hike <b>D</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741
22 Sat	Mt Thielsen Climb <b>D</b> .....	Reiter 521-8472
26 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt <b>M</b> .....	Bell 503-884-8829
26 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Smith 520-488-9569
29 Sat	Hwy To Hwy Hike <b>D</b> .....	Cooper 868-5427
29 Sat	Hwy to Hwy support Metolius Hike <b>E</b> .....	Cooper 517-6785

## July

3 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
6 Sat	Crabtree Valley Hike <b>M</b> .....	Sojak 799-9199
9 Tue	Beverly Beach Hike <b>E</b> .....	Pierce 206-902-7326
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Dinn 713-557-2682
11 Thu	Crater Lk w/overnight at Diamond Lk Bus....	Beard 994-2337
13 Sat	The Wife via SW Ridge Hike <b>D</b> .....	Rundle 653-0741
16 Tue	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike <b>M</b> .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rolfe 206-9501
21 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot Hike <b>E</b> .....	Sojak 799-9199
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike <b>M</b> .....	Rolfe 206-9501
31 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt <b>M</b> .....	Bell 503-884-8829
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*Jorry Rolfe and Kay Coots, Co-Chairs of the CSE Committee*

## Colleen Milliman Featured

**Y**UAN HOPKINS BROUGHT COPIES of the magazine *Northwest 50 Plus*, which used to be called *Boomer and Senior News*, to the Obsidian potluck.

The front cover features Obsidian member Colleen Milliman, and inside there's an extensive story about her 'miracle mile' breaking records. Colleen's story starts on page 9.

The link is below:

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*Job well done! This time we collected 244 lbs of mixed debris plus two rimmed tires. Photo by Joel Greer.  
See SOLVE Beach Clean-Up trip report on page 10.*

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