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Dates to Remember

September 18	Board Meeting
September 20	Bulletin Deadline
September 17	ExploraTalk
September 27	Potluck
Sept 28	Nat'l Public Lands Day

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The submissions deadline for the October *Bulletin* is Friday, September 20.

Annual Renewal Form Inside!

Time to Renew your Membership

Diane Schechter

WE HAVE ENCLOSED THE 2019–20 RENEWAL FORM WITH THIS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BULLETIN. For those who prefer renewing by mail, you can return the enclosed form now. For those who want to renew and pay online, the online renewal will be available beginning September 15. Renewals are due November 1.

Improvements to Online Renewal Process

We had many members renew their membership online last year and we hope to build on the success of our first year. You just need to log into your account (where you sign up for trips) to begin the process. We have made several changes to the process this year:

- We will continue to use PayPal to accept payments but we will no longer be charging a service fee.
- We have addressed the interface issue which made the process cumbersome and difficult for some people. We hope that it will be much easier this year.
- Finally, we added a place for members to indicate if they would like to volunteer—similar to what you will find on the paper renewal form.

Many thanks to John Jacobson for his work on improving the online renewal process. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or feedback at dsp053@gmail.com.

2019 Obsidian Annual Meeting Friday, October 11, 7:00 PM

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING on Friday, October 11, at 7:00 PM at the Obsidian Lodge. A social hour begins at 6:30, when banana splits will be served, with ice cream donated by Prince Pucklers. If you have ideas as to how the Obsidians can improve in the next decade, you will have the opportunity to share them on index cards. The meeting will follow at 7:00. Committees will give brief summaries of their activities and new Board members for 2020 will be elected. Read about Board nominees in this issue of the *Bulletin*. (See page 3.) 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.

IN MEMORIAM

Ray Harris October 25, 1930–July 6, 2019

THE OBSIDIANS' LONGEST ACTIVE MEMBER, PASSED ON JULY 6, 2019.

Ray was nineteen years old and a machinist working for Southern Pacific Railroad when he joined the Obsidians in the spring of 1950. He then attended the May Obsidian Climb School in the Jasper Hills and thus embarked on a climbing spree. He soon summited five mountains and became a Chief in January, 1951.

The Korean War and boot camp interrupted his climbing adventures in 1951, but by 1953 Ray was back in Eugene to continue his climbing with the Obsidians. By now he was leading more climbs and also assisting with climb school at the Coburg Caves. He was Climb Chair in 1956 and 1961, and Search and Rescue Chair in 1956.

Ray had access to the blacksmith shop at Southern Pacific and to save money would make his own climbing equipment such as pitons and hammers. He also made the andirons for the Lodge fireplace out of railroad rails. Although he was transferred to California in 1969, he continued to attend Obsidian Summer Camps.

In total he did 29 mountain climbs and earned his three and ten peak awards, led 21 activities, and attended nine summer camps—the last one was Camp Randle in 1999. His last activity with the club was the *Eagles & More* bus trip in 2009.

After his retirement he traveled by train on six continents. His last train trips were The Trans-Siberian Express, and in Alaska to view the Aurora Borealis. Ray attended the 90th Anniversary Open House in 2017, where he presented a framed photograph of his 1958 climb of Dogs Head at the Coburg Caves. When asked why he didn't write about his wild adventures, Ray replied, "It is enough to have them in my memory."

He is survived by three children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He will be buried next to his wife Betty at the Black Hills National Cemetery in South Dakota on September 16.

For more information about Ray's activities:

www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2018_Bulletins/2018_03_Bulletin.pdf

Anita Pierce October 30, 1948–July 4, 2019

ANITA JOINED THE WEDNESDAY MORNING HIKERS JULY 20, 2015. When her health permitted she did another 19 hikes before her last hike in May, 2018. She was determined to make the most of things and to see as many places as she could. Always cheerful and caring, she was an enthusiastic and considerate companion on the trail, whether it was close to home, on the Oregon coast, or on the Coast to Coast Walk in England.

On Obsidian hikes to Willamette Heights Park in Springfield, hikers stop to view the totem pole at the top of the hill. This was a special place for Anita—her son Dorian, now deceased, helped build it for a 1990 Youth Super Project.

Anita is survived by a large extended family including her spouse Hilary, her daughter Cassandra, her sister Christina, three step-children, nine grandchildren, one great-grandson, and many more much-loved in-laws and out-laws! A celebration of Anita's life was held on Saturday, July 20 in Eugene.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the July 13, 2019 Register-Guard.

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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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2020 Board Nominees



Steve Cordon

I BECAME AN OBSIDIAN IN 2016. After a career in video game development I wanted to renew my love of the outdoors and enjoy a more active lifestyle with fellow enthusiasts. I am the current Winter Trips Chair and look to find more ways to contribute. I'm honored to be nominated for an Obsidian board position. I've spent most of my life in this area and presently live in Thurston with my Obsidian-wife, Michelle.



Lyndell Wilken

MY FIRST HIKE IN OREGON WAS WITH THE OBSIDIANS IN 1979, going from Lava Camp to the Obsidian Camp trailhead. After taking in the views of the Three Sisters on this spectacular hike I decided to live in Eugene permanently.

I was hired as the Lane Community College women's Track & Field/Cross Country coach and Physical Education/Exercise Science and Health instructor in 1980. After 40 years at the college I am now retired.

My outdoor pursuits include bicycling, hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and canoeing the Boundary Waters. I have been involved with the High Cascade Forest Volunteers, serving on their board for the last 10 years, and provide Wilderness First Aid training to the volunteers at their spring training. I have adopted Rosary Lakes near Willamette Pass under the umbrella of the HCFV, helping keep the area clean and pristine.

In conjunction with the HCFV I coordinate 25 volunteers for the 70 miles of winter recreation trails and six shelters in the Willamette Pass Winter Recreation Area. During the last nine years we have refurbished all the trails with new diamonds and signage, repaired shelters, and produced a new Willamette Winter Recreation map. I am also a member of the Oregon Shores Coast Watch program and have adopted mile 147 near Gardiner.

I am currently serving as the chair for the Obsidian Safety Committee and as President of the Obsidian board. I have organized several Wilderness First Aid trainings for the Obsidians. I have been a member of the Obsidian board for three years and hope to continue my outdoor activities with the club into the future.



Marci Hansen

MARCI HAS BEEN A LOVER OF EXTREME OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SINCE 1998 when she started adventure racing. She has competed in dozens of races ranging from 24 hours to eight days in length. In 2010, she completed the Mazama beginner climbing program in Portland, and moved to Eugene two months later. She has led climbs for the Obsidians for seven years as well as volunteered for climb school every year since 2011. She traditionally gives the mountaineering nutrition speech at climb school, shocking students with the large amount of junk food recommended when climbing a mountain. When she isn't climbing, Marci is an Internet marketing professional and a co-founder of SheerID, a technology company based in Eugene. Marci lives with her partner David, her stepsons Cody and Mike, and her two rescue dogs Riggins and Friday.

THE BORDER ILLUSTRATIONS: taken from the Camp Scherer poem* (*too long to reprint here) were drawn by Myrtle Smith, who attended the camp. Myrtle was a member of the Obsidians for more than 40 years, and did innumerable Bulletin illustrations, including the masthead depicting the Three Sisters.


CAMP SCHERER

1953 SUMMER CAMP AT GLACIER



MOST OF THE 49 OBSIDIANS WHO WENT TO THE 1953 TWO WEEK SUMMER OUTING rode in the chartered Greyhound bus driven by member Clarence Bankhead. They covered 2,000 miles, camped at the foot of St. Marys Lake, cruised Waterton Lake and hiked many of the beautiful trails. They took the afternoon launch across Two Medicine Lake to the foot of Sinopah Mountain. The photo below is of the President's Tea honoring Clarence Scherer for whom the camp is named. Camp Scherer was a indeed a special way to celebrate the Obsidians 25th anniversary. The illustrations by Myrtle Smith can be found in the August 1953 *Bulletin* along with the Camp Scherer report/poem by Dave Faville. His last refrain echos through the many summer outings to follow.


We love the camp committee,
They smooth everything in our way.
While the cooks so superior
Delight our interior




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SILVER JUBILEE SUMMER CAMP

Time: August 9 to August 23
 Location: Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks
 Transportation: Via Greyhound Bus

COST: APPROXIMATELY \$75.00

To celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our club the Outing Committee, with the approval of the Board, has chosen for your enjoyment a summer camp in Glacier National Park.



MYRTLE

New Entertainment Committee Co-Chairs



Ron and Pam Swisher

RON AND PAM SWISHER MOVED TO EUGENE IN 2016 from Klamath Falls where Ron was a chemistry instructor at Oregon Institute of Technology for 40 years and Pam was a pharmacist for 35 years. Ron attended graduate school at UO from 1972–76, loved it, and returned several times to the university to do professional development and lab research. Ron still teaches an occasional class and does some consulting work on chemistry education. Pam does an occasional gig as a substitute organist at various churches in the vicinity. For hobbies they go for walks and attend classical music concerts at the university and the Hult Center. Ron audits science seminars and classes, and Pam audits music classes at the university. They are both bookworms and the walls of their home are packed with books they delude themselves about finding time to read.



Evelyn Nagy

EVELYN CAME TO EUGENE FROM INDIANA TO FINISH HER EDUCATION at the UO with her MA in Counseling Education. After retiring from teaching at LCC in the Adult Basic Skills Program for 25 years, she divides her time between volunteering at the Hatfield Marine Science Program in Newport, where she lives part time, and traveling throughout the world. Evelyn has been a member of Obsidians since 2003.

Trip Awards

CLIMB, TRIP, AND LEADER AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. Club historian Lenore McManigal and Janet Jacobsen will be contacting those who will receive an award. If you would like to check your activity totals, go to the Obsidian webpage and log in. Click on *Trip Reports*. Then choose *Trip Summary* to view your totals.

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Scherer Room Exhibit

Dorene Steggell

TIDEPOOL LIFE, FEATURING THE PHOTOS OF TOMMY YOUNG, is the current exhibit in the Scherer Room at the Lodge.

Tommy Young is an active Obsidian who has completed more than 200 trips. He retired from teaching high school biology in Florida and moved to Oregon in 2012, still pursuing his interest in marine biology with trips to tide pools along the coast. He has enriched many of his friends with his enthusiasm and knowledge of this nearby world.

The photos in this exhibit were all taken in Oregon, many near Seal Rock. Using a waterproof Olympus TG-4 camera Tommy was able to capture close-up views of the tide pool inhabitants in their natural context. The subjects and their locations are all identified.

Donations in Memory of John McManigal

RICK AND NANCY McMANIGAL DONATED \$100 IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER. Lenore gave a \$100 gift for *the use of the beautiful Lodge* for her husband's memorial open house. She sent her thanks to the Lodge and Grounds Committees for their work before the event.

JULY BOARD NOTES

July 3, 2019

By Denise Rubenstein

PRESIDENT LYNDELL WILKEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. Board members present: Maryanne Reiter, Stewart Hoeg, John Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall and Dave Hawkins. Others present: Denise Rubenstein, Janet Jacobsen, Kay Coots, John Jacobsen, and Sharon Cutsforth.

The board approved the minutes for June 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:

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): Two bus trips were completed in May/June. The Hinsdale Rhododendron Gardens bus trip was attended by 24 members and 4 nonmembers and the Historic Cottage Grove bus trip had 22 members and 5 nonmembers.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee hosted five climbs in June (Diamond Peak—Graduation Climb, Mt Jefferson, Mt Thielsen—Graduation Climb, Middle Sister and South Sister) with a total of 45 climbers participating in the outings.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): During June the Finance Committee audited the Bus Committee financials for the past two years. The audit was successful—the Bus Committee is doing a great job of documenting and managing their finances.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): John Jacobsen and I have been working on a plan to replace and upgrade the handrails on the east side of the Lodge. In addition, we want to add a handrail to the steps at the northeast corner of the building. The east side walkway has gaps between the sections and against the building. We want to fill these with aggregate and polymeric sands for a smooth, hard service. John will present a request for funds to the Board.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had one work party on June 8 to mow the Lodge grounds and spruce things up in preparation for John McManigal's memorial service. Thanks to Vern Marsonette, Doug Nelson and Jim Northrup for their help. In conjunction with Dave Cooper and the Lodge Building Committee we hope to start repair and renovation work on the railings and concrete deck on the east side of the Lodge soon, pending Obsidian Board approval of the project at Wednesday's Board Meeting.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All the trips and activities from the June Bulletin have been recorded.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Two new members for a total membership of 470.

Publications/Bulletin (Lou Maenz): The Publications committee wrote, edited and published the *Bulletin* for online and hard copy use. The production committee folded and mailed 200 hard copy *Bulletins*.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): YMCA first aid kits were checked. AED was checked.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Work continues preparing for Summer Camp. The July *Bulletin* has the final article before camp. If there are any major developments, they will be posted on our website.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): For the month of June we had 27 hikes and one backpack. There were 254 member-participants and 27 nonmembers. Fees totaled \$298. A number of hikes in the Three Sisters Wilderness are on the schedule for July.

Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell): There was one outing during the last month. In observance of National Trails Day, we cut back brush from the trail sides, cleaned some of the summit steps, and cleaned the trailhead kiosk and steps at Spencer Butte. There were eight total participants who did an estimated 24 hours of work.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee met in early May to recommend three candidates for the Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January, 2020. The names of Steve Cordon, Marci Hansen, and Lyndell Wilken were presented at the July Board meeting. The election occurs at the October 11 Annual Meeting. Bios of the nominees will be published in the combined August/September *Bulletin*. Please direct any questions to a member of the Nominating Committee: Carla Cooper, John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrup, or Jorry Rolfe.

The Club is considering a Representative for the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

David Stone is still looking for feedback from a couple of interested clubs for support on the proposed Douglas-Fir National Monument.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tommy Young's tide pool pictures will be the new exhibit coming to the Scherer Room.

John Jacobsen requested approval for an approximate budget of \$1,600 for handrail replacement along the Lodge walkway/stairs. The request was approved. John also asked to proceed to procure bids for graveling and bumpers to add/demarcate parking spots. A couple attendees requested that improved lighting and walking path definition be considered as part of the graveling project.

General Fund and Bus Committee Audits: Dave Hawkins and Stewart Hoeg reported that audits of the General Fund and the Bus Committee Fund were completed. Detailed reports of the findings were e-mailed to the Board and Committees. Both Treasurers are doing an excellent job.

Two new club members (Amanda Rose and Andrew Langford) were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1-7: Summer Camp Glacier National Park

September 18: Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

TRIP REPORTS



Bus Trips

Crater Lake at Diamond Lake Resort

July 11, 2019

Leader: Barbara Beard

Assistant Leaders: Paul Beard and Vern Marsonette

Photographer: Holger Krentz

JULY 11TH FOUND TWENTY-SIX OBSIDIANS and friends boarding a luxury bus for a two-day tour of Crater Lake and the waterfalls of the North Umpqua River. The weather both days of the trip was absolutely perfect. Our first stop was the DQ in Oakridge for coffee and other breakfast treats along with a little time to get acquainted with other riders. After a few interruptions in Oakridge, an extra-long delay at the north entrance gate to Crater Lake National Park and missing a trolley that left without us, we did eventually have an exceptional tour of the rim drive and all the sights the lake has to offer. Fortunately, the final section of the road around the rim had just opened that morning. Our guide was entertaining and very knowledgeable about Park history and the lake area. Early evening we arrived at our lodging, the Diamond Lake Resort, for dinner and a restful night. The old log lodge, with great views of the lake and distant mountains, is a lovely setting. Looking back now, all the ups and downs of the day seem quite hilarious.



We enjoyed a great breakfast at the water's edge with views of Mt. Bailey and patches of snow glistening in the sun. We were entertained by a mother duck and nine tiny ducklings. The mosquitoes luckily weren't too hungry that morning. As we left the lodge about 9:30, Vern provided details about the route and the stops we would make along Hwy. 138 on the way to Roseburg. Watson Falls was the first stop where some of our riders made the hike to the top, approximately 260 feet. Others enjoyed the view from part way up or from the parking lot. We all enjoyed Vern's stories and points of interest along this route, including Colliding Rivers at Glide. Our full lunch buffet at Abby's Pizza was a delight and we enjoyed seeing a bit of the huge antique car show just across the street. Our last stop in Roseburg was the must-see Douglas

County Museum which has an extensive display of local history, including the devastating explosion of 1959 that leveled eight city blocks. The large and well-displayed collection includes dinosaur bones, the age of reptiles, wedding dresses of the 1900s, trains, old logging equipment and a covered wagon. Not to be missed were the birds and large and small animals (chipmunks to elk and cougar) seen in their natural surroundings. As we headed north toward Eugene, we were entertained by more of Vern's *wild experiences*. We all had a great time and were too full to even stop at Rice Hill for ice cream! Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Holger Krentz, Pat Kubota, Vern Marsonette, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Debra Schwartz, Karen Sieradski. Nonmembers: Mary Sherriffs, Ron Sherriffs, Allan Sieradski, Alice Krentz, Joanna Molitor, Sheila Marsonette, John Mellott, Theresa Mellott, Wanda Meck, Cheryl Podpeskar.



Climbs

Mt Thielsen—Graduation

June 22, 2019

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Assistant Leader: Krista Shennum

Photographer: Brenna Leech

Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)

THE CLIMB SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019 ROCKED Mount Thielsen! They put their rope travel skills to good use prusiking up the fixed line on the summit pinnacle. Everyone



made it to the top; though, because of the group size, we had to climb in shifts. The weather was perfect and the mosquitoes not too terrible. A good time was had by all. Members: Michael Dunne, Zaffina Kramer, Maryanne Reiter, Krista Shennum, Jamie Zimmerman. Nonmembers: Brenna Leech, Andrew Langford, Margaret Corcoran, Micah Weiss, Boyana Norris, Duncan Barth.

Extended Trips

Blacklock Point

June 28, 2019

Leader: Scott Hovis

Backpack: 7 miles, (Moderate)

IT WAS NICE TO BE BACK IN THE AREA. We had great warm weather, little wind, pristine beaches, plenty of water in the creeks and few bugs. We enjoyed a small fire and were sure to leave no trace. For a summer weekend I thought the solitude was good. We saw bear scat in several places, in camp and on the trail. Two of us were convinced we saw green when the sun set, others were skeptical. It chills me to think a few years ago there was a serious proposal from a golf course to buy this state park. As a conservationist, I feel it is important to show others what we have and would lose if we let amazing places, like Blacklock Point, be developed. The jokes about broccoli were endless! Members: Denise Bean, Keiko Bryan, Michelle Cordon, Steve Cordon, Jacquie Fern, Scott Hovis, Tom Rundle, Harold Thompson, Tommy Young.

North Umpqua Rafting and Hiking

July 17-18, 2019

Leader: Diane Schechter

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Extended Trip: 5.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

OUR GROUP OF TWELVE HAD A WONDERFUL TWO DAYS on the North Umpqua River. On our first day we met our two guides from Ouzel Outfitters at Gravel Bin boat launch. They shuttled us to Boulder Flat Campground to begin our trip. We received paddling instructions, a safety talk, helmets and the option of wearing paddle jackets and pants. We began our 15-mile trip on the beautiful North Umpqua River. It was an exciting day filled with a lot of whitewater. Everyone got wet—some more than others. We were all quite happy to have paddle jackets on. The river was fairly low with quite a few rocks that we tried to avoid, sometimes



unsuccessfully. A few people had out-of-boat experiences. We stopped mid-afternoon for a delicious buffet deli lunch provided by Ouzel. After the trip, we drove a short distance

to Steamboat Inn where we had rented two houses for the group. We had a delightful happy hour followed by dinner at the restaurant. The following morning we divided into two groups to hike along 5.5 miles of the North Umpqua trail. There was poison oak, and a few wasp stings, but it's a lovely trail along the river. We arranged the key exchange so that our cars were waiting for us at the end of the hike. It was a great group and everyone had a lot of fun. Members: Joanna Alexander, Pam Caples, Jacquie Davis, Jacquie Fern, Sharon Friedland, Brenda Kameenui, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Diane Schechter, Randy Sinnott, David Strutin, Sue Wolling.

Oregon South Coast

July 28-31, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Assistant Leader: Rachelle Masin

Photographer: Evelyn Nagy

Extended Trip: 35 miles, 950 ft. (Moderate)

SUNDAY WE MET IN BANDON FOR LUNCH and walked Bandon Beach from Coquille Point to Face Rock. The gigantic sea stacks were our first look at the Otter Point Formation, a



Jurassic melange of sandstone and blue-green metamorphic rocks. We would revisit this type of formation at nearly every stop along the coast. We set up camp at Humbug Mt. State Park. Angie, Rachelle and Tom did a hike to the summit of Humbug Mt. before dinner. We all enjoyed a festive potluck dinner followed by a sunset stroll on the beach. **Monday** morning we did hikes and beach walks at Sisters Rocks, Ophir Beach, and Otter Point, with wonderful views of the jagged local coastline and ocean. There were many colorful wildflowers along the trails. The main hike of the day was a 5.5-mile hike on Cape Sebastian and a challenging descent to the beach at Hunter's Cove via a rickety rope fence. On the way to Hunter's Cove, a few of us took a side trip down a narrow ledge to a lower sandstone terrace with an interesting lattice work of honey-comb erosion. That afternoon we stopped in Gold Beach for a bit of wandering around and had dinner at a local restaurant. We made a brief stop at Arizona Beach before driving back to camp to see the translucent green waves created by the refraction of sunlight on the surf. **Tuesday** morning we hiked a network of trails at Cape Blanco led by Rachelle. This series of trails included a magnificent beach walk, a stop at the lighthouse, a hike through a Sitka spruce and hemlock forest, and lunch on a log overlooking the Sixes River. Tuesday afternoon we

hiked the Port Orford Heads and split into smaller groups. Some went back to camp early. Others stayed in Port Orford for a private rock concert, comfort food and a visit to an amazing art gallery. **Wednesday** morning we packed up and headed home with people in separate cars making a few favorite stops along the way. Special thanks to Rachelle Masin for many helpful suggestions. Members: Diantha Hull, Rachelle Masin, Evelyn Nagy, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Lisa Van Liefde.



Hikes

Wallace Creek to Thurston

June 13, 2019

Leader: Karla Rusow

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

SINCE THERE WERE ONLY THREE OF US and it was looking as if it was going to heat up once again, we agreed to do the hike somewhat differently. We carpoled to the North Trailhead of the Thurston Hills Natural Area and began the hike there amid the cool forest for the uphill portion of the hike. Fields of daisies greeted us as we headed up the trail. After the almost two-mile climb, we headed across Upper Mossy Maple for a mile to the restored oak savannah on the east side of the mountain for a beautiful view to the south and west. The last couple of miles were a combination of gravel road (downhill) and the paved Weyerhaeuser Haul Road/city streets back to our cars. Total mileage was around six miles instead of eight. Indeed, it was very warm by the time we finished and we were glad we decided to both shorten the hike and use a different starting point. Members: Nancy Hoecker, Karla Rusow, Judy Terry.

Patterson Mountain

June 23, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 4.6 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A HIKE. My two participants had never hiked this trail before so this added interest for all of us. We enjoyed wildflowers and great views of the Three Sisters and Broken Top. I have done this hike many times, so I was surprised at this note left at Wolf Shelter, "Black bear seen at this shelter on June 16th at 2 PM". We did not see this bear, but we think we saw scat along the trail: horse or bear? It is a mystery. Members: Jane Hackett, Sara Henley, Meg Kieran.

Get Acquainted/ Ribbon Trail

June 28, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

EIGHT OF THE ELEVEN GUESTS REGISTERED ONLINE before the hike with one registering after the hike. Thanks to members Dorene Steggell, Mike Smith, Leah Firth, and Evelyn

Nagy who were gracious and busy hosts, visiting and answering questions not just individually but during our group introductions. One guest asked if we paid for the ground maintenance and if we had any paid staff. He seemed surprised that volunteers did it all. Other questions were about the Lodge and how it came to be. Some asked if there could be more easy hikes on the schedule. Members: Leah Firth, Janet Jacobsen, Evelyn Nagy, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Non-members: Vicki Levine, Charmaine Rehg, Jill Cooney, Anne Coit, Ken Hartupe, Fred Roberts, Janice Stanger, Caralee Roberts, Steve Cable, Larry Weinerman, Murray Mcleod.

Cape Perpetua

June 28, 2019

Leader: Judy Giers

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 6.4 miles, 1,256 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS A GREAT HIKE, a very gradual climb and descent,



so it was pretty easy on the lungs and joints. The weather was perfect and company was excellent. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Judy Giers, David Hawkins, Rachelle Masin, Karla Rusow, Nancy Whitfield.

Bachelor Mt. via Bugaboo Ridge

June 30, 2019

Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 8.2 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

IT HAS BEEN A BANNER YEAR FOR BEAR GRASS, and an abundant display of their tall stalks and a sprinkling of pink rhododendron lined our trail as we made our way towards Bugaboo



Ridge. As we emerged onto the ridgeline, the skyline opened up with a panoramic view of Mount Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack and the Three Sisters mountains. Our knowledgeable Obsidians enjoyed identifying the colorful array of 45 varieties of wildflowers growing on the meadows below and in the rock formations above. After several miles, we joined the steeper Bachelor Mountain Trail heading up to the summit. This trail has a grand view of the distinctively flat Coffin Mountain. The view from the old lookout site on Bachelor Mountain is one of the best in the Cascades and is highly recommended for mid-June when the wildflowers are at their peak. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Diana Masarie, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, Diana Wheat, Karen Yoerger.

Olallie Mountain

July 2, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 7.8 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

ELEVEN MEMBERS BRAVED A COOL CLOUDY JULY MORNING and departed the Pat Saddle Trailhead at 10:15 for the first Obsidian hike on this trail since the Terwilliger fire of 2018. The trail itself skirts the eastern perimeter of the burned area, moving into the area and out. Unfortunately, the beautiful nine-foot diameter fir tree that stood about a mile in from the trailhead was consumed by the fire. This surprised me as many younger, smaller trees nearby survived. A bit of good news is that the trail has been cleared since the fire and has no obstructions. We arrived at the summit at noon and had our lunch next to the now dilapidated fire lookout built in 1932. The promised mid-day clearing of the clouds did not happen and so our views were limited to the surrounding foothills with only brief glimpses of the Cascades. On the hike out we enjoyed the late season wildflowers in the meadows and the occasional sound of a woodpecker. Members: Steve Adey, Kathie Carpenter, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Rachelle Masin, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Dorene Steggell, Dorothy van Winkle.

Iron Mountain

July 5, 2019

Leader and Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)

THE WILDFLOWER COMMUNITIES—FORESTS, MEADOWS, ROCK AREAS AND ROCKY SEEPS—HAD SPECTACULAR



displays. We looked up and looked down, oohed and aahed, and repeated the flower names in hopes of remembering. We were a bit shy of the 'over 300 species' that can be found on the Iron Mountain Trail. Lana was pleased to see the Cascade lily just ready to bloom. We left Springfield at 7:30 and were at the lookout platform for lunch around 1:00. Denise shared her childhood memories of staying at the lookout with her stepmother. On the way down we met a botanist researching the yellow monkey flower and its decline. She was collecting tissue samples in an area where there used to be 20,000 monkey flowers but now there were only 20. One wonders about the future for these unique wildflower habitats. Members: Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Kathie Carpenter, John Cooper, Judy Giers, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Dave Predeek, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Neil Pagan.

Substitute Point

July 6, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Kathy Randall

Hike: 10 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS SATURDAY MORNING HIKE STARTED WITH OVERCAST SKIES, making us think that our hike to one of the Western Cascades' best viewpoints was going to conclude without the hoped-for views. The trail itself was in excellent condition, having been cleared all the way to the 4.3-mile junction;



however, after the junction the trail became difficult to follow with many downed, blackened trees crossing the trail. As a result of the 2017 Separation Fire, at least half of the trail was in the burn area. About a quarter mile before the summit, we were back into a green forest with clear skies. The view from the rocky summit was spectacular. We spent our lunch break trying to identify as many peaks as possible. After almost an hour on top, we decided that it was time to head back down. It was an excellent day for a hike. Members: Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Rebecca Eastwood, Betty Grant, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Sue Wolling.

Tidbits Mountain

July 7, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 4.4 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

THE DAY WAS JUST ABOUT PERFECT. They had re-graveled the road to Tidbits Trailhead so there were not many pot-



holes to dodge around. Two new hikers joined us and fit in splendidly. Unless you have a four-wheel drive I would recommend parking at the bottom of the spur road leading to the trail head. The forest was filled with blooming rhododendrons and other wildflowers. I would also recommend poles for the narrow, and at times, steep trail. On top there were stunning vistas for our lunch. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Toresa Martell, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Lisa Van Liefde, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Donna Moman, Jill Schwab.

Horsepasture Mountain

July 8, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer; Daphne James

Hike: 8 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

WHEN I LAST LED THIS TRIP IN MAY OF 2016, WE HAD BOTH RAIN AND SNOW and were totally socked in by the clouds. This trip was a great improvement with lots of sun and a wildflower display that rivals Iron Mountain but without the crowds of people. We departed from the Saddle Trailhead



which is located about eight miles down FSR 1993 from Cougar Dam. This is a lightly used trail with very few obstructions that switchbacks up to where it intersects the Olallie Trail, then continues on to Horsepasture. On its way to the top, the trail passes through several meadows which were covered with an amazing variety of wildflowers. After 3.7 miles and, according to my GPS, a 2,450-foot climb we reached the rocky summit where we enjoyed our lunch and the 360-degree views. Members: Jacquie Fern, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Barbara Orsi. Nonmembers: Donna Moman.

Beverly Beach

July 9, 2019

Leader: Jim Pierce

Photographer: Nancy White

Hike: 3 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

ON THE BEVERLY BEACH WALK WE SAW LOTS OF FASCINATING FOSSILS and geological strata. The very low tide exposed rocks, tide pools and molted crab shells by the hundreds. After lunch our forest walk passed through mini-forests of



skunk cabbage and five species of ferns with dozens of silted trees from nurse logs/stumps. We even heard a few Pacific wrens calling. The promised rains began as we finished up inside the Visitor Center. What a wonderful day! Thanks to Kay for corralling the group at SEHS. Members: Kay Coots, Janet Jacobsen, Wanda Meck, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Orsi, Jim Pierce, Nancy White. Nonmembers: Suzanne McQueen, Nancy Giammatteo.

Opie Dilldock

July 12, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Tommy Young

Hike: 15 miles, 1,900 ft. (Difficult)

MILD TEMPERATURES, A LIGHT SCATTERING OF MOSQUITOES, AND MOSTLY SUNNY SKIES greeted the twelve hikers who signed up for this Friday hike. We started our hike from the Matthieu Lakes Trailhead where we connected to the PCT and headed south. Along the way we encountered many PCT through hikers, some from Australia and New Zealand, and even one from Sweden, who had been hiking on a diet of olive oil and mayonnaise. All of us enjoyed the large swarms of California tortoiseshell butterflies along the trail. When we reached the flank of Yapoah Crater, five of our group decided

to take a few minutes to scramble up the side to take in the view from the top. We reached our goal of Collier Glacier viewpoint at about 12:30 where we had our lunch and enjoyed the views that extended all the way to Mt. Adams.



When it was time to head back, Leo, a nonmember on our hike, exclaimed “I don’t want to leave!”, which expressed how we all felt while at this incredible viewpoint next to North Sister. After the hike eight of our group elected to stop at Takoda’s restaurant in Rainbow for a meal and cool drinks where we talked about upcoming Obsidian trips. Members: Denise Bean, Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Bill Lowder, Jorma Meriaho, Jorry Rolfe, Rich Romm, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Donna Moman, Leo Lezama.

The Wife via SW Ridge

July 13, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 10.5 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

FROM THE DEVIL’S LAKE PARKING AREA, we went through a tunnel under the Cascade Lakes Highway and followed



the Elk Lake Trail for about 1.2 miles to the Wickup Plains Trail. We followed the west branch of this trail around Kaleetan Butte and across the Wickup Plain to the west side of LeConte Crater. From there we were off-trail for about 1.8 miles, all the way to the summit of the Wife. We followed a network of drainages using GPS navigation across pumice fields and wooded areas to the west ridge. This was

very tough going. We had to work our way through intermittent patches of snow with swarms of mosquitoes and almost continuous deadfall. Then we ascended the steep west ridge with an 880 foot elevation gain in about 0.5 miles for lunch. This intrepid crew overcame all these difficulties with cheerful determination. From the summit we had a fantastic view of the volcanic and glacial features on the west side of the whole Sisters massif. After lunch, we returned to Devil’s Lake by the same route. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Martin Basket.

Obsidian Loop Counterclockwise

July 14, 2019

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 11.5 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD CLEAR SKIES and, for once, a warm but not very hot day on the trail. There was little dust, the snow was above 6,200’ and the falls were beautiful. There was a remarkable amount of bear grass, and its unusual odor could be smelled some distance from the plant groups. Western pasqueflowers were a new one for me there, but I missed the blue carpet of lupines that are usually at Glacier Creek. There was a permit check in the volcanic area which is good to see. Even with the permit system, there were still a lot of people on the trail, especially up in the obsidian pond area north of the falls. There were a lot of first-timers and they all liked the country and the falls. They now understand why the hike is usually done counterclockwise! Members: Steve Adey, Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Jacquie Fern, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Elizabeth Koch, Vern Marsonette, Barbara Orsi, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Larry Winiarski, Kristin Dirks.

Red Butte

July 16, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 11.8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

EIGHT MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THIS HIKE to Red Butte, a red cinder cone next to Mowich Lake in the Jefferson Wilderness. We began our hike at the Big Meadows Trailhead around 10:00 with mostly cloudy skies. The forest here is a pleasant mix of mature Douglas-fir and hemlock. After about three miles we reached Duffy Lake and the edge of the 2003 B&B Complex fires. By the time we reached Mowich Lake, we were surrounded by the bleached-out remains of this very hot wildfire, but we could also see thousands of small trees starting a new forest for future Obsidian hikers to enjoy. After Mowich Lake we left the trail to scramble up Red Butte where we had our lunch and enjoyed the views of Jack and Washington. The other mountains of the Cascades were covered by the clouds, but this just made it the perfect temperature for our day’s hike. We made it back to the trailhead around 4:30 where we did a passenger exchange so one of our vehicles could head directly home while the other made a stop at Takoda’s restaurant in Rainbow. Members: Jean Harris, Steven Johnson, Jorry Rolfe, Rich Romm, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Donna Moman.

Campus Walk

July 19, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

OUR FIRST STOP WAS THE NEW OPAL WHITELEY BRONZE STATUE installed in April to the east of the Knight Library. It was Ken's second hike and since he was not familiar with the campus, we did our best to show him the most interesting outside sculptures in an hour and a half. Where did we spend most of the time? At Hayward Field watching a crane



(machine) place a huge curved wooden beam (truncated Nike swoosh?) while the crew made the final push to align it with the supporting steel structure. The *Register-Guard* had a photo of the rising giant ribcage the next day. Members: Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Laurie Marshall, Helen Martz. Nonmembers: Ken Hartupee.

Canyon Creek Meadows

July 19, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Daphne James

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

CANYON CREEK MEADOWS IS ANOTHER AREA THAT WAS IMPACTED BY THE 2003 B&B COMPLEX FIRES. Even though about half of the hike was through the burn area, there's a whole new forest of mostly pine trees coming up. Our hikers started out on a cool but mostly sunny Friday morning that was unexpectedly mosquito-free. As most of the snow had only recently melted, it was a bit early for the majority of wildflowers. When we reached the top of the meadows to start our off-trail scramble up to the viewpoint, one of our



members decided to wait for our return there. The hike up to the viewpoint is steep and slippery, although free of snow. It gave us access to the spectacular views of the jagged spires of Three Fingered Jack and the Cascades. We could only see one mountain goat in the distance from the viewpoint; however, when we got back to Canyon Creek Meadows where we had lunch, we were rewarded with the sight of a good-sized herd on the rocks just above the meadow. On our hike out, the group decided to take a side trip to Wasco Lake where two of our members jumped in for a cool but refreshing swim before returning to our vehicles for the long drive home. Members: Jennifer Baer, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Michael King, Dorene Steggell, Dorothy van Winkle.

Erma Bell Lakes

July 20, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8.4 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS A PERFECT MID-70S FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL HIKE that even the mosquitoes could not ruin. After passing the Erma Bell Lakes, we hiked to Williams Lake for lunch. Several of the group swam or put their feet in this



amazing high mountain lake. We headed back on the loop passing Otter Lake near the end. We were surprised to see as many wildflowers as there were still in bloom: tiger lilies, columbine, western bunchberry, lupine, northern starflower and white lilies, just to name a few. Members: Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney,

Rebecca Eastwood, Julia Harvey, Elizabeth Koch, Denise Rubenstein, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Rob Boese.

Annual Beach Barefoot

July 21, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4.2 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)

IN PLEASANT SUNNY MID-60S AND AT LOW TIDE, our fast group hiked north to Sutton Creek from Florence's North Jetty. There, we had a short break, enhanced by Vicky's



famous mocha mini muffins. After the hokey-pokey dance, we hiked back. Old Town Florence for excellent crab chowder was our last destination before heading home. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Vicky Hanson, Holger Krentz, Noah Lee, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Gwyneth Iredale.

Wild Iris Ridge

July 21, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 3.4 miles, 620 ft. (Easy)

8:00 AM IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR THIS HIKE when temperatures are warm. It was a beautiful morning, with good views of the coast range. The surprises were the yellow and pink wildflowers that decorated the sunny slopes. We were done by 10:30 and moved on to the rest of our day. Members: Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett, Patty Morrow.

Obsidian Loop

July 22, 2019

Leader: Steve Adey

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

WE LEFT AT 7, set a leisurely pace and were back to Springfield at 5. There were few bugs. We saw very little snow on the trail and the flowers and views were good. It was in the upper 80s in town, but a comfortable hiking temperature in the mountains. Members: Steve Adey, James Dinn, Betty Grant, Barbara Orsi, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Donna Moman, Bruce Bjerke.

Maxwell Butte

July 23, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 9.8 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

WHILE THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY HAD MOSTLY CLOUDY SKIES AND COOL TEMPERATURES, our trail up Maxwell Butte was mostly in the sun on a rather warm day. I did this hike six years ago with the Obsidians and we counted 150 trees across the trail. Fortunately it's now down to ten—much easier to handle; however, the trail could still use some clearing. There were a few mosquitoes the first mile of the trail, so some of us applied repellent, but they seemed to disappear as the day progressed. It took us about 2.5 hours to trudge up the switchbacks to the summit where we immediately found a shady spot to cool down and have our lunch. We occasionally walked over to the sunnier and



much warmer summit to enjoy great close-up views of Jack and the rest of the Cascades. On our drive home we made a quick stop at Takoda's for a cool drink and appetizers. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette.

Threemile Lake

July 25, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 7 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

A PERFECT SUMMER DAY AT THE BEACH. This was the first time on this hike for several people and it was very much



enjoyed by all. This hike has a good combination of forest, dunes and beach. We spent about an hour on the beach, eating lunch and walking. The temperature was pleasant. The breeze was cool, so a few folks lay on the warm sand behind our lunch log out of the wind. We continued on to the lake viewpoint, striking in the sun. Our return to the trailhead was followed by a stop in Old Town for coffee and ice cream. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Jane Hackett, Elizabeth Koch, Laurie Marshall, Denise Rubenstein, Nancy Whitfield.

Obsidian Grand Tour

July 26, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 20 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

I CALL THIS HIKE THE ‘OBSIDIAN GRAND TOUR’ because it includes all the most scenic spots in the northern Three Sisters Wilderness. Our hike started at the very popular Obsidian Trailhead where we immediately joined the loop in a clockwise direction. It was about a 5-mile hike through



forests and a lava field before Four-in-One Cone was reached. There we took the time to hike to the top where almost everyone took turns taking pictures of the group. From there it was about another mile before we joined the PCT and headed south another mile to Minnie Scott Springs where we stopped for a refreshing cool drink. After another mile we reached Opie Dilldock Pass where we took another side trip to the beautiful Collier Glacier viewpoint for a lunch break. After lunch we continued south on the PCT to the Glacier Creek spring for another water break. We then joined the climbers trail and made our way over snow fields and up a steep scree slope to get up to the plateau where Arrowhead Lake sits. Here two of our group jumped in for an incredibly refreshing swim. It was a long, tough hike to get here, but our group all agreed that this very special spot was worth it. After our swim we made our way down to Sister Springs and Obsidian Falls where we left the PCT and continued another five miles on the Obsidian Trail back to the trailhead. According to my GPS, our total mileage for the day was 18.3 plus a total accumulative elevation gain of 3,200 feet. It was a great hike through some of the best scenery in the Northwest. Members: Steve Cordon, Steven Johnson, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Jorma Meriaho.

Land O'Lakes Tour

July 27, 2019

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 13 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A GOOD GROUP OF SEVEN and entered the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness on a surprisingly cool morning. We took the semi-trail from the Santiam Lake Trail over and went cross-country until I found the trail going up the hill to Craig Lake. On the way up, I decided not to add Santiam Lake since the climb to Craig is a bit nasty. We went to the south end for the views, saw what we could of the lake and then went back downhill and cross-country to the trail that led to Lower Berley Lake. We had lunch there. Kathy waded, Darko checked out his mushrooms, and we looked up wildflowers we had seen. We then moved to Upper Berley Lake. The east end campsite was occupied so we walked around it to locate the eastern end of the lake. We hiked cross-country to the Santiam Lake Trail and took a side trip to the other end of Lower Berley Lake. We then found our way back to the cars. Lots of wildflowers, including scarlet gilia, and Agoseris, added spice to the day. I appreciated both the willingness of the group to do such extensive cross-country travel and Darko's help in trail finding. I'm not sure how to get into Craig Lake if the Forest Service means to close the access from Santiam Trail. I will try to get more information. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Holger Krentz, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell.



Iron Mountain (shorter)

July 28, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD VIEWS FROM DIAMOND PEAK TO MT. RAINIER. It was clear and warm with a slight breeze. We had better wildflowers than I expected, not the meadows full of delphiniums, but the blue of flax and the purple of mountain aster. We still had paintbrush, buckwheats and many unidentifiable yellow flowers. We had lunch on the viewing platform at the top. When we returned to the junction with the Cone Peak Trail, we decided to continue on down the more shaded trail for a little more mileage. Members:

Joanna Alexander, Lynda Christiansen, Kay Coots, Jane Hackett, Diana Wheat, Nancy Whitfield.

Marion Mountain and Falls

July 30, 2019

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 11.2 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

ELEVEN ADVENTUROUS HIKERS LEFT THE OVERCAST SKIES OF EUGENE for a very sunny trek in the Jefferson Wilderness. Our first stop was along Highway 20 to see Sawyer



Ice Cave, a once well-known natural roadside attraction that was long ago abandoned to protect a bat colony. As no one thought to bring a flashlight, all we could do was stand in the entrance and feel the frigid air pouring out from the cave. We next arrived at the Marion Lake Trailhead to start our hike around 10:30. After about 2.5 miles we left the trail for the unmaintained trail and steep scramble down to a viewpoint for the spectacular Marion and Gatch Falls. After the climb back to our trail, we continued another three miles past Marion Lake to reach the old Marion Mt. Lookout site. Here we had our lunch while we enjoyed the great views of Mt. Jefferson and Three Fingered Jack. After lunch we hiked back down to Marion Lake where most of our group enjoyed a refreshing swim in the slightly green water. We made it back to our vehicles around 5:30 where Janet Jacobsen got out her cooler of delicious banana bread and ginger beer to share with the group. We finished up our adventure at Takoda's restaurant in Rainbow with dinner, drinks, and some good laughs about our day. This was the ninth trip I've led in July, and I'll have to admit I'm a bit

surprised at how much I've enjoyed hiking with all the fun people that make up the Obsidians. I'm fairly busy for the rest of the summer, so I won't be leading more trips soon, but I hope to have many more adventures with the Obsidians in the future. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Jorma Meriaho, Rich Romm, David Strutin, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Richard McManigal.

Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail

August 3, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

FOURTEEN MEMBERS WELCOMED TWENTY-TWO GUESTS for a very friendly morning hike from the Lodge to Hendricks Park. Thanks to Mike Smith who stayed at the Lodge and welcomed late guests, Jorry Rolfe and Dave Cooper who led the extra mile around the Lodge, Jane Hackett and Clara Emlen who were the sweeps, and for everyone who kept the conversations flowing. Guests learned about the hike from *The Register-Guard*, the flyer on the Obsidians website, and from friends.

Guests not registered: John Anderson, Peter Arnold, Carl Bybee, Anne Ellsworth, Bob Gilbert, Jane Gilbert, Elaine Holcomb, Marian Jacobs, Michael Kaplenk with wife Donna Piou, Matt Mavro, Rosy Miller, Cindy Stults. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Evelyn Nagy, Margaret Prentice, Dorothy Quirk, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Tracy Vilhauer, Barbara Tamaccio, Ken Hartupee, Joan Kerfoot, Lisa Heap, Michael Myers, Laura Anderson, Gwen Gibbens, Zoe Cryns.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

Leaders:

Janet Jacobsen (7/3): 10 Members, 1 Nonmember

James Dinn (7/10): 14 Members

Denise Bean (7/17): 13 Members

Jorry Rolfe (7/24): 12 Members

Steve Cordon (7/31): 12 Members, 1 Nonmember

Mt Pisgah (Sunset/Moonrise)

July 16, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen: 4 members

STEVE JOHNSON LED NINE HIKES TOTALING 103 MILES IN JULY—Olallie Mountain, Substitute Point, Horsepasture Mountain, Opie Dilldock, Red Butte, Canyon Creek Meadows, Maxwell Butte, Obsidian Grand Tour, and Marion Mountain and Falls. Back at the Marion Falls trailhead, ten hikers toasted Steve with congratulations and many thanks. All together thirty-seven hikers participated in one or more of his hikes. Perhaps next summer Steve can be persuaded to lead 200 miles in one month! Thanks Steve!



Steve being toasted at Marion Falls trailhead. (Photo by David Lodeesen)

UPCOMING



Bus Trips 2019

Online sign up is now available for all Bus Trips

EXPLORING THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

September 23–28 (Mon–Sat)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Judy Phelps

Cost: \$760 (\$772 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

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

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, the Logging Museum and 120 inches of 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

Cost: \$75 (\$77 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Marcia Claypool 736-3896

Located in Portland's *Old Town* are the remnants of a thriving Chinese community dating back to the 1870s. At one time it was the second largest Chinatown in the United States. This is an Oregon history story that we'll experience

at the new Chinese Museum opened in December, 2018. We will also tour the beautiful and culturally inspiring Lan Su Chinese Garden. Lunch (cost included) will be at the Golden Horse restaurant. In recent times, with gleaming new developments happening in the *Old Town* historic district, the Chinese community is moving to 82nd street on the east side of Portland. We will return to Eugene via the east side and down Highway 99.

CHRISTMAS STORYBOOK LAND IN ALBANY

December 12 (Mon)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$78 (\$80 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Adamcyk 302-8160

NOTE LATER DEPARTURE TIME

Load bus at Shopko, 12:15 PM., depart 12:30

Travel I-5 north to Albany Fairgrounds for our 2:00 PM tour of Storybook Land. Afterward we will travel to Corvallis for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the Willamette River (cost included). Returning home via Highway 99, we should arrive at approximately 9:00 PM.

Please Note: When paying for bus trips, each bus trip requires a separate check. Please make checks payable to *Obsidian Bus Trips* and indicate the trip it covers. Thank you!

Bus Trip information will also be posted on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

Contact information: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Bus Trips Wait List

USUALLY WE DO NOT NEED TO MAINTAIN A WAIT LIST on bus trips. However, this year we have had to set a maximum number of participants and maintain a wait list on the next two upcoming bus trips. The reasons are beyond our control, such as: limited seating on secondary transportation, limited lodging available, limited space in a facility that we plan to visit. Since we have people who call the registrar directly, and we also have online sign up. **IF** you sign up for a bus trip online and see that it puts you on the wait list, **PLEASE** also call the trip registrar to let them know you would like to go on the trip and secure your place on the wait list.

Cape Lookout Cabins Extended Trip

January 9–10, 2020

REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1 for nine people in three deluxe cabins at Cape Lookout State Park on Oregon's north coast. There are numerous splendid beach and cape hikes to explore. Meals are on your own except for two dinners. Pre-trip meeting on Sunday, January 5, at 4:00. Cost is \$85 for Obsidian members.

WATCH THE WEB PAGE FOR LODGE GROUNDS AND LODGE WORK PARTIES to be posted before and after Summer Camp. Cleaning, mowing, weeding, and major repair work projects are planned. If you want to be notified, contact either

Dave Cooper at lodge@obsidians.org

or John Jacobsen at grounds@obsidians.org



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 PM

Mapping the Wildness of Yellowstone With Jim Meacham

JIM IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE UO INFOGRAPHICS LAB. He is also a senior research associate in the Department of Geography, where he teaches map design, and is a former president of the North American Cartographic Information Society. His research interests include map and atlas design and data visualization. Jim is a co-author on several award-winning atlases: *Wild Migrations: Atlas of Wyoming's Ungulates* (2018), *Atlas of Yellowstone* (2012), *Archaeology and Landscape in the Mongolian Altai: An Atlas* (2010), and the *Atlas of Oregon* (2001). His current projects include a second edition of the *Atlas of Yellowstone*, and an *Atlas of the Olympic Peninsula*.

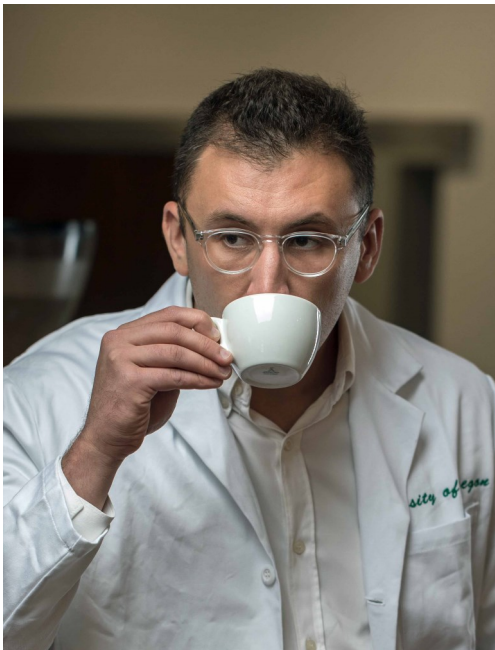
His talk will draw from some of the wildlife stories of ungulates and carnivores that his team and collaborators mapped in the recently published *Wild Migrations: Atlas of Wyoming's Ungulates*, and the in-progress second edition of the *Atlas of Yellowstone*.



POTLOCK

Friday, September 27 at 6:30 PM

Physical and Chemical Considerations of Coffee Production With Christopher Hendon



DESPITE ITS UBIQUITY, IT IS TRULY SURPRISING HOW EVERY CUP OF COFFEE TASTES A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. These variations are less to do with the human than you might think, however. This talk discusses the origin of this variability, and what you can do as the end consumer to maximize your likelihood of obtaining consistently tasty extractions.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

August

18 Sun Cape Perpetua Hike **M**..... Hackett 953-7046
 19 Mon Diamond Pk: PCT & Mt. Yoran trails Hike **D**. Adey 520-9285
 21 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Smith 520-488-9569
 23 Fri Scott Mountain Loop Hike **M**..... Bean 953-6868
 24 Sat Mount Thielsen Climb **D**..... Hansen 360-852-2041
 25 Sun Sweet Creek Hike **E**..... Hackett 953-7046
 28 Wed Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829
 28 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Smith 520-488-9569

September

1 Sun Glacier Park SC SmCmp Lindstrom 683-1409
 4 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Rundle 653-0741
 11 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 12 Thu Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 13 Fri Waldo Lake Weekend CarCmp **M**..... Hougardy 206-9532
 17 Tue Mapping Yellowstone Wilderness **ExploraTalk**
 17 Tue Women's Twin Lakes Canoe/Kayak Ext Trp **E** Rice 517-0757
 18 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Cordon 513-3452
 20 Fri Mt Thielsen Creek Bk Pk **D**..... Hovis 731-3412
 21 Sat SOLVE Beach Clean Up Hike **E** Sojak 799-9199
 21 Sat Mount Hubris Climb **D** Reiter 521-8472
 23 Mon Exploring the Olympic Peninsula Bus Cutsforth 746-4929
 25 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 27 Fri Coffee Production **Potluck**
 28 Sat National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829
 28 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 29 Sun Irish Lake to Stormy Lake PCT Hike **M**..... Sojak 799-9199

October

2 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Smith 520-488-9569
 3 Thu Green Lakes Trail CarCmp **M** Brown 214-930-6394
 5 Sat Crabtree Valley Hike **M**..... Sojak 799-9199
 7 Mon Four In One Cone Hike **M**..... Smith 520-488-9569
 8 Tue South Slough Kayak/Canoe Ext Trp **M** .. Lindstrom 683-1409
 9 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Baer 431-0767
 12 Sat Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 15 Tue Ecology of Surprise..... **ExploraTalk**
 16 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Rolfe 206-9501
 17 Thu Chinese History in Portland Bus West 343-5492
 20 Sun Lookout Creek Trail Hike **M** Cooper 868-5427
 23 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Rolfe 206-9501
 25 Fri Exploring Morocco **Potluck**
 26 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829
 30 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... King 554-1180

November

6 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Rundle 653-0741
 12 Tue Hiking Oregon Ancient Forests..... **ExploraTalk**
 13 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Cooper 868-5427
 22 Fri Wallawas/Elkhorn Mountains..... **Potluck**
 30 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829

December

9 Mon Christmas Storybook Land in Albany OR Bus Beard 994-2337
 9 Thu Cape Lookout Cabins Ext Trp **E**..... Nagy 514-4110

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