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## Dates to Remember

- Apr 28 Program - Birds - EWEB
- Apr 30 Summer Camp Fee Due
- May 3 Board Meeting

Detailed trip schedules at:  
[www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org) or  
 Register-Guard – Sports – Tuesday

### Volunteers Needed

Painters, pavers, cleaners, landscapers, laborers, and volunteers of all persuasions.  
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Summer Camp  
 Final Payment  
 Due April 30!

Mail check to:  
**Obsidian Summer Camp**  
**P.O. Box 51424**  
**Eugene, OR 97405**  
 or bring it to the April "potluck"

## Remembering the Last Time We Climbed Mt. Olympus

*By Janet Baker Jacobsen*

**I**F YOU WILL BE ATTENDING summer camp, you probably are hoping to get a clear view of Mount Olympus, the highest peak in Olympic National Park. Surrounded by mountains and, with no roads through the center of the park, Mount Olympus is largely hidden from sight. Clouds and inclement weather can also shroud the mountain. Sequim, site of our camp, gets only 17 inches of rain a year; less than 30 miles away, Mount Olympus receives over 220 inches, mostly snow.

Should you catch a precious sighting, think of the 13 Obsidians who climbed Mount Olympus on July 19, 1980. I was fortunate enough to be on that climb, led by Gene Thaxton and Glen Meares, the last time our club scaled Mt. Olympus.

Early on July 17th, we drove from Eugene to the Hoh River trailhead (573 ft. elev.) to begin our 22-mile hike/climb to Mount Olympus' summit at 7,945 feet. Tiny Paula Vehrs volunteered to carry the climbing rope but she was easily persuaded to hand it off to another climber. We gained little elevation that day over the first nine miles along the Hoh River to the Olympus campsite. Glen Meares frequently dipped his silver Sierra cup into flowing streams for a cool drink of water. This was before we needed water purifiers.

The second day, we hiked nine more miles up to camp at the Blue Glacier moraine. Nancy White and I quickly put up our tent and then stepped up to the top of

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*Mt. Olympus Summit Block*  
 Photo by Mike Mahanay, President, Washington Alpine Club  
 For more photos see: <http://grandcanyontreks.org/olympus.htm>

## Welcome!

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**MEYERS, SUE** (spelling correction from Myers)

## The Birth of a Membership Directory

**B**Y THIS TIME you have had ample opportunity to admire and use the 2006 edition of the Obsidian membership directory. I want you to know that though the Membership Committee may be responsible for renewing this booklet each year and paying for printing charges out of its budget, credit for the annual birth of this most handy little item goes to John Jacobsen. John spends many hours accumulating all the necessary information, proofing the copy, coordinating the layout of the pages for the printer and, finally, choosing the color of the cover. My contribution to this whole endeavor was to tell John to "make the cover a color that will stand out in my messy desk drawer!" I'm sure all members join me in thanking John for a job well done – as usual!

*--Sharon Ritchie, Membership Chair*

## Construction Update

**T**HE END IS IN SIGHT (we think.) The Lodge is looking good. 2G construction should be finishing up within the next couple of weeks. Obsidian volunteers will be busy with a myriad of tasks such as painting and other finishes, handicap parking and walkway pavers, landscaping as well as the major task of cleaning up the Lodge after the sawdust quits flying. We are starting to think about a grand opening, so stay tuned.

If you would like to volunteer contact:

Lana Lindstrom Joella Ewing  
683-1409 344-9197

My thanks go to the volunteers who have helped recently with paneling, cleanup, building the gravel pad and trenching for our propane installation. Some who have volunteered recently are Lana Lindstrom, Richard Hughes, Wayne Deeter, Peter Graham, Pat Adams, Ken Kodama, Jim Duncan, Anne Hollander, Joella Ewing, Max Brown, and Stewart Hoeg. A special thanks to Rob Castleberry, who despite a recently broken ankle, continued to help organize.

*— John Jacobsen, Construction Chair*

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### Deadline

**for May Bulletin**  
**Saturday, May 6, 2006**

### Editorial Team

Marshall Kandell, Barb Revere,  
Janet and John Jacobsen

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Don Baldwin, Ray Jensen, Marshall Kandell, Verna Kocken, John and Lenore McManigal, Tom Revere, Vera Woolley and Crew Chief Barb Revere

## COMING THIS MONTH: Dan Gleason's "The Joy of Birds"

By Chris Cunningham

**A**RE YOU AMONG THE FOLKS who maintain more than a passing fancy for the birds in your backyard and on the trail? Do you sit in silent wonder when an avian creature perches on a nearby branch or nibbles at a feeder? Well, in Oregon, you're far from alone.

Oregon has the ninth highest number of birdwatchers in the country. Meanwhile, Montana claims the largest number and Hawaii the fewest. These facts are among the findings in a report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service called "Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis," issued in 2001.

Surprisingly, the U.S.F.W.S. also learned that while 40 million people describe themselves as "backyard birders," 74 percent said they can identify just one to 20 bird species. Only 8 percent can identify more than 41.

Locally, we Obsidians are fortunate to have some truly respected birders in our midst, and ornithologists such as

Dan Gleason, in the community.

Join us on Friday, April 28, when Gleason, a field ornithologist, author



*Dan Gleason*

and lecturer, presents "The Joy of Birds". In his lecture and slide presentation, Gleason will focus on the "many pleasures we derive from birds and birding." Gleason, an active member of

the Lane County Audubon Society and a leader of numerous bird walks and natural history field trips around the Northwest, says, "Bird study provides us with a window to view nature as a whole." In his talk, Gleason will provide examples of the diverse and fascinating behaviors in the avian universe and "marvelous" adaptations these creatures have made to survive.

Gleason recently retired from the University of Oregon after 30 years in the department of biology, where he frequently taught classes on bird biology, including functional morphology. He is the author of "Birds! From the Inside Out," a book that "explains some of the basic biology of birds for the average bird enthusiast," and writes a column on birds for The Register-Guard's monthly Home & Garden publication.

April's program takes place at the large community room at EWEB. Socializing and light refreshments will be offered starting at 7:00 p.m., with the presentation beginning at 7:30.

## POTLUCKS

### MARCH REVIEW:

## Biking and Hiking, Basque Vineyards and Villages

By Ann-Marie Askew

**A**T THE OBSIDIAN'S March 24 evening gathering, Chuck Reul showed slides and described the two-week, self-guided cycling and walking trip that he and his wife Sandy took last June through La Rioja in the Basque region of north-east Spain. The trip was sponsored by Headwater, a British adventure company that provided the Reuls with hybrid bikes and detailed maps and directions; booked their hotels and two restaurant meals per day; and transported their luggage from village to village every other day. The biking portion of their trip lasted eight days; the walking portion six days.

Thousands of wineries are regis-

tered in La Rioja, and all the villages are along rivers. There are no gift shops, chain restaurants, or other tourist attractions; the smaller villages have only a small grocery, bakery, butcher, and tobacco shop. Each village has a single hotel, most of which date back to the Middle Ages as monasteries, hospitals, or schools. The Reuls saw no slums and few people during the week, since many apparently work in larger cities, commuting home only on weekends. All restaurants are Basque, serving late dinners that consist of three courses (salad, meat, and dessert – no side vegetables, potatoes, or pasta). In every village the Reuls were able to fill their water bottles with ice cold water from a fountain in the town square.

Chuck and Sandy shared the biking portion of their trip with another couple, but did the walking portion by themselves. Many of their rides were over loose gravel with a moderate elevation gain. A Headwater guide was available by cell phone if they had a problem, and in addition to the maps and guide books provided by Headwater, former clients (mostly British) shared information in a notebook at each hotel.

This was the Reul's eighth Headwater trip. Chuck will share his travel notes and/or a fact sheet on British cycling and hiking companies to interested readers. His e-mail address is:

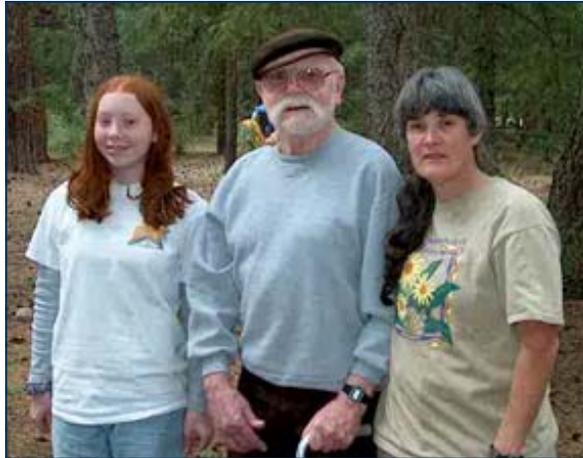
[DocReul@msn.com](mailto:DocReul@msn.com).

# Gene Thaxton Has Been A Most Active Obsidian

**G**ENE THAXTON, who served as Obsidian president in 1982, joined the club in 1966. The first summer camp he attended was Camp Thaxton in the Ruby Mountains when he was president.

According to club historian Lenore McManigal, his first trip was the Coburg Caves Rock School. He participated in 251 Obsidian activities, including 169 hikes, 74 climbs and 8 bus trips. He led 14 climbs, raft trips and the popular Lucky Boy Mine hike.

In January of 2000, Gene suffered a stroke that has made it difficult for him to walk and speak. That has not stopped him. He continues to attend summer camp and go on bus trips. Every spring, he joins friends for a week-long birding and camping trip to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Twice a week, Glen Meares or Jane Hackett drives him to Barry's Coffee



*Photo by John Jacobsen*  
**Gene's grand-daughter Ruth, Gene and Bea at the North Cascades Summer Camp in Washington, 2001**

Shop, where he joins Obsidian friends for early morning coffee.

**GENE'S WIFE**, Bea Fontana, said, "He is very interested in the lodge construction project. He worked on the concrete roof and climbing wall in '60s."

Gene was awarded honorary membership at the 2000 annual meeting. In his letter of nomination, it stated: "Over the years, he has mentored many climbers and worked hard to insure all climbers have enjoyable and successful climbing experiences. Gene has also been quietly active and helpful in the maintenance of the lodge, as well as involvement with other committee activities. He has provided advice and counsel to the board and others on numerous issues faced by the club.

These are but a few of the things Gene has done to support, promote and improve our club.

Gene is clearly qualified as a person who has 'rendered distinguished services to the club'."

## More Than One Way to Protect Your Head



*By Kristin Hostetter*  
*Special to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

**A** GOOD HAT SERVES many purposes, not the least of which is covering up your dirty, be-draggled, hat-headed hairdo. (OK, maybe your hair looks great after a few days in the woods, but mine does not.)

Hats are absolutely vital to our outdoor safety and comfort. They protect us from the rain, sun and wind. They keep us cool in the heat, and warm in the cold. I've used my hat to collect berries and seashells. I've used a mesh hat to strain pasta. And I've used a fleece hat as a pillow. The list goes on and on.

There are literally hundreds of hats to choose from, but once you decide on the style and features that you need/want, shopping becomes much easier.

### **For Rain**

Look for dark-colored hats that will absorb heat and dry faster when the sun finally comes out. Rain hats should never be cotton because cotton soaks up water like a sponge, then gets cold and clammy, and takes forever to dry (compared to nylon).



*Kristin Hostetter*

A Gore-Tex or other waterproof/breathable hat is a great choice for a rainy day because it allows you to leave the hood of your jacket down and preserve peripheral vision and hearing.

Look for a hat with a brim, either baseball cap or sombrero style to keep the rain from dripping into your face. Another nice feature to look for is a thin synthetic wicking liner (such as Coolmax) to keep your noggin warm and dry, and a chin strap to keep it from blowing away during a storm.

### **For Warmth**

Anything goes in this category. You can opt for fleeces of varying thicknesses, wool or acrylic. My favorite cold weather hat material is stretchy windproof fleece. It's wonderfully soft against the head, but also prevents the wind from ripping through my ears. There are cozy fleece balaclavas. (No, these aren't Greek pastries. They're full hoods that protect your head and neck, with a large opening for your face.)

Earbands work great for highly aerobic activities such as cross-country skiing or cold-weather running. And remember: Dark-colored hats will absorb more heat.

### **For Sun**

Cotton works fine in the sun, as does lightweight nylon or

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# Remembering Mt. Olympus

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the rocks. The panorama of mountain peaks was breath taking. Which one was Mount Olympus? Gene pointed out the West peak, around four miles away. It is a good thing I didn't glimpse Mount Olympus with binoculars or I might have stayed in my tent the next morning.

We all grabbed cameras when mountain goats came within a few feet of our camp. I remember Gene giving foot massages at the moraine campsite. When Nancy commented that she couldn't sleep with all those "rustling outdoor noises," Gene gave her construction earplugs. It worked! That is a compassionate leader.

## HERE IS WHAT GENE WROTE:

"Saturday we woke to an overcast sky with the summit and snow dome completely clouded. We left camp at 5 a.m., crossed the upper portion of Blue Glacier, up through rock outcrops to the snow dome and on up with an increasing wind and deteriorating weather. Wands were placed as a precaution and proved a welcome sight on the descent. Crampons were not necessary, as the snow was soft enough for good footholds on the steeper slopes. The windy mist, however, resulted in a bone chilling winter-type climb. About halfway up the snow dome, out of the swirling mist, two more goats were descending, with one clearly marked for observation. The base of the summit pinnacle was reached shortly before 10 a.m. We fixed lines and set the summit belay, people on top by 10:15 a.m. and 13 people up and off with ropes secured by noon."

Gene left M&Ms for us in the metal summit box. Dot Leland and I were the last to climb the exposed ledge to the top. She took off like a mountain goat. Fortunately, I couldn't see the drop-off. I was so relieved to make it to the top that I didn't cry when Dot and I found all the M&Ms gone.

Back at our tents at 2:30, we quickly packed up and started downhill to the Olympic campsite. At one point in the trudge downhill, Gene graciously explained to a member that she was going uphill when she should be going down the

trail. Now that I think about it, perhaps he wasn't so gracious in his tone. Dick Hildreth had to painfully backtrack a few miles to retrieve a forgotten ice ax. The last ones back to Olympus camp and with dead flashlight batteries, Velma Shirk and Dot tripped over tree roots in the dark. Velma said, "I was exhausted when I fell down on the bunk in the shelter. Then I couldn't sleep because I heard all of these noises that I imagined were some kind of attacking animals.

With approaching daylight, I realized that it was the men snoring." It was a 16-hour, 14-mile day with our sore feet and blisters, aware of every step. We were so tired all we could do was laugh at mistakes.

**O N T H E FOURTH DAY**, we hiked out the final nine miles. Four of us were determined to be the first ones back to the parking lot. Bert Ewing set his watch to play a tune every 30 minutes. My feet welcomed those melo-

dies. When we reached the parking lot, there was Gene looking like a million dollars with a big grin. Firing up his camp burner to heat some water in the restroom, he had had a quick shave and wash. When I lamented having to do this long 44-mile hike and car trip in just four days, Gene responded, "When one is fortunate enough to have a day to climb, one needs to make the most of it."

Gene will be 80 years old when he attends the 2006 summer camp. I wish him spectacular vistas to match his great memories of the Olympic Mountains. I also hope he knows how much we appreciated his leadership on so many climbs.



*Gene presents Janet with Summit Certificate as Janet fills out the Summit Book.*

## Protect Your Head

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any other highly breathable material. Hats with lots of mesh provide good ventilation. In terms of colors, you'll want to go with a white or light-colored hat in the heat, because it will keep you coolest. And look for a hat that's black underneath the brim; this dramatically

reduces glare.

A big, floppy, wide-brimmed sombrero with a chin strap works well, as does a long-billed baseball cap. Some caps come with a long, veil-like neck covering, which is a superb feature in a hot-weather hat. (You can rig your own by tucking a bandana under your baseball cap, and letting it drape down the back of your neck.)

*An outdoors writer for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Kristin was Backpacker Magazine's gear editor for seven years and continues to write for that publication. See:*

<http://backpacker.com/experts>

*She has generously allowed the Obsidian Bulletin to reprint her Seattle P-I articles.*

## ...and We Have a Winner

*By Janet Jacobsen*

**T**HE FOOD SECTION in the March 15th Register Guard highlighted the history of the Pillsbury Bake-off. It mentioned that a few Lane County women had competed in the contest. The article reminded me that one of our past presidents, Dallas Cole, competed in the 1956 Pillsbury Bake-off. She now lives in Lake Oswego so I called her to check the details of this historic event. Dallas hopes that this peek into antiquity will serve the journalistic cause.

Dallas said there were two women from each state cooking on 100 General Electric ovens in the Beverly Hill Hilton ballroom. Each woman received the three day trip to California, the oven and \$100.00. Representing the state of Illinois, Dallas made her Buttered Pecan Nut Bread three times. She said, "I was seven months pregnant and I felt a bit queasy when the woman next to me began frying onions. We had to use at least one cup of Pillsbury flour. Mixes and alcohol were not



allowed. When it was over, I lumbered over to stand in line so that Ronald Reagan could shake my hand. He was the General Electric host. He congratulated me on winning the oven."

She sent a note with the photograph, "I don't just cook. I was the Obsidian conservation chair that half the club objected to and I still write angry letters to administrative offices about environmental matters. I think Gale Norton resigned partly because she was sick of hearing from me."

Dallas is also an artist. When she lived in Eugene, she sculpted three large ceramic relief murals. The pieces are at the Community Conference Center opposite the Hult Center, at the Eugene Relief Nursery, and Eugene Public Utility district offices off Seavey Loop. On your way out to hike up Pisgah, take time to drive into the EPUD parking lot and see the series of bas-relief tree trunks along a 60 foot wall. They are majestic.

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## ... and Another: A New Obsidian by Luck of the Draw

*By Barb Revere*

**D**AVE JENSEN'S NAME was drawn out of a box and both he and the Obsidians came out winners!

When Jensen went to the Eugene Celebration last fall, he wandered by the Obsidians' publicity booth. He'd heard about the Obsidians after moving to Eugene in 1989, but had never investigated further. The volunteer on duty invited Dave to enter the drawing for a free membership, one of two given away last fall. Dave's entry was pulled from the box and he is now a proud member.

Though Dave's one-year membership is free, he still had to do the three "qualifying" trips. This was no problem for Dave, who did his three trips within 21 days in January and Febru-

ary. They were all cross-country ski trips: Sand Mountain Traverse, Rosary Lakes and Fawn Lake. He then quickly submitted his application and was approved at the March board meeting.

Dave, 49, was born in Inglewood, CA, and lived in the San Francisco bay area before settling in Oregon. He is an independent statistical consultant for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the northwest salmon recovery program. He developed a keen interest in the outdoors as a young boy and has hiked and camped his entire life. In the past, bike touring filled a large part of Dave's free time, but these days he bikes mostly just around town. Dave is an avid hiker and backpacker. Playing

and listening to fiddle music and photography round out his list of hobbies.

Those of you who have skied with Dave have enjoyed his company, the rest of us welcome Dave and hope to meet him soon on a bike trip or hike. When I reached Dave for this interview he told me he was waiting out the lull between winter and summer trips and anxious to get back out on the trail again.

The Publicity and Membership committees gave away *two* memberships in the drawing last fall; the second went to James Yow. No one has met him on a trip yet, but maybe he is like a lot of us, waiting for sunshine and warm weather.

# A Woman's Fight for Wilderness

By Judy Newman

**I** RECENTLY SAW a documentary film about the life of Mardy (Margaret) Murie. Not a household name? She is often called the mother of the conservation movement in America. She married her biologist husband, Olaus Murie, in 1924, and spent her honeymoon traveling by boat and dogsled for three months with him in the wilderness of the Upper Koyukuk River country of Alaska while he completed his studies of the caribou population in that area.

This trip and subsequent trips into the wilds of Alaska, instilled in her a love of that country that she shared not only with her husband but with National Park Service scientists and the many conservationists of the time (Robert Marshall, founder of the Wilderness Society, Aldo Leopold, Supreme Court Justice William O'Douglas, and Howard Zahniser, author of the Wilderness Act, among others). All of them felt compelled to find a way to preserve this wilderness. Many of them expressed values they saw inherent in wilderness that went beyond what we would expect, well beyond the flora and fauna and recreation, to the spiritual and inspirational.

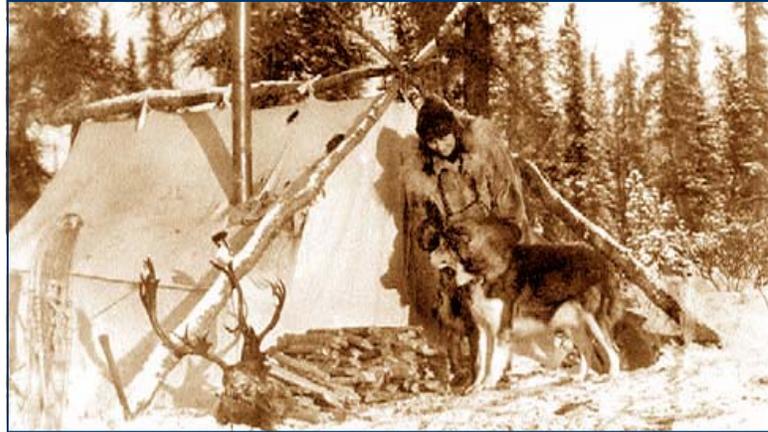
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*““Having been the basis of all our sophisticated society, doesn't wilderness itself have a right to live on?”*

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As two people who had lived and studied in wilderness areas for extended periods over many years, the Muries became leaders of the effort to preserve a part of Alaska as a perpetual wilderness. In 1960 the Arctic National Wildlife Range was signed into being. Olaus died in 1963 but Mardy continued on with the conservation work. In 1964 she was at the White House when President Johnson signed the Wilderness Act. Throughout the seventies she continued on with the work of protecting ANWR from being divided. She wrote letters, gave

speeches, and testified at hearings. She was an invited speaker when Jimmy Carter was honored for expanding the range and renaming it in 1980. ANWR was increased in size in 1983 and again in 1988 to its present size of approximately 19.3 million acres – the



largest of the refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

**SOME OF THE MANY** awards Mardy received in the 1980's were the Sierra Club's John Muir Award, the Audubon Medal and the Wilderness Society's Bob Marshall Award and two honorary Ph.D's. She was interviewed for TV and radio shows – the

Today Show and National Geographic among many. The Murie Center, an organization to continue Mardy and Olaus' work, was created in

conjunction with the Grand Teton National Park and their ranch in Jackson Hole became a National Historic District in 1998. Also in 1998, Mardy Murie was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton. Mardy Murie, author and activist, died in 2003 at the age of 101, having been a constant, vigilant adherent of the conservation of wilderness for most of her long life.

**THE AMAZING THING** about ANWR is that it is still like it has always been. By that I mean that it has evolved on its own. There are virtu-

ally no species, plant or animal, that have been introduced into it by man and there are no species endangered or made extinct by man. It is truly a living specimen of evolving life untouched by man's influence. However, this last bit of wilderness continues to

be threatened both by oil leaks and by politics. On March 16, 2006 the U.S. Senate approved a budget resolution that included a provision for drilling for gas and oil in ANWR. A vote in the House of Representatives may have happened before you read this article in April.

Is the west's honeymoon with wilderness about to end? Mardy went beyond that question to ponder “Having been the basis of all our sophisticated society, doesn't wilderness itself have a right to live on?” and “I think my main thought is this; that perhaps man is going to be overwhelmed by his own cleverness; that he may even destroy himself by this same cleverness. And I firmly believe that one of the very few hopes for man is the preservation of the wilderness we now have left, and the greatest reservoir of that medicine for mankind lies in Alaska.”

For additional info:

[www.muriecenter.org](http://www.muriecenter.org)

[www.arcticdance.com](http://www.arcticdance.com)

Sources: USFWS website and “Arctic Dance, the Mardy Murie Story” by Charles Craighead and Bonnie Kreps

# BOARD NOTES

**April 5, 2006**

President Wayne Deeter called the meeting to order. The following members of the Board were present: Marianne Camp, Jim Duncan, Sandra Larsen, Sheila Ward, Brian Hamilton, Stewart Hoeg, and Anne Dhu McLucas. Other members present were Doug Nelson, Barbara Bruns, Sharon Ritchie, Kathy Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, John Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, Margaret Prentice, Max Brown, and Laurie Funkhouser.

**Treasurer's Report:** Board approved the following bills: EWEB, \$228.08; Corporate Division Fee, \$50.00; Pacific Benefit (Insurance), \$996.00; Publications (bulk mail) \$115.00, (Insta-Print) \$709.50; Barb Revere (Publication – postage) \$18.27; Sharon Ritchie (Membership), \$21.83; Margaret Prentice (Summer Trips – postage), \$82.21; Judy Newman (Concessions – coffee), \$80.50; Sandra Larsen (Summer Trips – supplies), \$66.95; James Duncan (Administration – postage), \$3.30; Stewart Hoeg (Entertainment Supplies), \$51.00; Joella Ewing (work party refreshments), \$12.17; Sheila Ward (Administration – postage/copies) \$14.96; John Jacobsen (Construction), \$152.76; Pat Adams (Construction); \$8.40. In addition, a CD matured at a value of \$16,699.91 which was deposited in the checking account to cover construction costs.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Construction Committee** (John Jacobsen): Construction is anticipated to be completed in a couple of weeks. Volunteer activity will be increasing markedly as we near completion. A work-party is scheduled for Saturday.

**Fund Raising Committee:** Sharon Ritchie reported no new monies. Donations stands at \$63,351.00.

**Lodge Insurance:** Barbara Bruns reported that Willis has transferred our account to Pacific Benefit Consultants. The quotes for coverage as of May 1, 2006 (as compared to previous) are: Commercial Property \$1048 (\$812); General Liability \$586 (\$484) and Auto/Trailer \$256 (\$245). Since the trailer will not be used for Summer Camp this year, it was decided to not cover it.

**ONRC Roadless Areas Letter:** Wayne reported that a letter was sent to Oregon

Natural Resources Council consenting to Obsidians support in a letter to Chief Bosworth.

**Goal 5 Natural Resources Inventory Meeting:** Stewart attended the hearing before the Lane County Planning Commission. A tiny corner of our property is within the proposed 40-foot setback from the stream. Only this small area would impacted. No action needed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Date of July Board Meeting:** Wayne noted that next Board meeting would be scheduled during Summer Camp. It was agreed to move the Board meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

**Nominating Committee Selection:** Wayne asked for suggestions of individuals to be part of the nominating committee. Suggested members were: Rick Ahrens, Don Payne, Jan and John Jacobsen, Sharon Ritchie, Max Brown, Jim Duncan and Ed Lichtenstein.

**Dues/Fees Proposal:** The Finance Committee has proposed changes in fees/dues to assist in replenishing the endowment and contingency funds which have been eliminated due to the Lodge remodeling and dues have not increased since 1994. Costs and expenses of the club have increased but the revenue has not. The proposals to be considered included an increase in the lifetime membership from \$300 to \$500; an increase in annual dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00; the introduction of different levels of annual membership such as Basic (\$30), Silver (\$50), Gold (\$100) and Platinum (\$200); and the option to not receive the Bulletin by mail. An amendment to the constitution will be drafted to be presented to members regarding the lifetime membership.

**Neighbor Parking at Lodge:** John Jacobsen informed the Board that the neighbor, Lara London, is interested in using the parking at the lodge for clients and would be willing to pay a reasonable fee. Discussion took place regarding liability, gate not being locked and being opened 6 days a week, general public access, other alternatives, etc. It was decided to decline providing parking.

**Sound System for Summer Camp and Entertainment:** Jim Duncan announced that a new sound system was purchased

through Summer Camp at an approximate cost of \$300.00. Since the system may be used at other club functions such as potlucks, the Entertainment Committee will be sharing the cost of the Sound System. The Board provided unanimous approval to the Entertainment Committee for \$144.98 to its portion of the system.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips** (Margaret Prentice): Reported 1 maintenance trip (Beach Cleanup) - 15 members and 1 non-member. 6 Summer Trips - 52 members and 9 non-members for a total of \$88.00 in trip fees.

**Climbs** (Doug Nelson): Doug reported that the Climb School is full and thanked Publicity for the Register Guard notice. Joseph Calbreath will be participating in the climb school which may generate some publicity.

**Summer Outing** (Jim Duncan): Jim reported that complete with 150 participants (78 in first session; 72 in second session) and a short waiting lists for both sessions. The camp booklet has been completed and published. Rick Ahrens will be working with several club members to evaluate the Summer Camp kitchen equipment and trailer.

**Conservation** (Judy Newman): 16 members participated in the Beach Cleanup on 3/25/06; Concessions now carrying shade-grown, organic coffee.

**Publications** (Marshall Kandell): Costs of \$563.94 (postage \$118.94 plus printing \$445.00) for March bulletin. \$264.50 for Membership Directory.

**Entertainment** (Kathy Hoeg): 55 individuals attended the March potluck. Fees collected: \$50.

**Membership** (Sharon Ritchie): 8 new members, 1 reinstated member.

**Concessions** (Laurie Funkhouser): The new web page up providing easy access to Obsidians products. A new item for concessions, in cooperation with Conservation, is shade grown, organic coffee, with profits to be donated to Entertainment Committee for audio/visual equipment. Total sales for March were \$100.00 (\$40.00 coffee; \$60.00 merchandise).

**Library/Historian** (Lenore McManigal): Lenore reported all trips have been recorded.

## Wayne Lill

**T**HE MEMORIAL SERVICE was held March 31 for Wayne Taylor Lill of Eugene, who died March 20 of cancer. He was 83.

Wayne was born Dec. 31, 1922, in Hood River, to Vernon and Vena Taylor Lill. He married Ruth Weathers in Eugene on May 21, 1965. He lived in Hood River until 1950. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and again during the Korean conflict. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and a master's degree in teaching from Reed College.

Wayne was an art teacher at Willamette High School from 1963 to 1985. He enjoyed jewelry making, woodworking, travel and jazz. He also enjoyed hiking and was a long-time member of the Crag Rats climbing and rescue organization. He also sang with the Eugene Gleemen.

He is survived by his wife. Services were at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Eugene, with inurnment at Idlewilde Cemetery in Hood River. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenhill Humane Society or the St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Wayne joined the Obsidians in 1979. He participated in 55 hikes of which he led 19. His last with the club was in 1995.

## Derald Himber

**D**ERALD FRANK HIMBER of Missoula, Mont., formerly of Eugene and McKenzie Bridge, died March 3 of a stroke. He was 72.

Derald was born Oct. 10, 1933, in Eugene, to Duane and Evelyn Himber. He married Judith Johnson on Nov. 23, 1952.

He attended the University of Oregon for a year and had served in the Air Force Reserve. He worked in the family business, Himber and Sons magazine distribution. He enjoyed mountain climbing and is remembered as a wonderful musician.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jody Himber of Eugene and Joanna Himber of Missoula, Mont.; two sons, Joe of Roseburg and Jeff of Missoula; a brother, Dorlan; and five grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for spring in the Mc-Kenzie River area.

Obsidian Historian Lenore McManigal reports that Derald was a member from 1963—1972. He made 22 climbs, 11 hikes and earned the 10 Peak Award. He became a Chief in 1965.

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### Book Review:

## *The Land That Slept Late*

*By Janet Jacobsen*

The Land That Slept Late: The Olympic Mountains in Legend and History, by Robert L. Wood. The Mountaineers 1995, \$14.95

**T**HE OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS, in 1907, were considered among the last unexplored wildernesses in the United States. The author explains some of the reasons why the Indians did not travel into the interior of the peninsula. He highlights the explorers, the expeditions, the first party to cross the Olympics from Port Angeles to the Pacific Ocean, the Alpine Club Expedition, and mountain-

eering.

Of most interest to me was the description of the Mountaineer's first summer outing to the Olympics...a three-week outing for \$40. Mountain climbing was the main activity for the 64 members. The day started at 4:30 a.m. Each member was to have a haversack, alpenstock, hat, mosquito net and "colored glasses." On trips and climbs, women were asked to wear bloomers or knickerbockers (no skirts) with winter type undergarments.

Some members from the Explorers Club of New York were hoping to

make the first ascent of Mount Olympus before the Mountaineers. They rushed to the Olympics and...climbed the wrong peak! A few weeks later, on August 13th, the Mountaineers, 10 men and a woman, made the first ascent of Mount Olympus. Each put something in a record box that was left on the summit.

I'd like to tell you more, but this is a review. Read the book yourself to find out all sorts of interesting information about the Olympics. It is a concise history with interesting anecdotes, maps and priceless black and white photographs.



## Hikes

### West Eugene Wetlands

March 4, 2003

Leader: Chris Cunningham

6 miles, 0 ft. ("A")

**N**INETEEN OF US enjoyed a brisk walk through Meadowlark Prairie in the West Eugene Wetlands on a remarkably sunny winter morning. Those who had not been to the area were impressed with the expansive scope of this nationally recognized restoration project. The chilly breeze at our backs kept us moving at a good clip from beginning to end, with just short breaks at Checkermallow Access to look through the viewscope; and two other spots, where we looked through binoculars or simply stood and listened to birdsong. Among the bird sightings: great blue heron, kestrel, bald eagle, meadowlark and a multitude of robins. A variety of ducks and geese gathered at the numerous, shallow wetland pools. On our way back, we enjoyed a clear view of the snowcapped

Sister. Participants: nonmembers Zella Andreski, Barbara Carter and Beth Noon; members Max Brown, Jean Coberly, Chris Cunningham, Walt Dolliver, Maggie Gontrum, Tom Gould, Sam Houston, George Jobanek, Kitty Johnson, Doris and Robert Jones, Jackie Lukowski, Sue Meyers, Pete Peterson, Julia Richardson, Peter Rodda and Vincenza Scarpaci.

### Mt. Pisgah-Sunset/Moonset

March 14, 2006

Leader: Royal Murdock

3 miles, 1,000 ft. ("A")

**THE WEATHER GIVES** and the weather takes. The showery conditions and clouds that denied us a vista of the rising moon provided us with a rainbow that guided us to the summit and indicated the pot of gold right at the Pisgah monument. However, it must have moved just before we summited. The sun hid behind a cloud as it set, but still provided rose colored clouds that extended to the eastern horizon. Finally, back at the trailhead, the full moon emerged in all her glory and lighted our way to our cars. Hikers were: John Agnew, LaRee Beckley, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Pat Esch, Royal Murdock and Nola Shurtleff.

### Trestle Creek Falls

March 18, 2006

Leader: Ann-Marie Askew

4 miles, 1,000 ft. ("A")



Photo by Stewart Hoeg

**THIS HIKE WAS ORIGINALLY** scheduled for March 11, but had to be rescheduled because the Willamette Valley had been blanketed in snow the prior week. Seven Obsidians and a soon-to-be member drove through sun, sleet and snow, wondering what to expect at the trailhead, where we'd arranged to meet a former Obsidian who currently lives near Roseburg. The nine of us trudged through soft snow and dodged snowballs falling from heavily-laden trees along the counterclockwise loop. The waterfalls were especially magnificent in their winter wonderland setting. Obsidian hikers included Ann-Marie Askew, Marcia Cutler, Kathy and Stewart Hoeg, Norma Lockyear, Ruth Romoser and Glen Svendsen; former member Karen Thompson; and soon-to-be member Zella Andreski.



**BIRDS OF A FEATHER GATHER TOGETHER** -- The wetlands offer ideal conditions for bird watching...or people watching, for that matter, should you be of a webfooted species.

Photos by Zella Andreski

### McDonald Research Forest

March 18, 2006

Leader: Rebecca Hansen

Reporter: Janet Jacobsen

10 miles, 1,000 ft. ("B")

**WE LEFT AT 8 A.M.** for the OSU 11-square-mile McDonald Research Forest north of Corvallis. We started at the Chip Ross Park access to hike the 1.6 mile loop to Ross Park viewpoint. On top was a map pointing to all of the mountains that were hidden in the clouds. We stopped at a rock monument and read the plaque dedicated to Willi Unsoeld who was a teacher, philosopher and mountain climber. He died in an avalanche on Mt. Rainier March 4, 1979. *Note:* Unsoeld made the first ascent of Mt. Everest's

west ridge in 1963. He was the speaker at the Obsidians' 50th anniversary banquet in 1977. "Willie told about his climbing experiences as a youth in the Eugene area, often going with the Obsidians on exciting adventures into the Cascades. Often his boots were too large having been handed down from older climbers; and food was of heavy consistency swallowed in fast gulps causing heartburn and many "burps" on the mountain" (quote from Bulletin.)

We then drove to Peavy Arboretum on the west side of the forest. With map in hand, we hiked the Woodland Trail, Calloway Creek Trail, Intensive Management Trail, Forest Discovery Trail, Section 36 Loop Trail and Powder House Trail. The lunch stop was a busy open spot filled with several youth groups also enjoying the brief moments of sun. It was Beth Stegall's first trip and we do hope she joins. When she read the sign-up sheet she thought the word "boots" was "books." Since her mother owns a bookstore in Cottage Grove, Beth had no problem adding several magazines to her pack. She shared Ms. Magazine and Women's Health Magazine with us at lunchtime. Beth was so good natured about our teasing.

Highlights of the trip were the trillium



Photo by Joan Abel

Nola, Becky and Janet at the Willie Unsoeld plaque.

and wood violets just beginning to bloom and the OSU forestry students and professional competitors practicing their logging skills near Cronemiller Lake. Becky was able to identify and explain the competitive events: sparring (tree climbing), axe throw, log roll, crosscut. The most interesting was a young woman sparring up a tree trunk for about 12 ft. We would all like to go back and try some of the other trails, such as Dan's trail to Dimple Hill. We appreciate Becky driving and leading us on such an out of the ordinary hike. Participants were non-member Beth Stegall and members Joan Abel, Becky Hansen, Janet Jacobsen and Nola Nelson.

### Gillespie Butte

March 19, 2006

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

3 miles, 100 ft ("A")

SO MANY PEOPLE signed up for this hike, that I assigned Walt Dolliver to collect trip fees while I helped the non-members with membership applications. Fourteen members and seven nonmembers made the short walk up to Gillespie Butte and the hillside Gillespie Cemetery. Jacob and Elizabeth Gillespie donated the land at the north end of the

butte to the Gillespie Cemetery Association to be used as a burial ground in 1895. Many of the monuments had familiar names: Armitage, Gillespie, Young, Goodpasture, Campbell, Harlow, and Spores. We spent some time at the Woodsman of the World (WOW) monument for James Armitage. The monument looks like a tree stump with the broken limbs. I read from an article by member, Karen Seidel, about the meaning of the symbols: hammer axe, wedge. Fawn lilies blooming around a small monument hidden under a bush made a picturesque scene. First timers were surprised to discover such a quiet spot overlooking Eugene. Back at Starbucks, half of the group continued on to Delta Ponds with Rick Ahrens as a guide. Rick described the recent changes and then we did a bit of birding. Zella Andreski and Holly Higgins completed their three trips and will be

mailing in their applications. Members: Rick Ahrens, LaRee Beckley, Jean Corberly, Walt Dolliver, Sharon Duncan, Jane Hackett, Carolyn Higgins, Cork Higgins, Anne Hollander, Janet Jacobsen, Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere, Tom Revere and Sam Tracer. Nonmembers: Jane Allen, Zella Andreski, Sandy Burr, Susan Deal, Ron Edwards, Holly Higgins, Lorre Lucas and Mary Peel.



Photo by Zella Andreski

Gillespie Cemetery

### Lower McKenzie River to Belknap Springs

March 27, 2006

Leader: Barb Revere

8 miles, 200 ft ("B")

BLESSED BY FULL SUNSHINE and cool temperatures, this delightful hike traces four miles of the McKenzie River and began with 14 trekkers catching a Lane Transit District bus from downtown Eugene or Thurston Corners, to ride to the McKenzie Ranger Station. Along the trail, cedar, white pine, and fir shaded a veritable carpet of Oregon grape, bracken, mosses with just a sprinkling of trillium. Beside the trail, icy clear water roared over boulders and bends keeping us interested. Upon arriving at the resort, we split into groups to wander the grounds, eat lunch, bask in the sun or ease into the pool. The resort keeps the pool at 102 F, and we all felt well poached after our hour-long simmer. The trail was in surprisingly good shape; and we saw evidence of work crews in newly sawed trees felled by wind earlier in the season. The muddy spots were few -- or so well mixed with forest duff that the muck didn't cling to our boots. We met two other hikers and they had ridden the bus with us. Our convivial group of 12 Obsidians, and one pending member, congratulated themselves at the end of this wonderful excursion. Barbara Norregaard was completing her third trip, the ink drying on her application at the end of



Photo by Tom Adamcyk

*Not to be outdone by a better known but unnamed publication, we present here "Women (and a Couple Men) of the Obsidians" in what is probably the closest this publication will ever get to a centerfold. Relaxing at Belknap Hot Springs Resort.*

the day. Hikers were: Members: Joan Abel, Tom Adamcyk, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Yuan Hopkins, Sam Houston, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Darrell McBee, Nancy McBee, Carol Petty, Barb Revere and Charlie Van Deusen. Nonmember: Barbara Norre-gard.

**Larison Rock**  
**March 29, 2006**  
**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**  
**8 miles, 2400 ft ("B")**

**FOUR OF US OPTED** for the shorter hike, (8 miles) starting at the South Bank trail-head (Forest Road 2102). Dan Christensen lost his plea for the longer hike (9.4 miles) beginning at Sweetwaters Park. It took us 2 hours and 15 minutes to hike the 4 miles from 1300 ft. to 3700 ft. I called everyone before the trip to warn about the major hurdle, a huge tree blocking the trail on a steep slope. We peered up at the 6 ft. trunk and considered our choices. We could make an awkward scramble up around the root ball or an ungraceful climb over the trunk. There were no steps to aid the first move. Several of us found a 4 or 5 ft. section to climb/roll over which left us with wet and dirty hiking pants and hands. Ruth Romoser opted to go under the tree where it had fallen over the trail. There was a petite space that was quite dry and perfect for elves where one could stretch out and roll. Charlie Van Deusen followed Ruth under the tree and recom-

mended it for our return hike.

We met Obsidian members, Jan Anselmo and Kathy Jensen, on their way down from their daily workout. There were more trees on the trail to scoot over but they all seemed a piece of cake after the monster tree. Bursts of sun and a few unidentified purple flowers made us feel that we were on a "spring hike." Near the top, we felt the drops of melting snow from the trees. There was still a bit of snow to be found on the ground. A year ago on March 12th when I led this hike, it was 69 degrees and we were wearing



Photo by Charlie Van Deusen

*Over, under, around, or skip it altogether - Barb and Ruth contemplate how to get by big tree across the trail to Larison Rock*

shorts. Larison Rock is hidden in the trees until the last ten minutes of the hike. "We came all the way for this!" was one joking comment. There used to be a look-out on top but now tall trees block the view to the east and southeast. We scrambled up to the top to find a perch that allowed us to gaze west at the ridge-line and moving clouds. On the return trip, all but Dan rolled under the monster tree. He has the longest legs so perhaps he hopped over the tree. We stopped for soda pop at Rascals, the last stop on the way out of Oakridge. Hikers were: Dan Christensen, Janet Jacobsen, Barb Revere, Ruth Romoser, Charlie Van Deusen.

**Ridgeline Trail**  
**April 1, 2006**  
**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**  
**6 miles 1450 ft ("B")**



Photo by Barb Revere

**THANKS TO CHAUFFEUR**, John Jacobsen, Barb Revere and I were able to leave our vehicles at the Spring St. trailhead for the one-way hike. Fourteen hikers met at SEHS parking lot and made the quick drive to the Blanton Heights trailhead to begin our hike at 8:45. We lucked out with the weather; it was cool with a few glimpses of blue sky. The downpour the night before made a quagmire of the muddy trail. Perhaps bog is more descriptive. The worst part was the Blanton Heights section. So much for clean boots.

The trillium was in full bloom with white blossoms appearing on many slopes. We saw spring beauties, a few calypso orchids and fawn lilies. A year ago at this time, there were beds of calypso orchids on the Fox Hollow/Dillard section. For those interested in the distances, it was 1.7 miles from Blanton to Willamette, 1.8 miles from Willamette to Fox Hollow, 0.8 miles from Fox Hollow to Dillard, and 0.9 miles to Spring.

Dan Christensen and his grandson,

Braden left the group so that they could hike up Baldy and then return to Blanton Heights. Because of the muddy trail, the rest of us hiked around Baldy to Spring. On the way, Norma Lockyear and Tom Gould left the group to take a side trail down to Old Dillard. That left ten of us who were ready to cheer when we saw the two cars. It was 12:00 when Barb Revere drove hikers back to SEHS and I drove the rest to Blanton Heights.

Even with the swampy conditions, this was an excellent spring wildflower hike. It also gave people an opportunity to explore one of Eugene's treasures. It was Jane Allen's third trip and she had her membership form ready to mail. Hikers were Joan Abel, Zella Andreski, Dan Christensen, Walt Dolliver, Tom Gould, Janet Jacobsen, Norma Lockyear, Greg Milliman, Carol Petty, Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere, Charlie Van Deusen, and nonmembers Jane Allen and Braden O'Guinn.



## Ski Trips

### **Maiden Peak**

**January 22, 2006**

**Leader: John Hegg**

**X-Ski, 12 miles, 2,800 ft. (Advanced)**

**O**N THIS DAY the weather and snow conditions could not have been much better for skiing to the summit of Maiden Peak. Around 10 a.m. nine back country skiers set off from Willamette Pass towards Maiden Peak via the Rosary Lakes area. From Upper Rosary Lake we began our ascent up through 12 inches of untracked dry powder under heavily snow-laden trees.

Shortly after leaving the lakes, as the terrain steepened and snow deepened, we applied skins for the final push on up. Taking short breaks and alternating the lead often, the group had the energy to complete the 2,800-foot elevation gain to the top at a steady pace. As the group pushed on up the final few hundred feet, weather conditions changed from calm and pristine to a raging almost hurricane force cold wind greeting each person rounding the rim. However, in spite of the windy conditions, there were clear panoramic views of the nearby lakes and

## Princess Activities

**TEN PRINCESSES MET** March 21st at Blooming Branch for lunch. They voted to close their checking account and contribute the money to the building fund.

We enjoyed listening to Sue Sullivan talk about her preparations and packing for a climb in Nepal. She said, "I cooked a 21 lb. turkey and then dried it in my food dryer. The result was 1 1/2 pounds of dried turkey." Sue and five Obsidians will join ten other local climbers who are leaving March 23rd to climb a 20,000 ft. peak near Mt. Everest.

The chef served a special chocolate cake for celebrate the March birthdays of Velma Shirk, Catherine Jones, and Margaret Wiese. Our waiter was most impressed that all of us had climbed the Three Sisters, a requirement to be a Princess. This tradition began in fun at 1929 Summer Camp held in a meadow on Hinton Creek near the South Sister. Since then 137 Obsidian women climbers have been initiated.



*The Princesses Attending from left: Catherine Jones, Natalie Morgan, Velma Shirk, Sue Sullivan, Dot Leland, Margaret Wiese, Chris Shuraleff, Mary Bridgeman, Lenore McManigal, and Janet Jacobsen (not shown - photographer.)*

summits from the top. Here, we enjoyed lunch hunkered down on the lee side of the mountain, taking in the views and contemplating our descent.

The ski off the top was exciting, with all of us skiing our own tracks, carving Telemark turns down the fall line through the powdery snow. All in all, a great day with everyone out and back to the cars around 5 p.m. Many thanks to the group of hardy trail breakers: Jan and Rich Anselmo, Kathy and Chris Jensen, John Hegg, Dick Hildreth, Kevin McManigal, Bill McWhorter and Sam Miller.

### **Gold Peak Lookout (Almost)**

**February 19, 2006**

**Leader: Kevin McManigal**

**ONLY ONE PERSON** signed up for the ski to Gold Peak lookout and I could not get hold of that person on the phone, so after

many calls with no response and since I don't like to back country ski by myself, I spent the day downhill skiing at Willamette pass ski area and had a very good time. The lone skier on the trip was Kevin McManigal.

### **Sardine Butte**

**February 25, 2006**

**Leader: Brian Hoyland**

**X-Ski, 6 miles, 600 ft.**

**THE OFFICIAL** Obsidian trip was cancelled. Although three other members had signed up, they cancelled the week of the trip. So, I skied the loop by myself and had a nice tour. I followed the Fall Creek road FS#18 to snowline where I parked. Skiable snow was only a hundred yards of hiking from where I parked. I skied a six-mile loop in two hours on forest service roads under warm, hazy sunshine in spring corn snow conditions.

## Fawn Lake

March 4, 2006

Leader: Diane Jeffcott

X-Ski, 8 miles, 872 ft. (Intermediate)

SIX OF US TOOK OFF on a beautiful, sunny day in two cars. Roads were clear and we didn't have to chain up. The ski in, from Crescent Lake snow park, was easy for three of us and hard for the other three, with the leader struggling to lead from the sweep position. We arrived at the lake at 1 p.m....and at 1:30. The early birds skied out and drove home, while the more leisurely group ate, and fearfully skied out on rather icy snow. The tree wells were deep and right next to the trail. Several of the skiers said they "never wanted to ski to Fawn Lake again, ever." So, the advice here is to only ski Fawn Lake when the trail has been broken, and the snow is perfect! The careful skiers arrived home by 6. Skiers were members Diane Jeffcott, Suzanne Steussy, Nancy Whitfield and Sue Wolling; and nonmembers Judy Clemmons and Judy Reininger.



## Snow Shoe Trips

### Bechtel Shelter

February 4, 2006

Leader: Marianne Camp

4 miles, 200 ft. (Advanced Beginner)

**O**UR TRIP BEGAN with questionable weather conditions. We decided to go ahead and give it a try. A group of nine left Eugene hoping to spend a day in the snow. We sure did get the snow as it snowed on us the whole way. It was a light powder that made it fairly easy to break the trail. We did see our shadows briefly as the sun tried to shine through the snow clouds. It was a good day enjoyed by all.

Participants: nonmembers Lane Tompkins and Ellen Weaver and Obsidians Marianne Camp, Daniele Delaby, Jim Duncan, Paul Flashenberg, Debbie Hubbard, Sherwood Jefferies and Jessica Westin.



## Trail Maintenance

### Spencer Butte Trail

February 26, 2006

Leader: Peter Asai

**V**OLUNTEER WORK with Matt McRae from Eugene Parks continued on the Spencer Butte Trail. The weather was once again most favorable, cool and dry. Four apprentice landscapers gathered up tools and proceeded up the main trail where they worked on trail side restoration in an area previously worked, but showing signs of wear. The edges of the trail were landscaped by planting ferns, adding forest debris and positioning rocks to make the whole look quite natural. This activity will hopefully keep traffic on the well developed main trail and slow down the erosion caused by people walking on the fragile slopes above the trail. Obsidians participating were Peter Asai, Larry Dunlap, John Cooper and Tom Musselwhite.



## Bike Trips

### Detering Orchard

April 1, 2006

Leader: Sharon Ritchie

38 miles 0 ft ("B")

**L**ET'S SEE, WE HAD TWO FLATS, black clouds with spits of rain, incredible wind and a great group of people. Several turned back in Coburg. The rest went on, pushed by winds from the south. We flew north, 18 to 20 mph, as soon as we turned west and south, our speed dropped to 8 to 10 mph. Whew, what a lot of work from then on. We lunched at Detering. Larry suggested coffee at the espresso house in Coburg which was wonderful AND we missed a torrential downpour by being inside. My thanks to all the brave and hearty souls who joined me today. Cyclers were Barb Bruns, Jim Duncan, Larry Dunlap, Stewart Hoeg, Sam Houston, Lana Lindstrom, Darrell McBee, Kathy Riddle and Sharon Ritchie.



## Conservation

### The Great Oregon Beach

Cleanup

March 25, 2006

Leader: Judy Newman

Photos by Barb Revere



Leader Judy with the loot.

**T**HE GROUP MET at Shopko, and left at 8:30 with a forecast of a 90% chance of rain. It was already at 100% as we headed out! We spied a red-tailed hawk perched in a tree off to the left as we drove out past Veneta. We arrived at Carl G. Washburne S.P. about 10:15 and after donning rain clothes, signed up. After receiving our requisite large bags and purple gloves (yah, the guys took the white ones) we headed onto the beach, deciding to walk south as far as we could and then work our way back. We were pleasantly surprised by the weather - very little rain, mild temperature and no wind.

We picked up trash while walking in both directions. If you're thinking about going shopping, here are some of the things we found on the beach — and the price was right! Lots of rope, a wet sandy sheet, a length of stovepipe, liquor bottles, dresser parts, a toothbrush, an unbroken light bulb, a bottle with Japanese writing on it, a WWII toy soldier, a tire, and lots of plastic in assorted sizes, shapes and colors. There was excitement too. Jan Jacobsen took on a mountainous tangle of slimy, rotting kelp and rope, wielding her look-alike Swiss army knife with bravado — slashing and cutting with determination. That kelp had no idea

who it was dealing with! It finally had to let go of the rope and we packed pounds of rope into our bags. Glen Svendsen climbed a cliff and leaning out, cut free more rope that had been wrapped around and tied to a bush. Next time — sharp knives! The beach was noticeably cleaner as we walked back to turn in our bags. Thanks to all participants for the good work!

There were quite a number of dead birds that I couldn't identify but checked on when I got home. Seems they were rhinoceros auklets and there have been large numbers of them washing up on the coast this month due to bad storms at sea that wreaked havoc



on them.

Then on to the Alpha-Bits for lunch, with the sun streaming through the sky-

lights, adding warmth and casting a glow over the dining room, the good food and the good company.

A red-tailed hawk was perched in a tree off to the right as we drove home — maybe in the same place! And treasures in my pocket — a large agate and a smooth olive-brown stone with a swirl of black. We were so lucky to be outside today!

Members: Tom Adamcyk, Ann-Marie Askew, LaRee Beckley, Daniele Delaby, Walt Dolliver, Sharon Duncan, Margot Fetz, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Morgan, Judy Newman, Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere, Barbara Schomaker and Glen Svendsen. Nonmember: Judy Adamcyk.

## CHOICES FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

### *Report from a Conservation Committee discussion group*

**A** SMALL GROUP OF OBSIDIANS gathers for the first in a series of weekly discussions on the topic of sustainability. We've obtained our Northwest Earth Institute book and read the selected articles for this evening's meeting. After introductions and small talk we begin with the first suggested question: "If you think about the possibility of a sustainable future, are you generally optimistic or generally pessimistic?" We are unanimous in our answer: generally pessimistic.

As the weeks have passed since that first meeting our group has explored the topic of sustainability and the ways that our life choices impact society and the environment. The selected readings have, for the most part, been interesting, informative and thought provoking; and our talks (sometimes a bit off topic) have also been thought provoking and always thoroughly enjoyable. It is heartening to share ideas with this group of concerned and engaged individuals. There is a real pleasure in getting to know new friends and being challenged to rethink some of our established patterns and choices.

Many of the steps that seem doable also seem small enough. For myself, I can see that I need to eat a bit lower on the food chain and consider less prepared and more organic and local choices in food. I can easily get back in the habit of taking a bag into the store with me and, with a bit of discipline, start using my bicycle more often. Do I believe I can "save the Earth" by making such choices? No, frankly, I don't. But I think that if enough of us do what we can, we can at least have an impact. (Or should I say, less of an impact?) Besides, there were a couple of other points our "generally pessimistic" group agreed on. We agree that our pessimism was no excuse not to try; and that it is far to soon to give up hope!

I look forward to the final weeks of our discussion group and the continuing ideas and friendship building that they will bring. Thanks to the NWEI volunteers who helped launch our group and, most especially, thanks to Anne Hollander for her generosity in opening her home to us. As always with Obsidian events, this has been time well spent.

— *Doug Nelson*

## *Getting in Shape*

**A**S WE GET OLDER, it gets harder and harder to stay in shape. Toting a backpack on a long, difficult hike requires good upper body strength and a good back. With the summer hiking season upon us, here's a great exercise that should be done at least three days a week.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5 lb. potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10 lb. potato sacks. Then 50 lb. potato sacks. Eventually, try to get to where you can lift a 100 lb. potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

## UPCOMING

### *Byways-By-Bus Trips - Into Oregon History*

**RAY JENSEN LEADS A BUS** tour to the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center on **Tuesday, April 18th**. The route will be up I-5 to Tualatin for a rest stop and then, across the Columbia River to the new Captain Wm. Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach in Washougal. The group will arrive by noon for a sack lunch at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center. The return route will be over the Bridge of the Gods, with more stops as time permits. Reservations and checks to Verna Kocken (736-5180), 2263 37th St., Springfield 97477. \$38 members, \$40 nonmembers.

**Tuesday, May 2** - Thompson's Grist Mill and other treasures in Brownsville. Leader, Mary Ellen West; co-leader, Ray Jensen. \$33 members, \$35 nonmembers. Reservations and checks to Mary Lee Cheadle (689-1085), 3225 Richard Ave., Eugene 97402.

The historic Thompson's Grist Mill is being restored and is opening to the public this spring. It is now a state park. Tour guide will be Glen Harrison, a Linn County and Oregon Trail guru, and also a mill owner's descendent. Lunch (your cost) will be in the oldest commercial building in Brownsville. After lunch, the Linn County Historical Museum people will provide a museum tour, a visit to the elegant Moyer House and a bus tour of historic Brownsville.

**Tuesday, May 23** - Finding the Lost County of Umpqua. Leader, Ray Jensen;

co-leader, Verna Kocken. \$29 members, \$31 nonmembers. Reservations and checks to: Verna Kocken (736-5180), 2263 37th St., Springfield 97477. The trip will take the group south on I-5 through Oakland to the Melrose District, the Melqua Road and the Henry Estate Winery for our coffee break. Then it will be west on Hwy. #34 to Scottsburg for a sack lunch in the Myrtlewood Grove at Scottsburg County Park. There will be a stop at the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area before arriving at the Umpqua Discovery Center, which features a new \$1.2 million "Pathways to Discovery- Exploring Tidewater Country" exhibit. Finally, there will be a visit to the Dunes Visitor Center.

#### Meet The Mother of Meriwether Lewis at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center *By Ray Jensen*

**ON APRIL 18**, the Obsidians will continue to celebrate the Lewis and Clark Bi-Centennial with a bus trip to the Columbia Gorge. In mid-morning we will stop at the new Captain William Clark Park in Washougal, WA, where 200 years ago, the original expedition camped at Cottonwood Beach for five nights. Then on to Stevenson to the interpretive center, arriving about noon for sack lunches. This museum is first-rate with a wide variety of displays, exhibits and demonstrations. (This is much different than the Dalles museum.) The highlight will be a monolog by Merna DeBolt depicting Lucy Lewis Marks, the mother of Meriwether Lewis. Many aspects of the expedition remain in dispute, including the controversy surrounding Lewis' 1809 death at Grinder's Inn on the Natchez Trace Trail – was it murder or suicide? DeBolt (Lucy Marks) will tell us what really happened to her beloved son. After our time enjoying the museum, our return route will be over the historic Bridge of the Gods. We'll also stop at Multnomah Falls. Ewart Baldwin will be the trip geologist of the day.

### Conservation Hikes

**Saturday, April 22** - Obsidians hike to Willow Creek Preserve (see Barb's Sampler on the next page or call Margot Fetz at 687-0733)

**Saturday April 29** - Hike the McKenzie River Trail with the Cascadia Wildland's Project, ONRC, and the Native Forest Council. 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. "We'll explore the Two Bee Timber Sale, planned very near the trail, and take in ancient forests and some stunning waterfalls." Meet at the Park & Ride at Walnut and Franklin at 10:00 a.m. Should be back by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Long at 434-1463 or [jlong@cascwild.org](mailto:jlong@cascwild.org)

Organic, shade-grown coffee now available to buy at Obsidians Potlucks – a joint project with the Concessions Committee. Laurie Funkhouser will be putting information about this on the Obsidians webpage soon or call her at 206-2303.

### Wilderness First Aid

**April 15-16 or May 20-21**, Cost: \$185.00

Instructed by Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS. Hosted by Oregon State University - Outdoor Recreation Program.

Fast paced and hands-on, this two-day course covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel in the outdoors. Whether spending time in the backcountry is your passion or your profession, you should never have to ask, "What do I do now?" WMI's curriculum is unique and includes many advanced topics such as dislocation reduction, focused spinal assessment and epinephrine administration. This course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals in remote locations. For information and registration materials, please contact Sheila Evans at [sheila.evans@oregonstate.edu](mailto:sheila.evans@oregonstate.edu).

# Barb's April Trip Sampler

**B**ARB REVERE has looked over upcoming trips and selected an attractive sampling for special mention. If you are leading a trip and would like us to know why you think it will offer something special, email us:

[bulletin@obsidians.org](mailto:bulletin@obsidians.org).

**Friday, April 21 – Moon, Spirit and Parker Falls** -- This hike was led by Wayne Deeter in February and was such a hit with Janet Jacobsen, that she is leading it again with Jane Hackett. Five beautiful waterfalls will awe and inspire you: Wildwood, Spirit, Moon, Upper and Lower Parker Falls. Bring cameras—and send your digital photos to [bulletin@obsidians.org](mailto:bulletin@obsidians.org).

**Saturday, April 22 – Castle Rock** – Castle Rock, an old lookout site perches on the edge of a steep cliff in the McKenzie River Valley and affords views of the Three Sisters and other peaks of the high Cascades. Insiders know you can almost drive to Castle Rock, but Alan Coons likes a challenge, so he will lead via the Kings Castle trail, through deep forest, open meadow and bare ridgeback.

**Saturday, April 22 – Old Baldy** –The East Caves, The Main Caves, The Trail Gate, Kirk Memorial Trail, and The Whale -- sound intriguing? Bushwhacking and climbing steps anchored to a steep rock face, you are led ever onward by Gary Kirk, so be sure you're up to the full loop of 6 miles and 1500 ft. gain.

**Same day – Willow Creek Preserve** – Part of the West Eugene Wetlands, Willow Creek Preserve is home to the endangered Fender's Blue butterfly. Learn about our public land trust with Margot Fetz on this walk with docent Matt Benotsch, the Willamette Valley Stewardship Coordinator for the Nature Conservancy. Besides discussing the habitat of the Fender's Blue, Matt will point out the native grasses, birds and wildflowers and discuss the issues of wetlands in the Willamette Valley.

**Sunday, April 23 – Little North Santiam River** – Old growth forest and waterfalls crashing into deep emerald pools are some of the beautiful

sights that will surround David McClurg and fellow hikers along the Little North Santiam River.

**Monday, April 24 – Fern Ridge Wildlife Viewing**– It's spring, the bees are buzzing, the birds are back in the valley and love is in the air – all part of Rick Ahrens' totally wild evening at Fern Ridge Reservoir. Rick knows a lot about birds, their songs and mating behavior and he'll graciously share his knowledge on this evening hike. Dress for cooling temperatures as the sun sets.

**Friday, April 28 – Heceta Head** –A sandy beach, a lovely lighthouse, a beaver pond and maybe tidepools, who could ask for anything more? Not leader Sandra Larsen, or you either if you sign on for this popular hike.

**Saturday, April 29 – Brice Creek** – It's hard to top Joanne Ledet's hike along beautiful Brice Creek. Cascades, waterfalls and beautiful rock formations shape this clear, cold stream its entire 5.5 miles length.

**Same Day – Fall Creek** – For a longer more challenging hike try Effie Neth's trip along Lowell's Fall Creek. This crystal clear stream slides over bedrock and between boulders into several deep swimming pools that you'll want to remember come August.

**Saturday, May 6 – Opal Creek** –The Opal Creek Wilderness was the subject of a heated fight between environmentalists, government agencies and timber concerns from the late 1980s until it was declared a wilderness area in 1996. Don't miss this opportunity to accompany leader Pete Suttmeier along Opal Creek trail to Opal Pool and Jawbone Flats; you'll see why so many people fought so long to preserve this beautiful area.

**Same Day – Lane County Fairgrounds to Crow** – Bike the rolling hills of rural Lane County with Chuck Wagar on the back roads southwest of Eugene. Lunch and snacks at the Crow Deli will keep you energized for retracing your route back to town.

**Tuesday, May 9 -- Mt. Tom** – Led by Cork and Carolyn Higgins, this hike

explores new terrain for many. The Higgins' think the name came from the overload of wild turkeys in the area. Many wide-angle views of the Willamette Valley await.

**Saturday, May 13 – Animal Tracks and Signs** – This is the second of Lana Lindstrom's hikes with naturalist Dave Walp sharing his expertise—this time looking for animal tracks and bear sign. Carpool to the Lowell area and climb a series of ridges looking for tracks, claw marks, scat and other animal sign. Says Lana: "At this time of year, bear damage on trees is very apparent." To read the report on the last tracking trip, go to:

<http://www.obsidians.org/reports/reports/2004/t042402.htm>.

**Same Day – French Pete Creek** - Led by Scott Hovis. This area was the first lowland forest to be designated wilderness after a lengthy fight by The Friends of the Three Sisters, an organization founded by Obsidians. This is beautiful and varied country carved by a woodland stream and lined with bracken, bunchberry and tall conifers. Bring your rock hopping skills as there are two fords.

**Same Day – Junction City to Bellefontain Park** – On this bike ride Joyce Sanders will lead you deep into tree farming country. Travel north on Love Lake Rd. to Noraton Rd. to Old River Rd., then Dawson Rd. west to the sleepy town of Bellefontain, (once named Dusty!) returning through the Monroe via Ingram Island Road.

## Practical First Aid Class

With Dr. Larry Dunlap

**Monday May 23, 7:00 p.m.**

at the Lodge.

## Spencer Butte

**Trail Maintenance**

**Sunday, April 23, 9 AM - 1:00 PM**

Meet at Spencer Butte Park.

# Camp Deetour Update

By Lana Lindstrom

**REGISTRATION RESULTS:** About 165 folks registered for summer camp, many at the rally. As a result, we put everyone's form in a box and randomly drew the registrations out one by one and entered them on a spreadsheet. When we maxed out on available space, we started sending emails and making phone calls. Fortunately, the registration process went smoothly, thanks to all of you who responded quickly with second choices.

We have a short waiting list for both sessions, but if history repeats itself, everyone on the list will probably be able to attend camp due to cancellations. If you forgot to mail in your registration, please do so now. There's still a possibility that you could go, particularly for Session 2.

**Saving gas:** Want to save gas, reduce our dependence on foreign oil (just a smidge), make a new friend and save money, too? You won't need a car at camp, because we car-pool to activities, just as we do at home. Volunteer to share a ride to camp, either riding or driving, by calling Sharon

Ritchie, 342-8435, [trehugr@comcast.net](mailto:trehugr@comcast.net). Contact the following campers if you would like a rider: **Session 1-** Phyllis Fisher (one way to camp only), 686-8633 and Kathy Lindstrom, 688-3787. **Session 2:** Chris Minarich (pick up/drop off in the Portland area) - 718-624-6353, Mary Holbert is interested in taking the train and then renting a car -541-265-4208, Laurie Funkhouser (one way to camp only) 206-2303



**Pick up your booklet:** This informative booklet contains information about what to bring to camp, how to get there and a sampling of things to do. Get your autographed copy before the April 28th program (7-7:30 p.m.) in EWEB's large meeting room.

**Final payment due April 30, 2006** Mail to: Obsidian Summer Camp, P.O. Box 51424, Eugene, OR 97405; or bring it to the April "potluck." If you have any doubts about how much you owe for the balance of

the Summer Camp fee, please email or call Sharon Ritchie ([trehugr@comcast.net](mailto:trehugr@comcast.net) or 342-8435) before writing the check! The "fill in the blank" form showing all the costs is also on-line under [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org); click on Summer Camp and then the PDF registration form."

## Events at Mt. Pisgah

### GUIDED ARBORETUM WALKS

#### SPRING WILDFLOWER WALKS

Immerse yourself in the splendor of the Arboretum's native spring wildflowers. Remember: The flowers in bloom vary weekly throughout the spring! \$3 suggested donation. Call 747-1504 for info.

**Saturday, April 15,** 10am - Noon: Rhoda Love, co-sponsored by NPSO

**Saturday, April 22,** 10am - Noon: Wildflower Folklore with Susan Morasci

#### MEDICINAL HERB WALK

**Sunday, April 30,** Noon 2pm, Sherri Brown discusses the medicinal properties, traditional uses and ecology of the herbs of the Southern Willamette Valley. Donation: \$3. Meet at the Visitor Center, rain or shine. Call 747-1504 for more information.

#### EARLY BIRD WALK

**Sunday, April 30,** 8 - 10am

Enjoy the morning chorus and observe your favorite migrants on this early morning walk with experienced birder

Rick Ahrens. Donation: \$3. Meet at the Visitor Center, rain or shine. Call 747-1504 for more information.

### WORKSHOP SERIES

#### BIRDING ESSENTIALS:

#### A JOURNEY INTO THE AVIAN WORLD

Whether you are new to birding or just want to improve your skills, this workshop will expand your knowledge of the avian world. Each class will have a different topic, and students will learn from four local experts. Fee: \$15 per class OR \$55 (\$50 MPA members) for entire series. Call 747-1504 for details or to sign up.

**Saturday, April 22,** 9am - Noon: Birds as Flying Machines - Dan Gleason

**Saturday, April 29,** 9 - 11:30am: Building Backyard Habitat - Dick Lamster

**Saturday, May 6,** 8am - Noon: Birding in the Field - Rick Ahrens

**Sunday, May 7,** 8am - Noon: Field Trip: Mist Netting - Dave Bontrager

### GARDENING WITH NATURE

Evelyn Hess, of Lorane Hills Farm and Nursery, offers a complete tutorial on how to choose native plants that will thrive in your personal garden and landscape. Learn how to make some ecologically beneficial changes to your garden. Class fee: \$15 per class

**Sunday, April 23,** 1- 4pm, Native Plant Propagation, ,

**Sunday, May 7,** 1 -4 pm, Gardening for Wildlife Habitat,

### SPECIAL EVENT

**Sunday, May 21,** 10am 4pm, Wildflower Festival & Plant Sale. Enjoy a display of hundreds of wildflowers and educational exhibits prepared by Festival co-presenters, The Native Plant Society of Oregon and Lane Community College. Other activities include a huge plant sale, children's activities, music, guided walks, and food and craft vendors. Suggested donation: \$5 per person or \$10 per family. MPA Members free! Call (541) 747-3817 for more information.

**T**HE CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE is excited to announce the introduction of a link/page on the Obsidian website. A convenient way to view products that are available: T-shirts, sweatshirts, whistles, tumblers, caps.....and something new - COFFEE. Please take a look!

## Bulletin Classifieds

FREE!

**FREE AMERICAN HARVEST DEHYDRATOR**, 12 tray plus two extra. Great for dehydrating fruit to snack on while hiking etc. No longer used. Call *Margaret Prentice 687-5850*.

For Sale

**THULE BIKE RACK**, Hitching Post Pro 2", never used, holds 2 bikes, tilting down mechanism so back of van can lever up without removing bikes. Zip stick anti sway device \$30, included free. New \$199, yours for \$100.

*Anne Bonine* [abonine@uoregon.edu](mailto:abonine@uoregon.edu).

For Sale

**TELESCOPING ANTI-SHOCK HIKING STICKS**, lightweight, LEKI Makalu hiking poles with angled grip for comfort. \$ 50 pair

**TELEMARK BOOTS – NEW!** MEN’S Garmont Syner-G size 28 ½ (shoe size 10 ½ – 11 ½) WOMEN’S Garmont Venus size 25 ½ (shoe size 8 – 9 ½)

Innner booties can be form fitted for comfort \$ 369 pair

**TELEMARK - SKIS NEW!** Kahru Jill size 158 cm mounted with G3 T-9 bindings NEW! \$ 488 (skis 349 + light weight bindings 139 = \$ 488)

*Jan or Rich Anselmo 782-2369*  
or email: [weathersphere@earthlink.net](mailto:weathersphere@earthlink.net)

Help Raise Money For Building Fund

**10% OF SALES DONSTED TO BUILDING FUND:** Cedar kindling - \$2.00, cedar stove wood - \$2.00, campfire wood - \$4/40 lbs, *Sam Tracer 912-6865* - leave name and number.

Help Wanted

Have desktop publishing expertise? Would you like to get some? No pay, but we're an equal opportunity employer! Contact the Publications Committee at:

[bulletin@obsidians.org](mailto:bulletin@obsidians.org).

Obsidian Goodies

T-shirts, \$10 (no matter design or size); sweatshirt, \$15; cap, \$15; mug or tumbler, \$10; whistle, \$3. Contact:

*Laurie at 206-2303* or [lafunkh@aol.com](mailto:lafunkh@aol.com).

*Note: There is no charge for placement Obsidian Bulletin Classified ads; however, only members can place ads and preference will be given to ads that relate to the club's mission and our members' outdoor activity interests.*

# Obsidian Calendar

April

- 14 Fri – **Threemile Lake**, 7m 400' B, .....J.Hackett (984-0049)  
 15 Sat – **Alsea & Green Peak Falls**, 4.8m A, . Jefferies(925-3732)  
 15 Sat – **Orchard Pt/Fern R**, Bike 30m B, .. S.Ritchie (342-8435)  
 16 Sun – **Kentucky Falls**, 4.4m 800' A, .....B.Revere (726-4989)  
 17 Mon – **Wildlife - D Walp**, Field Tr A, ... Lindstrom (683-1409)  
 18 Tue – **Marys Peak**, 7m 2000' B, ..... D.Christensen (343-8941)  
 18 Tue – **Meriwether Lewis**, Bus, .....V.Kocken (736-5180)  
 19 Wed – **Ridgeline Tr**, Hike/Tr Maint 7m B, Dunlap (686-6745)  
 20 Thu – **Basic Mountaineering; rock: April 20,22,23;**  
     **snow: April 27,29**, class, ..... G.Baitinger (344-9345)  
 20 Thu – **Mt. Pisgah**, 4.5m 1000' A, ..... M.Hansen (343-5114)  
 21 Fri – **Moon, Spirit, Parker Fls**, 3.3m A, ... Hackett (984-0049)  
 22 Sat – **Castle Rock**, 11m 2600' C, .....A.Coons (687-9741)  
 22 Sat – **Old Baldy/Coburg Hills**, 6m 1500' B, G.Kirk (683-7033)  
 22 Sat – **Willow Creek Preserve Walk** 4m A, M.Fetz (687-0733)  
 23 Sun – **Spencer Butte Trail Maint**..... Peter Asai (933-3927)  
 23 Sun – **Little North Santiam**, 5m 900' A,.. McClurg (746-9478)  
 23 Sun – **Tamolitch Pool**, 4.2m 200' A, .....B.Revere (726-4989)  
 24 Mon – **Fern Ridge wildlife (6 PM)**, A, ...R.Ahrens (689-3996)  
 25 Tue – **Willamette Riv Bike/Bird**, A, ..Montgomery (688-7025)  
 28 Fri – **Heceta Head/Hobbit Trail**, 4.5m, ...S.Larsen (687-2589)  
 28 Fri – **Joy of Birds--Dan Gleason**, ..... Potluck  
 29 Sat – **Brice Creek Trail**, 6m B, ..... J.Ledet (683-2603)  
 29 Sat – **Fall Creek**, 9m 700' B, .....E.Neth (484-6210)  
 29 Sat – **McKenZ Dr/Donna Str**, Bike 35m B, Ritchie (342-8435)  
 30 Sun – **Sweet Cr-Beaver Cr Falls**, 5.2m B, .....Petty (935-2088)

May

- 2 Tue – **Treasures of Brownsville**, Bus, ... M.Cheadle (689-1085)  
 3 Wed – **South Shasta Loop**, 4m A, .....J.Agnew (484-5725)  
 6 Sat – **Fairgrounds to Crow**, Bike 35m B, ..... Wagar (543-1489)  
 6-7 Sat-Sun – **Mt. Hood**, Climb, ..... W.Deeter (942-0824)  
 6 Sat – **N Fork Willamette**, 5.6m 400' B, .. W.Dolliver (345-2975)  
 6 Sat – **Opal Creek**, 7.1m 200' B, ..... P.Suttmeier (485-4633)  
 7 Sun – **Daily Bread, Veneta**, Bike 35m B, ..... Ritchie (342-8435)  
 7 Sun – **Patterson Mtn**, 4.6m 600' A, .....B.Bruns (485-7285)  
 7 Sun – **TBA, B**, .....S.Larsen (687-2589)  
 9 Tue – **Mt. Tom**, 6m 2000' B, ..... C. & C.Higgins (995-8060)  
 10 Wed – **Ridgeline Tr - Dillard-Blanton, B**, Jeffcott (344-6447)  
 12 Fri – **Mt. Pisgah sunset/moon**, 3m A, .... Murdock (345-8305)  
 12 Fri – **Tahkenitch Dunes loop**, 6.5m B, .....S.Ward (686-5679)  
 13 Sat – **Animal Track/Sign**, Field Trip, A, Lindstrom (683-1409)  
 13 Sat – **Diamond Pk Graduation Climb**, . B.Hamilton (343-6550)  
 13 Sat – **Fall Creek**, 5.8m 200' B, .....M.Welches (345-2056)  
 13 Sat – **French Pete**, .....S.Hovis (345-7788)  
 13 Sat – **Junction C-Bellfountain**, Bike B, .... Sanders (485-2944)  
 13-14 Sat-Sun – **Mt. Hood**, Climb, ..... J.Pegg (343-0909)  
 14 Sun – **N Bank Deer Presv**, 10m 1300' C, Stockdale (767-3668)  
 14 Sun – **Tire Mountain**, 7.6m 800' B, .....D.McClurg (746-9478)  
 16 Tue – **Alton Baker bike trail**, 5m A, ....R.Romoser (726-8154)  
 19 Fri – **Yachats-Waldport**, 7m B, .....B.Williams (683-5312)

## Trip Updates

**T**RIPS ARE STILL BEING ADDED, some have already been rescheduled so keep an eye on the Obsidian Website for the latest information on the Summer Trips Schedule. We're up to 210 trips!

Watch for more information in the May Bulletin on the Practical First Aid class being offered by Dr. Larry Dunlap on Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Lodge.



*Nature's Geometry, Mt. Pisgah - Photo by new member, Zella Andreski*  
For more of Zella's photo art go the gallery at [www.obsidians.org/gallery](http://www.obsidians.org/gallery).

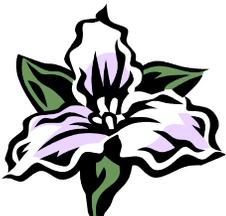


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