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May 18	ExploraTalk-Bugs
May 21	Potluck-Wassen Creek
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June 5	National Trails Day

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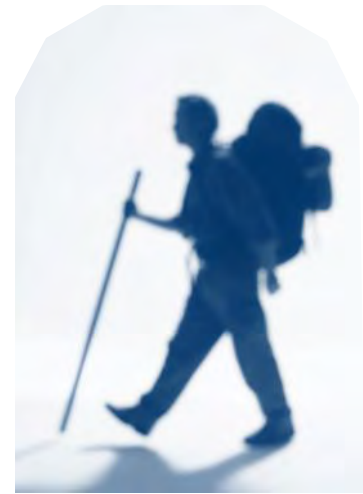
#### 2010 Activities Schedule Available

See Bulletin insert.

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Obsidian website.

See Page 12 for more information.

# Lead... Leader... Leadership



*—I am only one, But still I am one. I cannot do everything, But still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.*

Edward Everett

By Lana Lindstrom

**T**HE CORNERSTONE OF THE OBSIDIANS is the trips that we offer – hiking, mountain climbing, biking, skiing, backpacking and bus trips. Without trips, we wouldn't exist.

The Board recently appointed an ad hoc committee to explore the reasons and sources for declining membership, participation, and trip leaders for Obsidian activities. Members of the committee are Matt Bell, Kathy Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Lyndell Wilken. We considered many factors which could be influencing these numbers and concluded that the most important one is the **number and type of activities** that we offer. We can only continue to add and retain members if year-after-year, we recruit sufficient leaders and produce a schedule that attracts participation.

So, what can you do?

- Lead at least one activity per year or consider adding an additional trip to what you already have scheduled. If you haven't yet, get in touch with the Summer Trips Committee, co-chairs Brian Hamilton and Scott Hovis, and get your trip on the calendar! If you don't feel comfortable leading a trip by yourself, ask someone who has led other trips to be your assistant leader. Board members and Committee Chairs have committed to leading at least two trips per year.
- Continue to promote to the public that Obsidians lead a variety of activities for various skill and energy levels. We have shorter hikes in the Eugene/Springfield area, but we also have intermediate and difficult hikes, as well as mountain climbs, backpacks, and overnight trips.
- Encourage newer members to get involved. When participating in events, make a point of talking to nonmembers or newer members; help them feel welcome.
- Join a committee and get more involved in running the club. The committee chairs are listed on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

Being an Obsidian connects us to others who share our passion for an active, healthy lifestyle – and each of us can contribute to keeping our club strong!

*Editors Note: See Page 12 for more information about what we need this year.*

## Meet the Committee Chairs:

### Paul Flashenberg, Winter Trips Chair

WHEN PAUL AND HIS WIFE decided to leave San Diego, he gave up his life as a professional bridge player, bridge teacher and tournament organizer. Their move to Eugene in 2004 opened new opportunities, one of which was the Obsidians. Paul joined the club in 2005 and quickly became involved in club activities, going on hikes and serving on various committees. Paul helped on the Summer Trips Committee for two seasons, then stepped in to finish out the 2008-2009 season as Winter Trips Chair. He served as chair again for the entire 2009-2010 season before hanging up his snow shoes and passing the opportunity on to another member. Any takers?



Of the 68 trips Paul has taken, some of his favorites include those with water, including Silver Falls, Tahkenitch Dunes and Green Lakes, among others. Obsidians is not his only interest and activity, as he has volunteered at Greenhill, The Smart Reading Program, Oasis, LCC and has been a Senior Companion for the last year. Thanks for sharing your talent and time with us, Paul.

### Lenore McManigal, Librarian/Historian



HAVEN'T EACH ONE OF US at some time checked the Obsidian web site to see how many trips we have accumulated? How do those numbers get there? Who does it? Lenore McManigal. Lenore has been Historian of the club ever since 1992, counting the number of member and non-member trips taken, keeping records of active, inactive and deceased members, and researching information for members. This task became much easier when most members started submitting their reports on line. She still stores the forms for all this information in a spare bedroom in her home. Lenore also keeps the Publicity and Art

History notebooks, located in the clubhouse lobby, up to date.

Lenore and her husband, John, have been members since 1962, both receiving their 3 and 10 peak awards. They have attended over 30 summer camps, having chaired a two week camp in the Wallowa Mountains where they rode into camp on horseback. Lenore and John raised their three sons right by starting them hiking at an early age. The boys even hiked 8½ miles into a summer camp at a very early age while packing their own supplies. Kevin and Steven McManigal are still active and involved members of the club. Lenore still participates in many bus trips, and is a faithful member of the Bulletin mailing crew. Thank you Lenore!

## Welcome!

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# Art, Inside and Out

Story and Photo by John Jacobsen



Dallas speaks to about 120 people at the open house for her recently completed mural, "The Obsidian Spirit".

## Art Outside

**T**HE WEATHER WAS PERFECT for a gala outdoor event. The Lodge and the grounds were spruced up to receive the guests. The Mural Team was hopeful that the three parking volunteers would be needed for an overflow crowd. The food was out. We were ready! And then by 1:30 they started coming for the 2:00 event. Soon the lodge was filled with members, past presidents, friends, neighbors, and visitors. Our new bike rack was filled with visitors' bikes for the first time. Old friends and new shared a most pleasant get-together.

The 120 person crowd gathered at 2:30 in the courtyard in front of Dallas Cole's new mural *The Obsidian Spirit*. Laurie Funkhouser welcomed our guests, including Mayor Kitty Piercy, and John Jacobsen explained the origin of the mural before introducing Dallas who shared her thoughts about her most recent creation. She talked about the creative process that went into the ceramic relief mural and how Scott Wylie, designer and mason, worked for so many months to install her pieces, as well as all the background stone and tile. Dallas gave praise to Scott's attention to detail with the design, positioning, and mortaring as he brought the mural to life.

Dallas pointed out whimsical and sometimes hidden aspects of the mural such as the location of special rocks do-

nated by John Cecil and Vera Woolley. She explained how the waterfall of obsidian rocks came to be. She said that she often includes squirrels in her sculptures. There are five of them in this one, two of whom, wearing bandages climb on the tree trunk below a handicap sign, perhaps waiting for assistance. The tortoise and the hare to the right of the tree trunk say something about the speed of various Obsidian hikers. The hare has a pack on his back.

Winston Ross in the article 'Art Outside' in the May 3, 2010 Register Guard wrote:

*The lines on the hikers, for example, are „not wrinkles“ but topographical markers, a representation of where they've been, she said. The two are greeting each other because they love to go out and hike and climb.*

*On the geese, at the base of a tree with a handicapped parking sign on it, Cole had this to say: "When you are having a hatch of eggs underneath you, you really need a special place to park."*

*Cole humbly thanked the 100-person crowd by saying she was "honored you would let me put my graffiti on your beautiful, beautiful wall."*

*And she inspired attendees right away. Member Gary*

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# Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

To the following generous donors, for contributions to the Dallas Cole mural installation:

## \$200 and More

Jim and Sharon Duncan  
John & Janet Jacobsen  
Vi Johnson  
Bea Fontana  
Lola Morey

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*Merci*

## You Can Still Help

**D**ALLAS GENEROUSLY DONATED her artistry, professional skills, the time and the energy needed to design and create the many ceramic parts of the mural and then to supervise their installation. The cost of materials and installation were in the neighborhood of \$6,000, for which we have been encouraging donations from club members and others. Donations have reached about 80% of the cost, but **we still need more generous donors** who would like to help contribute this wonderful gift to the Obsidian art scene. To support this effort please contact John Jacobsen: (541) 343-8030 or [johnwjacobsen@comcast.net](mailto:johnwjacobsen@comcast.net)

## Art, Inside and Out

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Kirk raised his hand and said he thought the signs on the right and left of the hikers spoke to the idea that they were looking to escape civilization.

Cole thought about that for a second, and replied: "I don't know; I think we go to some pretty civilized places out there, too."

### Art Inside

INSIDE THE LODGE, visitors were busy walking around the lodge using the *Self Guided Art Tour*, written by Janet Jacobsen, to learn about the Obsidians' eclectic art collection.

From the same Register Guard story, Winston Ross wrote:

*There is art throughout the Obsidians Lodge in south Eugene; pictures of hikes and ski outings in the region's stunning mountain passes, paintings of clouds and panoramas, maple carvings, a Northwest landscape etched into the glass of a garage door in the stately building's newly renovated entryway.*

*The art reminds the Obsidians of why they exist: Since 1927, the club's 500 members have been exploring Oregon's outdoors in groups, scheduling hundreds of hikes, mountain climbs and winter snow trips each year.*

People were still coming after the event supposedly concluded at 4:00. We estimated around 150 people in total attended throughout the afternoon. It didn't seem to matter that we ran out of food and flyers.





# Forever Costa Rica... Making Peace with Nature

*By Conservation/Science & Education Co-chair Pat Bitner*

**N**EXT MONTH, AT OUR JUNE 15 EXPLORATALK, we will have an opportunity to share Lana Lindstrom's experiences criss-crossing this small country of extraordinary beauty during her recent trip to Costa Rica. As we enjoy with her the variety of terrain, wildlife, plantlife and birdlife of Costa Rica, we should remember that Costa Rica, with 0.1% of the earth's surface, hosts 5% of the world's biodiversity. Under President Oscar Arias' leadership, and with help from outside sources like The Nature Conservancy, Costa Rica is striving to halt the degradation of its waters and forests. Although Costa Rica has set aside more area as national parks and preserves than any other country in the world, there have not been the funds to sufficiently protect these areas from continued development from agriculture and infrastructure. The protected areas gap is mainly in marine protected areas, where fisheries are in danger of collapse and development threatens jaguar, puma, tapir, spider monkeys, dolphins, whales and turtles.

President Arias is a remarkable man of vision. In 1987, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to bring stability and peace to a war torn Central America. Costa Rica has not had a standing army since 1948. "We built on that wise decision of spending our money on books instead of weapons, teachers instead of soldiers, national parks instead of army bases . . .," Oscar Arias. Returning as president in 2006, President Arias' current goal is Making Peace with Nature. Siempre Costa Rica, or Forever Costa Rica is his vision for a complete, sustainably managed and

financed protected areas system. The Nature Conservancy is working with Costa Rica's government, along with other private trusts and foundations, to provide a relatively small investment in outside funding to make this a reality.

**MY OWN COSTA RICA EXPERIENCE** although 20 years old, is vivid in memory. I feel I was fortunate to travel there just before the mass of tourism began. A gem of that visit was Manuel Antonio National Park, on the Pacific coast. I can almost hear the scampering feet of troops of spider monkeys on the roof of our cottage as they crossed the grounds of the little resort. Now, spider monkeys are endangered - 20 years can make a big difference. I also remember the giant three-toed sloths hanging from branches over the canal as we went by boat from Limon on the Atlantic side to Tortuguero National Park up near the Nicaraguan border. If you watched very closely, you would see a movement of maybe an inch or two before they passed from your vision.

Writing of President Arias brought back the memory of our taxi ride from San Jose to the airport to return home, and seeing the presidential sedan (not limo) passing to our left, and President Arias smiling and lifting his hand to the excited pair of tourists as the black sedan passed us.

Democracy lives.

Many thanks to Charlie Quinn of The Nature Conservancy, for his assistance with photos and information on TNC's work in Costa Rica.



*Lowland tropical rainforest meets marine ecosystem on Sirena beach at Corcovado National Park, Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica.*

© David Woodfall

# BOARD NOTES

May 5, 2010

By Kathy Hoeg, Secretary

Vice-President Lana Lindstrom called the meeting to order. Board present: Wayne Deeter, Stewart Hoeg, Verna Kocken, Larry Huff, Elle Weaver, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kathy Hoeg. Also present: Barb Revere, Lenore McManigal, Pat Bitner, Jim Duncan, Laurie Funkhouser, Brian Hamilton, Matt Bell, John Jacobsen, Joella Ewing, Scott Hovis, Doug Nelson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet. The Board approved payment of bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (Scott Hovis and Brian Hamilton):** Fees \$120. The committee is continuing to seek additional leaders & trips for the schedule. Attendance of 41 people for the Summer Trips Kickoff Social exceeded expectations.

**Climbs (Larry Huff):** The 2010 Mountaineering Class has been completed. We had a total of 21 participants in the class, and 18 volunteers who helped make it possible.

**Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell):** Outing at Spencer Butte on March 27, 4 members, 1 non. National Trails Day Event on Saturday June 5. Total estimated volunteer hours YTD: 140.

**By-Ways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier):** Two bus trips were held in the month of April.

**Extended Trips (Jim Duncan):** North Umpqua Raft trip and the Sequim Bay Camping trip have been filled.

**Special Report To The Obsidian Board -- Conservation, Science & Education:** Pat Bitner and Joella Ewing presented.

**Entertainment (Laurie Funkhouser):** 69 attended the program on Mystery Canyon in Zion National Park. Fees: \$65.

**Membership (Barb Revere):** The Board approved Sean Breslin, from Climbs and Rick McMonagal, from Trail Maintenance. Two members have sent in 'late, late renewals'.

**Publicity (Elle Weaver):** Our Obsidian ad appeared in the spring *Walk With Me* newsletter. The committee worked closely with the Mural Committee to prepare for the Dallas Cole mural dedication. As of this year, Chris Stockdale has been posting the weekly trip schedule with the Register-Guard through the Pub-

licity Committee.

**Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick):** Both note cards (\$108) and women's t-shirts (\$566.70) were added to the line of merchandise. We took in \$454.

**Online (Wayne Deeter):** There was a noticeable increase in traffic to the web site on May 4. It is too early to tell if this was due to the Open House and article in the Register Guard. Online signup progresses slowly. John is moving the database to a different provider. I have gotten feedback from a few of the Committees, and updated their web pages. There are still many Committees I have not heard from. At the Board meeting, the Board asked the committee chairs to review their web pages by the end of May and to work with Wayne Deeter to keep their information updated in the future.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** I removed the activity pages of non-renewing members from the current books. All the trips have been recorded.

**Lodge Building (Doug Nelson):** Completed two special projects: 1) Patched the concrete floor in front of the table/chair storage area doors. Credit goes to member Larry Smith who volunteered his professional services. 2) Painted the stairwell and stairs. Again special thanks are due to my wife, Cat Nelson, who worked with me on this project. April 28 a work party of Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen and Royal Murdock cleaned and waxed the floors. May 1, we held an open invitation cleanup/setup work party to ready the lodge for Open House. Participants included: Max Brown, Laurie Funkhouser, Brian Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Cat Nelson and Elle Weaver.

At some time during the month the *Three Sisters Door* was raised with far too much force, causing the etched glass panels to be knocked out of place. Fortunately none of them broke or cracked. Bea Fontana devised a tool and was able to slide the panels back into their proper position. Door is currently locked in the 'up' position.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** Fir Removal/Oak Restoration Project Splitting and removing the 5 trees that were downed early. Thanks to Pat Adams for doing the bucking and to Matt Bell for splitting all that wood by hand. Cleaning

up the mess created during the whole process was completed with thanks going to Dick Hildreth, Gary Kirk and Larry Dunlap. Work Parties April 15, 17 and 22 – Thanks to Dave Predeek, Darlene Mancuso, Effie Neth, Max Brown, Ken Kodama, Dick Hildreth, Matt Bell, Larry Dunlap, Gary Kirk and Chris Shuraleff. I hope I didn't forget anyone – sorry if I did. Revamping the Grounds Entrance – The new entrance sign was completed and delivered on April 14. Thanks to Wayne Deeter for helping plant the new sign. On 15<sup>th</sup> hired an electrician to move the electrical at the sign from overhead to underground. On 16<sup>th</sup> had 5.5 tons of rock delivered and rented a Bobcat loader which Pat Adams and I used to set the large rocks. On 17<sup>th</sup> Pat Adams, Darko Sojak and I finished the rock placement. Cost of improvements \$1,233. Odds and Ends – Shelving installed for our spare lumber – cost \$41.24. Scott Hovis split the Lodge wood pile and split kindling.

**Safety (Jim Pierce):** The Obsidian first aid kits at the YMCA for climbs and for Summer Camp have been updated. Thanks to Chris Stockdale for her persistence. The committee is reorganizing and streamlining the Safety Manual.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Cole Mural Plaque:** Jim Duncan proposed that the club place a plaque next to the Dallas Cole Mural to identify the name of the work, the artists who created it, and the date of its installation. A motion was made and seconded to do this. The motion passed with 6 votes for the proposal, 1 vote against, and 1 person abstaining. An ad hoc committee of Jim Duncan, Kathy Hoeg, and Barb Revere will investigate the design and report back to the Board.

**Qualifying Trips:** There was a discussion of Climb School and whether the field sessions could be counted as qualifying trips for new club members. The Climbs Committee will discuss this matter, review the bylaws, and return to the Board with a specific proposal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenore McManigal reported she and Janet Jacobsen have gathered signatures so that an Honorary Membership for Ray Jensen can be presented for a vote at the next Annual Meeting.



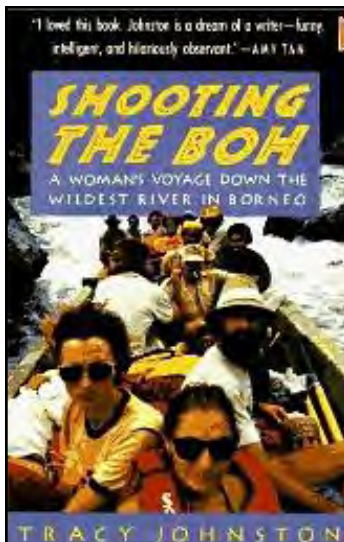
# Read the Trip Description First!!!

*Shooting the Boh: A Woman's Voyage Down the Wildest River* in Borneo by Tracy Johnston, 1992.

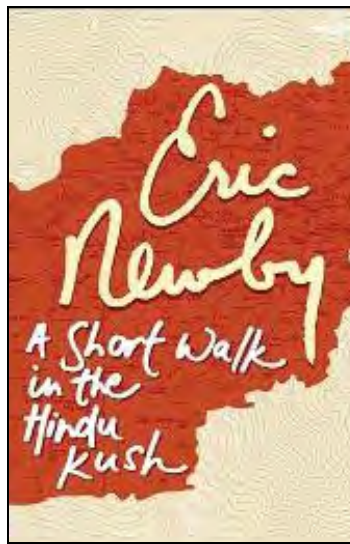
*A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush* by Eric Newby, 1958  
Reprinted by Lonely Planet Publications, 1998

**N**EWBY AND JOHNSON did not have detailed trip descriptions for their 'ill-conceived' adventures. That didn't stop them from signing up!

Johnston was over 40 when she agreed to a free ticket in exchange for writing an article about the raft trip on an uncharted section of the Boh river in Borneo. Her duffle bag with the latest equipment including her beloved air mattress and much needed insect repellent was lost on the flight there. She encountered unbelievable rapids, foot rot, gigantic leeches, enveloping sweat bees and ants. She is sure that she is having her first hot flashes. This was not the trip she signed up for but she did have plenty of material for an entertaining book. Perhaps this travel company is out of business.



A frustrated fashion designer in London, Newby receives a telegram from an old friend, Hugh Carless: CAN YOU TRAVEL NURISTAN JUNE? From that brief description, Newby signs on to a mountain climbing expedition in the remote Hindu Kush in northwestern Afghanistan. He has



never mountain climbed and is a bit puzzled about the long shopping list of climbing hardware that Carless sends him. It turns out that Carless has not done any real mountain climbing. Chapter Three titled "Birth of a Mountain Climber" involves a quick road trip to Wales for a brutal four day climbing session for novices. Newby's British sense of humor keeps one laughing as Newby and Carless eventually make it to Tehran and somehow, with many

starts and mishaps to Nuristan in a remote corner of Afghanistan. Newby's anecdotes give life to their guides, the villagers, and the culture. Newby commented near the end of their walk, "... I had the sensation of emerging from a country that would continue to exist more or less unchanged whatever disasters overtook the rest of mankind." Incidentally, Newby and Carliss almost made it to the top of 19,800 foot Mir Samir.

Perhaps travel writers need the unexpected misery just to have something to write about. Obsidians ask for detailed trip descriptions on the sign up sheets but what do Obsidians talk about when the hike or climb is over? What went wrong! The downpour! The mishaps! But there is always humor and joy and perhaps a bit of exaggeration when travel writers or Obsidians re-tell their adventures.

Both books are available at the Eugene Public Library.

## Clouds Redux

By Joanne Ledet - Photo by Scott Sistek

**A**S A FOLLOW UP TO THE GREAT DEBATE in the March Bulletin over clouds verses fog, the formations in this recently taken picture are definitely clouds. Lenticular clouds, to be exact.

While these clouds resemble giant flying saucers from a far away planet, there is of course a scientific reason for their occurrence. When stable moist air flows over a mountain, a series of large-scale waves may form on the downward side. If the temperature at the crest of the wave drops to the dew point, moisture in the air may condense to form lenticular clouds. This picture recently taken in Washington is a good example of this type of cloud formation.



While pilots of powered aircraft avoid flying near them because of the turbulence that accompanies them, pilots of glider craft thrill at their sight. The wave lift with these clouds is smooth and strong. The record for gliding with

# TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



## Hikes

### **Ridgeline Trail**

**April 3, 2010**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE WERE AMAZED** that rain eluded our 3 ½ hour hike that included a minuscule patch of snow and some sun on Baldy. It was definitely prime time for the calypso orchids that provided copious purple color spots along the trail. Other flowers we enjoyed were trillium, fawn lilies, hounds tooth plus a few bleeding hearts, shooting stars, and irises. It was the first time for Joella Ewing, Helen Martz, Tom Musselwhite, and Chuck Wagar to hike the Ridgeline Trail from Blanton to Spring. Other members on the hike were Jean Coberly, Janet Jacobsen, and Martha Welches. Thanks to the four drivers who helped facilitate the car shuttle for a pleasant one way hike. Members: Jean Coberly, Joella Ewing, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Tom Musselwhite, Chuck Wagar and Martha Welches.

### **Spencer Butte via Bus**

**April 6, 2010**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**7 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)**

**A WET WEATHER FORECAST** reduced the number of participants to Chuck Wagar and me. We caught the 9:08 Willamette bus and made it to the summit, shrouded in mist and wind, around 11:30. Back at the Martin bus stop at 1:00, we commented how lucky we were that it didn't rain on our hike. The clouds quickly replied, "I will give you some rain." Just in time we boarded bus #28 to return to the starting point at Amazon Pool bus stop. Members: Janet Jacobsen and Chuck Wagar.

### **Peavy Arboretum**

**April 6, 2010**

**Leader: Jim Pierce**

**4.9 miles, 900 ft. (Easy)**

**NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR THE HIKE**, so I went alone. Now it will not be exploratory. It was a good day despite a few showers. McDonald Forest has nice all-weather trails with a few muddy spots. The path is mostly through open second-growth forest with lots of understory, ferns in fiddle, and lush mosses. The spring flowers were spectacular: fawn lilies, Indian plum, wild currant, fairy slippers, wild iris, star Solomon seal, Oregon grape, borage, bleeding heart, yellow violet, a daisy and a couple more. There were lots of birds calling: particularly winter wrens, chickadees, and pileated woodpeckers. There were some slow wildlife: slugs and salamanders. The clouds cleared enough for summit vistas. It was very quiet... I only met one guy with his

Schnauzer. Wandering through the old growth forest was worth the trip all by itself. Members: Jim Pierce.

### **Eula Ridge**

**April 10, 2010**

**Leader: Brian Hamilton**

**9 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**WE LEFT CHRIS' VAN AT THE GOODMAN CREEK/HARDESTY TRAILHEADS** and then piled into Elle's little car to drive a few more miles to the Eula Ridge trailhead. The sign-up sheet described this hike as strenuous and steep, but it becomes much more difficult when deep snow is thrown into the mix. The temperature was cold enough to warrant jackets when standing still, but they came off once we warmed up. At 8:50 am, we began hiking at an elevation of 1,000 feet and came upon snow on the trail at 3,000 feet. The snow soon covered the trail, making route-finding difficult at times. By the time we reached the Hardesty Trail at about 4,000 feet, we were plunging 12 inches into the snow. We decided to forgo the final stretch of trail to the summit and turned right instead toward the Hardesty Mountain trailhead. Highlights of the hike included seeing lots of blooming trilliums, hearing the 'drumming' of a ruffed grouse, and feeling the warm sunshine through the trees. We reached the Hardesty trailhead shortly before 3:00 pm. Hikers were nonmember Diana Masarie on her second Obsidian hike and members Chris Stockdale, Elle Weaver, Lamont Smith, and Brian Hamilton.

### **King's Valley**

**April 8, 2010**

**Leader: Dan Christensen**

**3 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)**

**RAIN, SNOW, SLEET (OR WAS IT HAIL, OR BOTH?) AND, YES, SUN.** We must be in the Coast Range in the spring! Blue sky in the Gateway Center parking lot changed to snow by the time we turned onto King's Valley Road a few miles west of Philomath. After we parked at the Breazele Forest trailhead and were ready to begin the first of our two scheduled hikes, the sun had come back out. Initially, this 3-mile hike travels east through lush Douglas fir-based forest along beautiful Plunkett Creek. At a junction we took the southwest fork and proceeded to climb 300-400 feet to the top of a ridge overlooking the Plunkett drainage. The trail is in excellent condition with well-constructed bridges over the stream crossings. There was relatively little mud on the trail considering the high level of precipitation in the area. Lots of flowers were visible including houndstongue, calypso orchids, spring beauty and trillium. A new sleet storm replaced the sun as we were hiking along the ridge, but everyone was dressed appropriately and not greatly bothered by the inclement conditions. We returned to our cars to proceed to Ft. Hoskins County Park for lunch and a tour of the old fort site. However, a much stronger storm front rolled through with snow, sleet and a significant increase in wind. The chill factor must have dropped to the low 30s. We took a quick vote and decided to abort the Ft. Hoskins tour portion of the outing. As someone remarked: now that we know where it is, we can always return another day. So we returned to the warmth of our cars and headed for home.



Hikers were all Obsidian veterans: Walt Dolliver, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Pat Esch, Janet Jacobsen and Dan Christensen, leader.

## North Bank Deer Preserve

April 18, 2010

Leader & Photo: John Jacobsen

8.4 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

**A GREAT DAY: GREAT WEATHER**, great group and a great hike. Leaving Eugene slightly before 8, we arrived at the trailhead and were heading up the trail by 9:20. There have been several changes to the trails since my last visit a couple of years ago: clear maps on a board at the trailhead as well as a registration box, new signage at all the many trails junctions and new gravel (less mud) on the starting section of trail (going counter-clockwise). This is a great view hike, climbing quickly to ridges that follow around the top of a valley, with panoramas of the North Umpqua River and the surrounding mixed forests and open oak savannas. Several stops along the way to admire the views and a most pleasant lunch stop at a rock outcropping provided time to soak in the surroundings. This hike loops around and through the North Bank Habitat Management Area, a 10-square-mile preserve for the rare Columbia white tail, which overlooks the North Umpqua River. A few of us did see the rare white tail from the car on the way home. And after meeting several turkey hunters near the trailheads who had not seen any turkeys, we also managed to see two of them from the car as well. Members: Brad Bennett, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen,

John Jacobsen, Daphne James, Gary Kirk, Chris Molly, Suzanne Steussy and Chris Stockdale.

## Lower Lawler - South Willamette Trails

April 19, 2010

Leader: Rob Castleberry

7.5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

**WE SENT UP A SHUTTLE**, leaving a vehicle at the Hardesty trailhead on Highway 58, then driving to the southeast end of the Lower Lawler Trail, along Road 531 off the Patterson Mountain Road. Lower Lawler Trail doesn't appear on Forest Service maps or lists of trails. After a couple miles through varied forest and across a few streams, it connects, with a jog on the Eula Ridge Trail, to the South Willamette Trail for five miles to the Hardesty Trail, and a last half mile to the parking lot. We walked under cloudy skies and a few sun bursts, with a freshness from the emerging vegetation, flourishing mosses, energetic streams, and early flowers. When scouting the trail ten days earlier, I'd found one bridge tilted and unusable, but water had subsided and Ernst's tall boots weren't needed. The trip leader lost credibility because of underestimating elevation gain. The trail repeatedly climbs from one creek to another, then descends to another, for a hill climbing total of probably 1,200 feet. This was a 'springing out' in the nearby foothills for members Charlie Van Deusen, Sue Meyers, Bob Foster, Ernst Schwintzer, and leader Rob Castleberry.



*Hikers (look hard) along the rolling ridgelines of the North Bank Deer Preserve.*

## North Umpqua Waterfalls

April 21, 2010

Leader: Janet Jacobsen Photo: Lamonte Smith

7.2 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)



**FALL CREEK FALLS, SUSAN CREEK FALLS, AND FERN CREEK FALLS** on the North Umpqua River east of Glide were a new experience for the three hikers who joined me for this lush, green hike. We were surprised to have a few sun rays when we lunched by Susan Falls. The wildflowers, Indian mounds, squeezing through a crack in a house-sized boulder, and cascading waterfalls balanced the four-hour car ride. We left at 8:00 and were back in Eugene by 5:00. All of us had rave reviews for the hike described in Sullivan's *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*. We hoped that we were successful in avoiding poison oak. Members: Walt Dolliver, Janet Jacobsen, Lamonte Smith and Nancy Whitfield.

## Pre's Trail

April 22, 2010

Leader: Margaret Prentice

4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**IT WAS OVERCAST BUT A GOOD DAY** for a pleasant walk along Pre's Trail with a side trip along the river on the bike path. Bright blue larkspur was abundant, at times mixed with fragrant false Solomon's seal. There were also patches of camas. The only birds we saw were the great blue herons nesting in the rookery. Trees have leafed out now and there are still some blossoms to enjoy. My thanks to the three Obsidian friends who accompanied me: Richard Heinzkill, Marshall Kandell, and Joanne Ledet.

## Trestle Falls/Brice Creek

April 24, 2010

Leader: Karla Rusow

7 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

**SOMEWHAT OVERCAST SKIES** kept the seven of us cool as we made our way through the forest on our initial climb to Upper Trestle Creek Falls. The falls were roaring due to the recent rains and looked spectacular. Trilliums, fawn lilies and other woodland wildflowers were spotted as we made our way on down to Brice Creek Trail and lunched at Lund Park. Continuing down to Cedar Creek, the sun began to peek out and it warmed up nicely. We scouted a lot of swimming holes along the way and decided that a hot July or August day would be a great time for a return trip. Three members - Karla Rusow, Judy Terry and Guy Strahon - were joined by four nonmembers: Marie Stringer, Tiffany Cavin, Claire and Lance Beekman.

## Dorris Ranch

April 25, 2010

Leader: Barb Revere

3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**A COOL CRISP CLEAR DAY GREETED US** as we set out on our walk around the trails of this 'living history' park. Dorris Ranch is one of Springfield's little hidden treasures. One osprey and several swallows greeted us, with jays and squirrels adding their noisy two-cents. Larkspur, camas, bleeding heart and one nice patch of trillium 'chimed' in for the wildflowers. The trails are in mostly good shape with only a few mud wallows that are easy to skirt around. Brush along the river has been cut back to increase river viewing. Thanks to my cheerful companions for making this a special walk. It was good to get out and be among friends. Members: Walt Dolliver, Marshall Kandell, Joanne Ledet, Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere, Tom Revere and Ruth Romoser; nonmembers: Judi Kandell.

## Threemile Lake

April 25, 2010

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

6.2 miles, 650 ft. (Moderate)

**IT WAS A PERFECT DAY** for Rinzin Wangchuk's first visit to the Pacific coast. From Bhutan, Rinzin is attending the American English Institute at the U of O for five months before he leaves for the University of Maryland to focus on journalism studies. It was disappointing to see so much trash, especially plastic, on the beach. It will take some heavy-duty beach clean-up to haul the garbage out. We ate lunch at Threemile Lake, a quiet oasis. Enjoying the loop trip through Tahkenitch Dunes were members Janet Jacobsen, Ed Lizewski, Suzanne Steussy, Nancy Whitfield and nonmember Rinzin Wangchuk.

## Tamolitch Pool

April 28, 2010

Leader: Barb Revere

4.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

**CONSIDERING ALL THE RAIN THAT FELL THIS APRIL**, the trail was in pretty good shape. Many water-filled pot holes spanned the trail, but only a few required acrobatics to by-pass. The falls were dry, but we spotted one little trickling spring at the base of



the rockface. On one of the first side creeks we crossed, we flushed out a great blue heron; that was quite a surprise. We lunched at pool-side and watched two American dippers flitting over the quiet water. The rain held off for much of the hike and we had a surprising amount of sunshine. Wildflowers included red currant, trillium and calypso orchids. Thanks to my four companions -- they braved a rainy day, but found sunshine! Members: Myron Cook, Walt Dolliver, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan and Barb Revere.



## Byways By Bus

### Explore West Eugene

March 23, 2010

Leader: Liz Reanier

**A** GROUP OF 19 OBSIDIANS AND ONE GUEST went exploring in West Eugene. The weather was cool and cloudy the first hour, but by the time we met Rick Ahrens at the West Eugene Wetlands, more specifically at Meadow Lark Prairie, the sun was out. I was really excited as I saw and heard my first male meadow lark singing with females in the grass. Rick helped others identify birds. We had our morning refreshments (The Muffin Mill) that we had picked up on Prairie Road enroute to the wetlands, and tea or coffee. We stopped at Checkermallow, but there was very little activity. Both overlooks can be located by driving west on Royal Avenue. Rick gave us a nice program on wetlands, then we drove to the end of Royal Avenue to Fern Ridge for more information and sightings. The tree frogs were jumping into the water along the road as we walked by. We then said farewell to Rick before heading over to West 11th via Fisher Road and on out west on Highway 126 to Veneta. Our next stop was at noon in Veneta at the Our Daily Bread Restaurant. We had a great time for lunch and visiting before boarding the bus back into Eugene. At 1:30 pm, we arrived at the Oregon Lox Company near West 11th and Willow Creek Road. Although they have been in business in Eugene for 25 years, this is a lovely new facility where they receive the fresh fish, smoke it and package it for retail. There was a viewing window to watch packaging. We were offered samples and most left with a package before we departed. At 2:30 pm we arrived at Creative Clocks (7th and Conger) for a museum tour, shopping and cookies; we were back at Shopko by 4. A good time was had by all. Members: Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Louise Behnke, MaryLee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, RoseMary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Liz Reanier and Janet Speelman. Nonmembers: Beverly Robertson.

### Guide Dogs for The Blind

April 10, 2010

Leader: Liz Reanier

**BEN JEFFRIES HAD DONE THE PLANNING FOR THE TRIP**, but health problems prevented him from going, so Liz Reanier took

his place. Leaving Shopko on Coburg Road, we drove I-5 to Oregon City, with our coffee break at the Santiam rest stop. We arrived in Sandy (Highway 212) at Calamity Janes, famous for burgers of all types. After a leisurely lunch, we back-tracked to Boring, home of Guide Dogs for the Blind. We had a tour of their facilities, and at 1:30 attended the graduation ceremony where the persons who raised the dog give it to the blind recipient, who has just completed two weeks of intensive training. A reception followed where we could visit the dogs and the trainees. At 3 pm, we started home, driving Highway 211 back to Woodburn, hoping to see fields of tulips; there were none! All had a great day. Members: Bill Arthur, Max Brown, MaryLee Cheadle, Brigitte Cross, Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Dora Harris, MaryAnn Holser, Phyllis Hulse, Joanne Ledet, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne and Liz Reanier. Nonmembers: Jean Brown, Linda Brown, Virginia Cheadle, Chet Duncan, Dave Gadomski, Sharon Gadomski, Marsha Jensen, Dorothy Pease, Judith Phelps, D'Ona Read, Kathryn Read, Miriam Schafler, Jay Surgeon, Kathie Surgeon, Al West, Betty West and Laura Woodward.

### Discover Newberg: Past, Present, and Future

April 20, 2010

Leader: Verna Kocken

**A GROUP OF 25 OBSIDIAN MEMBERS AND GUESTS** braved the wet, Oregon spring weather to explore Newberg. We left the Shopko parking lot at 8 am and had our coffee break in the light rain at the rest stop north of Albany, where we met and included the Beards. With guidance from co-leader Ray Jensen, we found our way to Newberg and the ADEC complex. Our ADEC guide, Krissi Kizzler, gave us protective glasses and an audio amplifier and we spent the next two-plus hours being impressed and amazed by the complexity and precision of building dental equipment. More than just a manufacturing business, this family-owned concern has its emphasis on communication, teamwork, and quality control. We were impressed with the way this company treats its workers and how it supports the Newberg community. We were also impressed with the innovations for facilitating production. We drove by the Austin family-owned Allison Spa, planning to return for a closer look if time permitted later in the day. Lunch waited for us at George Fox University, after which we traveled to the quad and met Roger Minthorne, our historian tour guide. This charming man told us many wonderful stories about the campus and about Herbert Hoover, who would have been a cousin of Roger's, many times removed. Our next and nearly final stop was at the Minthorn House Museum where we toured the home that the Minthorn family lived in. They took in their orphaned nephew, Herbert Hoover, and he lived with them in that home from 1885 to 1889. Our tour guide Gordon Hall and his daughter shared much about the life in the area at that time, and gave us an insight into the man who would become our 31st president. Members: Ethel Allen, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Louise Behnke, MaryLee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, RoseMary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Ray Jensen, Verna Kocken, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Julia Snell, Dick Speelman and Janet Speelman. Nonmembers: Marcia Claypool, Irene Lund, Edith Pattee and Carol Volesky.

## UPCOMING

### Dust Off Your Hiking Boots

**T**HE 2010 OBSIDIAN ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE is inserted in this issue of *The Bulletin*, ready for your perusal! There are a variety of trips for all interests and abilities. We are sure there will be many outings in which you will want to participate. Keep the enclosed sheet handy for quick reference, but keep in mind, many trips do get added during the summer and sometimes dates need to change. Check the web site for the most up to date information.

Thanks to all the leaders who have volunteered their time to make the summer trips a success. But, please note that we have gaps in the schedule - see the 'Dates to Remember' in the next column of this page for ideas on how to help fill out the schedule.

Even if you can't lead a trip this summer, come join us on the trail. You might find a trip you would want to lead next summer.



### Dates to Remember:

- **Sunday, June 16!**
- **Saturday, July 3!**
- **Saturday, October 16!**

**D**O YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING on these dates? **Nothing!** And those aren't the only weekend dates without Obsidians outings.

There are several weekends from May through November with one or both days begging for an Obsidians hike, bike trip, or a mountain climb. If you are one of those Obsidians who have wanted to lead a trip but have not decided on a date, check the Obsidians calendar to see if you can fill one of the empty spots.

Even if a trip is scheduled for your preferred date, it doesn't mean we can't fit your trip in. If there is a hike at the coast, you can plan one for the mountains. If there is an easy hike on a certain date, why not lead a more difficult hike on the same day? Is there a trip missing from the schedule that you would like to see? Now is the time to put your trip(s) on the schedule! You and your fellow Obsidians will be glad you did.

*Brian Hamilton, Summer Trips Co-chair*



### Upcoming Bus Trip

**Salem's Riverfront Park, Carousel, A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village, ECO Earth Globe & Albany's Dentzel Carousel Museum**

**Date: Tuesday, June 22**

**Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Liz Reanier**

**Cost: \$42 members, \$44 nonmembers**

**Reservations & checks to: Janet Speelman 344-3019**

**C**OME WITH US AS WE REVISIT CHILDHOOD. We will spend most of the day at Salem's Riverfront Park where we will have the opportunity to ride the carousel and learn about its history, have our picnic lunch in the park, enjoy the riverside walking path, see the Eco Earth Sphere and explore the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village. The Eco Earth Sphere was originally used by Boise Cascade to hold acids which turned wood chips into pulp. Now covered with 86,000 colorful tiles, it is a huge world globe. The A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village is housed in three historic homes and includes a 20,000 sq. ft. outdoor discovery center. A.C. Gilbert, born in Salem, was the inventor of the Erector Set and is considered



*Eco Earth Sphere*

one of the most multi-talented inventors of all times. On the way home, we will stop in Albany to visit the Dentzel American Carousel Museum and Albany Carousel Studio. Here we will see the world's largest private collection of Dentzel carousel pieces and view a work in progress as volunteers create a variety of carousel animals for the proposed Albany Brass Ring Carousel.



## National Trails Day Project

**T**HE TRAILS COMMITTEE and Eugene Parks and Open Spaces staff have been working to offer a Trails Day project on Spencer Butte. The trail that is in the most need of a large group effort is the West Trail. It is very steep and has seen ever increasing amounts of use and little to no maintenance in the steep sections.

In the coming month the city is going to work to install retaining walls to reinforce sections of the trail in preparation for graveling. The main work of the project will be forming a bucket brigade to bring gravel up the trail to fill in the retaining walls. Therefore the more people we can get to participate the better.

We'll meet at the main Spencer Butte parking lot at 9 am National Trails Day, Saturday June 5th and work until about noon.

If you are interested in participating in this project please e-mail the Trails Committee at [trails@obsidians.org](mailto:trails@obsidians.org).

*Matt Bell, Trails Maintenance Chair*



## Trek Into The Blood Bank & Help Out

*Come join us for pizza and an REI raffle!*

**JUNE 1ST 4:30-6:30** is the next Obsidians blood drive at the Lane Memorial Blood Bank. Enjoy pizza and enter a raffle for a gift certificate to REI. If you can't make it in on Tuesday evening, donate anytime between June 1 through June 4 to enter the Obsidians raffle. Just let the LMBB registrar know you are with the Obsidians group. Summer is an especially challenging time to collect enough blood as people are unavailable due to personal or school vacations. Increased road travel can also mean more accidents that require life saving blood. Units you donate on or after June 1 will help with blood usage through the 4th of July holiday.

Please call the blood bank at (541) 484-9111 for an appointment or if you have questions about your eligibility to donate. You can also contact Kathleen Floyd, the Obsidians blood drive coordinator at:

(541) 654-0087 or [jmkmfloyd@comcast.net](mailto:jmkmfloyd@comcast.net)

Lane Memorial Blood Bank extends their thanks and appreciation for the Obsidians support!



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## CPR & First Aid

**I**F YOU ARE A TRIP LEADER or a participant in the many outdoor activities that the Obsidians offer you might be interested in knowing that the Obsidians will be offering a CPR and First Aid training session this coming Fall 2010. The date has yet to be determined, so if you are interested, watch for the date in the upcoming *Obsidian Bulletins*.

*Lyndell Wilken*

**Clarification:** A statement in the article, *Fresh Tracks* which appeared in the April Bulletin, should have read as the following: Eugene Mountain Rescue when formed, was aided by the Obsidian Search and Rescue Committee with equipment and personnel from the Club, along with others in the climbing community. The Club as a whole was not responsible for the creation of Eugene Mountain Rescue.

## Other Organizations:

**Eugene Natural History Society**  
Friday, May 21, 7:30 PM,  
Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus  
Free to the public

**R**APTORS AND PASSERINES, especially abundant in Eastern Oregon, will be the primary subject of the May 21st talk at the Eugene Natural History Society meeting. The group invites the public, free of charge, to enjoy a presentation by Dr. Pat Kennedy, OSU professor, stationed at the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station in Union, OR. Pat is especially interested in the ecology and management of birds with a particular focus on rare and uncommon raptors and passerines in managed landscapes..



## AT THE LODGE

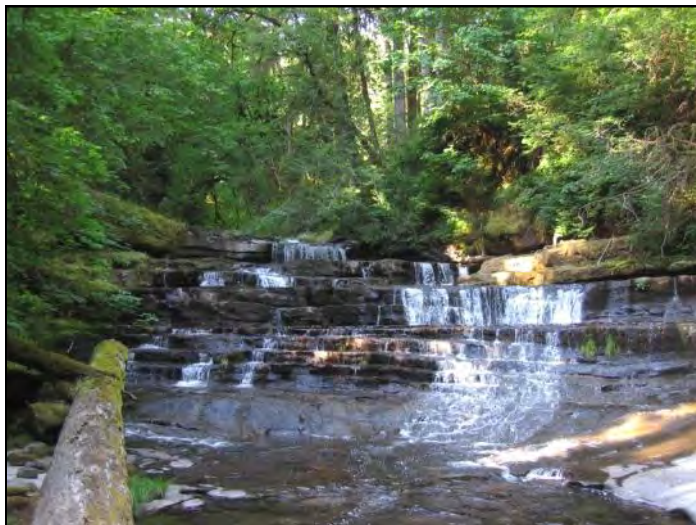


Friday, May 21:

# Wassen Creek - Devil's Staircase

**W**ASSEN CREEK FLOWS OVER FOUR OR FIVE SANDSTONE STEPS as it tumbles down about 50 feet. Into each step, the creek has drilled round plunge pools, perhaps using hard, igneous pebbles to scrape away the softer sandstone. The pools range in size from those large enough for several people to bathe in, to mere thimbles. Learn more from Dave Tvedt about the beauty of this area which has been in the news, and even visited by Peter DeFazio, in an effort to have it designated a wilderness area.

*Laurie Funkhouser  
Entertainment Committee Chair*



**May Potluck - Friday, May 21 - Obsidian Lodge  
Potluck, 6:30 pm Program, 7:30 pm**

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



Tuesday, May 18th ExploraTalk



## Backyard Bugs

**O**BSIDIAN NATURALIST RICK AHRENS will take us on a tour of our own backyards for the Tuesday, May 18, ExploraTalk, put on at the Lodge by the Conservation, Science and Education Committee.

Beginning at 7 pm, Rick will tell us all kinds of interesting things about the creatures we see, and some we may not, as we work in our gardens or just enjoy our personal surroundings. Are they helpful? Are they harmful? Are they natural to this area? And how do they contribute to the web of life?

*Joella Ewing, SciEd/Conservation Co-chair*





## Note Card Contest Winners

**W**E WANT TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE who took the time to send us their favorite photos for our Obsidians note card contest. We received lots of interesting photos, from moose to hiking boot flower pots to beach art. We had a tough time picking out the best photos, but think we picked three that represent the amazing diversity of the beautiful Northwest and the spirit of the Obsidians. Our winners are Ken Frazer, Chuck Mitchell and Clare Tucker. We also want to thank John Jacobsen and Sam Miller for letting us use their photos to round out our selection.

### ... and More Tee Shirts Too

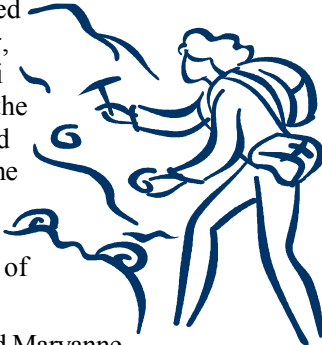
We also want to tell you about our new women's tee shirts in an assortment of sizes and a variety of colors. We have heard from several ladies in the club that they are sick and tired of wearing men's blocky tee shirts that don't fit in the shoulders or the hips, so we listened. Our new tee shirts are more feminine in cut with rounder necks and slightly shorter sleeves and a bit trimmer through the waist. Of course, they all have the Obsidians logo. We hope you'll be as pleased with them as we are. So, please stop by the concessions table at the next potluck to check out our beautiful new note cards and new women's tee shirts.

*Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Concessions Chair*

### Media Notes:

## Obsidian Climbers in the News

**T**HE MAY 2010 DASH special issue of the Register Guard featured an article, *Climbers Reach for New Heights* by Chris Cunningham, a free lance writer and an Obsidian member. Cunningham interviewed instructors Maryanne Reiter, Michele McCall and Juli McGlinsky who helped teach the Spring Climb School sponsored by the Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue. Chris also interviewed two of the thirteen women students (in a class of twenty-two participants).



From her interview with Juli and Maryanne both of whom are also Obsidian members, Cunningham wrote:

*Climbing takes a tremendous effort, and especially in the beginning, it's just plain hard, Maryanne says. But the payoff is at the top, where spellbinding views mesmerize. It is obviously an exchange of effort for beauty.*

*The physical and mental qualities of climbing drew Juli, who also is a member of the Obsidians. But she admits she "... didn't have the skills to go where I wanted to" until she took the same class she now teaches. Fittingly, Juli is in charge of the outdoor pursuits program at South Eugene High School, where she is a counselor.*

## Obsidian Calendar

### May

- 14 Fri – Sweet Creek, 2.5m 250' E, J.Ewing ..... 344-9197
- 15 Sat – CASA Mckenzie R Walk, 5m E, Duncan ... 343-8079
- 15 Sat – Heceta Head, 7m 400' M, P.Soussan ..... 345-3046
- 16 Sun – Fall Creek, Bike, 38m M, S.Hoeg ..... 484-6196
- 16 Sun – Kentucky Falls, 4.4m 800' E, J.Ledet ..... 683-2603
- 17 Mon – Cummins Ridge, 6m 1200' D, J.Pierce .... 344-1775
- 18 Tues - Backyard Bugs!, Ahrens, ..... ExploraTalk
- 20 Thu – Mt. Pisgah, 5m 500' E, P.Soussan..... 345-3046
- 21 Fri – Devils Staircase, Tvedt ..... Potluck
- 22 Sat – Bellfountain, Bike, 38m M, Gilman-Garrick. 345-3526
- 22 Sat – McKenzie R Tr, 9m 250' M, D.Delaby..... 688-4978
- 22 Sat – Rooster Rock, 6.6m 2300' M, J.Pegg..... 343-0909
- 23 Sun – Castle Rock, 11.4m 2600' D, C.Stockdale .. 767-3668
- 26 Wed – Mt. Tom, 5m 1000' M, C.Higgins..... 995-8060
- 26 Wed – Ridgeline Trail, 6.2m 900' M, Hackett..... 953-7046
- 27 Thu – Mt. Pisgah, 3m 1000' E, J.Jacobsen..... 343-8030
- 29 Sat – Mt. Baldy, 4m 500' E, R.Sundt..... 485-1420
- 29-30 Sat-Sun – Sutton Tr, Bkpk, 3m E, Lizewski.... 505-0976
- 30 Sun – Aufderheide, Bike, 50m 2700' D, Miller.... 484-4586
- 30 Sun – Clear Lake, 5m 200' M, B.Revere ..... 543-3514

### June

- 3 Thu – Marys Peak, 8m 2000' M, D.Christensen..... 343-8941
- 5 Sat – McKenzie Hwy, Bike, 47m 3800' D, Miller... 484-4586
- 5-6 Sat-Sun – North Sister, Climb, W.Deeter ..... 954-0924
- 5 Sat – Oregon Dunes, 6m 250' M, Flashenberg..... 461-1977
- 5 Sat – Trails Day/Spencer Bt, Tr Maint, Bell . 503-884-8829
- 6 Sun – Coast Rng, Bike, 34m M, Gilman-Garrick ... 345-5236
- 6 Sun – Dog Mountain, 6m 3000' D, B.Lipton ..... 736-7498
- 6 Sun – Fish Lake, Kayak, E.Sather..... 822-0311
- 6 Sun – Lillian Falls, 2.4m 600' E, G.Strahon..... 505-9084
- 9 Wed – Larison Creek, 10.4m 700' D, Colgan..... 485-2787
- 10 Thu – Erma Bell Lakes, 5m 500' E, Ewing ..... 344-9197
- 11 Fri – Skinner Bt Eaglets, 1m 200' E, Essenberg... 344-9197
- 12 Sat – Artists Retreat—Coast, 3m M, S.Hovis .... 345-7788
- 12 Sat – Mt. Thielsen, Climb, W.Deeter ..... 954-0924
- 12 Sat – Mt. Tom, 5m 1000' M, C.Higgins ..... 995-8060
- 12 Sat – Rebel Rock, 15m 3300' D, L.Huff..... 868-5391
- 12 Sat – South Sister, Climb, B.Hamilton..... 343-6550
- 17 Thu – Heceta Head, 6.4m 800' M, S.Larsen ..... 687-2589
- 19 Sat – Iron Mtn—Cone Peak, 7.5m D, Jacobsen .. 343-8030

## Classifieds

### For Sale

**TREK BOYS BIKE** 16" frame - 26" wheels. Bike rack. \$250.00. Like new. Call Lois Morse (541) 683-2404

**CINDERELLA I AM NOT!** Montrail Moraine Women's Boots. Never worn. Size 10. I am not, maybe you are? New \$210, will sell for \$100. Call Chris (541) 521-8991

**WOOD - GREEN FIR** at the Obsidian Lodge. Split, you haul. \$110/cord, or we can haul for \$40. Half cords available too. Contact John Jacobsen, Grounds Chair:

(541) 343-8030 or [johnwjacobsen@comcast.net](mailto:johnwjacobsen@comcast.net)

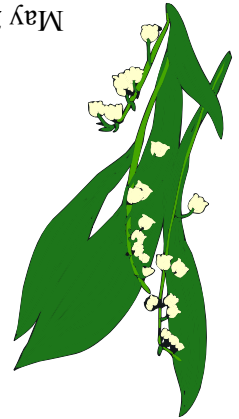
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*Photo by John Jacobsen*

*Looking through a very colorful fallen madrone - Janet Jacobsen at the North Bank Deer Preserve - see trip report Page 9.*

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