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Obsidian Storage Building Complete!

Steve Johnson

I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that after over a year of planning and construction interspersed with occasional delays caused by weather, inspections, and even an oops moment or two, the Obsidian storage building, or barn as I like to call it, is done.

Our new barn got its start way back at the October 2012 board meeting when John Jacobsen proposed the formation of an ad hoc committee to discuss the construction of a building to replace the two deteriorating existing sheds on the Obsidian grounds plus create a space where all of our summer camp equipment could be stored. The construction committee's first meeting was in January 2013 and continued for a total of ten meetings through September. By then we had hammered out almost all the details of size, location, estimated cost, and design of the new building, plus we had our building permit. Special thanks go to member Brian Hamilton for being the architect,



member Steve Gunn for doing the cost estimates, and nonmember Kevin Wilger of Structural Source, LLC for doing the engineering calculations. They all provided their professional services without charge.

During September of 2013 we completed site preparation which involved the removal of trees and the leveling and filling of the selected site. During the first week of October, we had a contractor form and pour the concrete slab. The next couple of weeks involved a lot of email discussions about every aspect of the planned construction. Details such as type of siding, windows, doors, roofing, and much more were electronically debated and eventually decided allowing us to order the lumber package.

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Obituary

Vi Johnson 1931-2014

VI JOHNSON, AN OBSIDIAN MEMBER SINCE 1982, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 14 at the age of 83. Her first hike with the club was as a participant for the Rock Mesa Preservation fundraiser in 1982. She hiked 25 miles of the 75-mile trip—an impressive feat for a first hike! Vi attended climbing school and then climbed Middle Sister twice. She was an avid cross country skier and also a dedicated trip leader. She frequently led trips back to Rock Mesa and enjoyed showing hikers the pristine beauty of the area she, and the earlier hikers, helped to protect. Her last summer camp was in 2004 to Mt. Baker. Vi also served the club as President in 1987.

In the June 2014 issue of *The Bulletin* Vi is frequently mentioned in the article about protecting Rock Mesa. On Sept. 7, just a week before her passing, Vi sat at the information table about Rock Mesa as part of the celebration of the Wilderness Act.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lodge on Sunday, October 19 at 3 PM.

Editor's Note: An obituary for Vi can be found in the October 5 issue of The Register-Guard.

Late Summer Trips

Summer Trips Committee

IF THE WEATHER FORECAST SOUNDS PERFECT FOR HIKING, consider adding a trip to the schedule. Following are some suggestions from fall schedules in years past: Clear Lake, Little Belknap Crater, Maxwell Butte, Tamolitch Pool to Clear Lake, Grizzly Peak, Tire Mountain, Eagles' Rest, Cascadia and House Rock, Silver Falls, Kentucky Falls, Scott Mountain, Cummins Ridge, Brice Creek, Opal Creek, Eel Creek, Sweet Creek and Baker Beach, Fall Creek, Fuji Mt., Sahalie and Koosah Falls, McKenzie River Trail, Duffy Lake, Mary's Peak, Cape Mountain, and Shotgun Park.

Dillard Connecting Ridgeline Trail

Summer Trips Committee

THE NEW TRAIL UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE WEST SIDE OF DILLARD Road connecting the Baldy and the Fox Hollow sections of the Ridgeline Trail should be completed by the middle of October. It means that hikers won't have to walk the ½-mile on the shoulder of Dillard Road. Watch for information in the *Register-Guard* about the grand opening. Then check the Obsidian website for just-added Ridgeline Trail hikes that will include the new trail section.

USFS Wants YOUR Input Wed., Oct. 29 On Which Roads to Maintain or to Decommission.

Time: 6 - 8 PM
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When we began this process I don't think any of us intended to wait until late fall to start construction; however, it wasn't until October 22 that we were finally able to get a crew together—headed by member and contractor Dave Beardsley, to begin framing the barn. This seemed like a really bad idea at the time as all of us had lived in Oregon long enough to know how wet the weather can get at this time of the year. No one wanted to work on this project in the rain. Amazingly, we got together 18 days over the next month, and I don't recall more than a few sprinkles. During this time we got the barn completely framed

equipment was moved in and organized by members of the Summer Camp Committee. After nineteen months of planning and construction the barn was finally finished.

This was a long and difficult project with many disagreements and compromises. However, in the end the following people pulled together to make a lasting contribution to a great organization. I especially would like to honor the late Catherine Jones who bequeathed a major donation that made the Obsidian barn construction possible. My apologies to anyone I've failed to list.

Building Committee: Dave Beardsley, Rob Castleberry,



up with siding, windows, doors, and roofing. We then took a few weeks off for the holidays and to allow time for the contractors to come in and install the electrical wiring and insulation. During January 2014 we got the crew back to install the interior walls and on February 3, 2014 the barn received final approval from the Eugene building inspector.

While waiting for summer weather so we could paint the exterior of the barn, we got together occasionally to plan and finish the interior. We built a wall to section off an area for the landscape equipment and a loft for extra storage, plus we hung all the hand tools and ordered and assembled shelving. By July we were finally able to get a crew of volunteers together to mask, prime, and spray paint the exterior. The following week we were able get together one last time to hand paint the trim. Over the next few weeks the summer camp

Dan Gilmore, Steve Gunn, Brian Hamilton, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Steve Johnson, Lonny King, Doug Nelson, Guy Strahon.

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Barry Lopez and Going Wild

Jorry Rolfe

IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF *OUTSIDE MAGAZINE*, Finn Rock nature writer and winner of the National Book Award for his *Arctic Dreams* in 1986, Barry Lopez offers both an intimate essay and a reconsideration of activists' efforts to protect the French Pete Creek valley. His personal reflections about the enchantments of being in the wild are elegantly woven into a short lesson about the environmental successes with the passages of the Wilderness Act (1964) and the Endangered American Wilderness Act (1978).

Though our work is not done, writes Lopez, "the fight against corporate greed...hasn't ended." We readers are not led and left at a place with no hope. Instead, we tag along as he shares his feelings of gratitude, wonder, and awe with "uncomplicated air pushing against my skin" while going on a "recalibration walk." The spell under which he falls is ours too, if we allow his meditation to affect us. His words move us because he conveys how being in "unmanipulated land" restores us by bringing solace and solitude.

We read and contemplate Lopez's writings as we do

those of other nature writers such as Henry David Thoreau, Terry Tempest Williams and another Oregonian, Kathleen Dean Moore. Through the narrow corridor of this essay, Barry Lopez allows us to join him on a passage to a deeper, more vulnerable, place—away from development, to the truly natural environment.

Throughout the essay, though, we are reminded of past activism that led to the protected wildernesses we can currently visit. We know to be grateful to many and we understand that much is not the same. What does remain is the attraction to the wild, the draw of letting go of civilization. Lopez calls our attention once again to our sense of belonging in the undisturbed; we are humans needing places without human interference.

References: *Outside Magazine*, September 2014 issue.
The Case for Going Uncivilized by Barry Lopez

Also online at www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/nature/The-Case-For-Being-More-Uncivilized.html

The Little Prius that Could

CHRISS STOCKDALE LED THE HIKE to Canyon Mountain in the northwest corner of the Strawberries. The steep road and a few wrong turns on dubious single lane roads challenged drivers and cars. Back at the evening campfire, Larry Dunlap read a poem that an anonymous poet left in his Prius after it had managed the pockmarked and stone-filled roads of the Strawberry Wilderness.

*Please raise a toast to my humble Prius
at every trailhead where you see us.
The car takes gullies like a fox
and hurtles roads just full of rocks.
It absorbs washboard like a champ,
Keeps up with other cars in camp.
So when compared in a fair review,
what's so darn good about your Subaru?*

Another option to the numerous Obsidian Subarus

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Trip Reports & Other Activities



Climbs

North Sister

July 26, 2014

Leader: Rick Harris

Climb: 16 miles, 4,800 ft.

IT WAS A NICE CALM DAY starting out at the Pole Creek trail-head to climb North Sister for my third time. We started hiking with Danni Harris, Ted Glick, Mike Morris, and myself. All gear check, waypoint set, go. As we got there, Ted informed us that he was not feeling great due to his knee which is about to be partially replaced. We will see more of him next year after rehab. With that in mind, we decided to stay in the Thayer Glacier basin instead of going up to the normal ridge to set base camp. We started out an hour earlier to compensate for the extra distance. Mike, Danni and I started out on a fine Sunday morning at 3:30 AM. All was going well until at about 9,000 feet when I started to get a little bit of a headache. Nothing I haven't experienced before. I think just a little bit of caffeine withdrawal. Then about 9,400 feet, a wave of nausea came over me with the headache. This is now not good. So I inform Mike and Danni and we decide it would be best if Danni assumes the lead and I stop to rest and take on water and food. This plan sounded good to everyone and they went on. Danni and Mike got to the dinner-plate to discover that the snow was too soft and unsafe to cross. After a couple of attempts trying to cross, they decided to throw in the towel and come back down. North Sister was just a little too much this day. She is not going anywhere soon so we will try again next year. Still a great trip that pushed us all to some extremes we were prepared to handle but not liking having to deal with. Great argument for being prepared and knowing what to look for to keep everyone safe.

Three Fingered Jack

August 2, 2014

Leader: Rick Harris

Climb: 11 miles, 3,000 ft.

IT IS ANOTHER SATURDAY AT 3:30 AM at the PCT parking lot on top of Santiam Pass. George Williamson, Mike Morris and I began hiking with our gear for the summit of Three Fingered Jack. This is by far my favorite mountain to climb. Not sure why, but I really like it. As we arrived at the Crawl at 7:30, I thought we were making really great time. As usual, the Crawl had changed again. There were more missing rocks on the climb out of the ledge. Nothing really exciting because Mike and George are exceptionally fit climbers and great to be around. Got up to the chimney and got things set up to get our summit and we were half done at 10:00 in the morning. We got

some great pics of us doing the weird poses up on that little 3'x3' surface we call the summit and back down the mountain we go. We got to the tree at the junction to hit the scree trail which you can see from the bottom and wonder if you have to climb that, which you don't. We began the scree skiing down the mountain and hit the lunch tree by 11:30. We were still making really great time. We decided not to take lunch and just keep going. Now we were headed for the cars on the PCT which at this point is a little bit downhill and a lot of flat. Did I mention that George and Mike are in really great condition? Wow! We were at the cars by 1:30 PM, a new record for me. Ten hours start-to-finish. Hope we didn't miss anything. Got to have great conversation and meet the many thru hikers as well. I would climb with these guys anytime. Happy climbing all.



Kayak Trips

Women's Hosmer Lake Canoe/Kayak

September 4, 2014

Leader: Patricia Esch

Water: 0 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THREE DAYS, THREE LAKES! Fourteen kayakers occupied only five sites at Hosmer Campground. Good thing we got there early because the campground was full by dark. The weather was so perfect. We didn't put up the canopies and marveled at the three-burner stove on its own legs—this sure made cooking a lot easier. After setting up camp, we got out on Hosmer Lake. Some of the earlier paddlers made it all the way up to the waterfall at the other end. As usual, the water was so clear we could see the fish against the sandy bottom. The first night dinner team did such a fantastic job of providing hors d'oeuvres, that the salmon burgers almost took second place. And, we discovered that we could have a campfire despite rumors to the contrary, so we were happy as well as full campers. Not in any hurry the next day, we packed our lunches and loaded up our boats for Sparks Lake. The paddle along lava ridges with their ins and outs was leisurely and we stopped in a secluded inlet at the far end for lunch and a swim. Our paddle back was more direct and we arrived back in camp in time for naps, though some of us made a stop at Elk Lake Resort to get water as there was none at Hosmer. We were rewarded with ice cream. The second dinner team also outdid themselves on hors d'oeuvres, so *Yum* bowls and all the trimmings just seemed like an extension. There was an after-dark excursion to the dumpster because a special bowl had inadvertently been deposited in the garbage bag. Flashlights and willing hands located it. Pee-ew! Having discussed the possible alternatives of lakes for our third day, we agreed on Lava Lake, which was not far away and on the way home. Lava Lake is a deep lake, unlike Hosmer

and Sparks, so there were lots of fishermen, but no boats speeding around towing skiers. We paddled all the way around the edge, eventually finding the only sandy beach on the whole lake with just enough room to beach our kayaks. We enjoyed another mostly peaceful lunch and some swimming before returning to the boat ramp and loading our boats one last time. Members: Barbara Aten, Anne Bonine, Jake (Gail) Bradshaw, Jacque Davis, Marlene Drescher, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Sharon Friedland, Mary Livingston, Lou Maenz, Helen Martz, Judy Newman, Diane Schechter, Nancy Whitfield.



Backpacks

Chimney Lake - Steamboat Lake

September 7, 2014

Leader & Photographer: Chris Stockdale

Backpack: 30 miles, 6,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE INGREDIENTS FOR A PERFECT BACKPACK TRIP fell into place for the four participants on the Steamboat-Chimney Lake loop trek. We had almost perfect weather, fantastic scenery, great camp sites and very few other



people on the trail. This loop is in the Eagle Cap Wilderness of the Wallowa Mountains, a long eight-plus hour drive from Eugene. We spent our first night at a campground on the Lostine River and the next morning left one vehicle at the Bowman Trailhead and drove to the Two Pan Trailhead to begin our trip. The first day was planned to be fairly easy with about five miles and a 1,680 foot elevation gain. We camped at a beautiful site right where the Copper Creek trail crosses Copper Creek before entering the Copper Creek meadows. It was a chilly night, but the clear sky allowed us a view of the *super moon* that was full that very night—no flashlights needed for nighttime excursions to the bushes. The following day, we followed the trail through glorious alpine meadows and up a rocky but well-graded trail that eventually led us to a ridge overlooking Swamp Lake and the surrounding mountains. A fairly steep drop down took us to the completely misnamed Swamp Lake, which is a beautiful small lake in a cirque, for our lunch spot. A couple of miles further down took us to the spectacular Steamboat Lake where we found we were the only

people and were able to take possession of the only reasonable size campsite at the lake. On our third day out, the trail dropped just under 2,000 feet, treating us to occasional views down the steep valley as we walked through a more forested terrain. We reached the North Minam Meadows in time for lunch; this had been the planned campsite for the night but since we had arrived so early and we knew we had some stiff climbing scheduled for the morrow, we decided to gamble, hike up about 1,500 feet to what the map showed as a waterfall and the trail crossing a creek. We figured there might be camping around there and we were absolutely right. Another, quite large obviously horse camp, was right by the creek and unoccupied. Quite late that evening, a couple of extremely tired young backpackers appeared on the trail and we invited them to pitch their tent with us. They barely hesitated before accepting! As it turned out, the rest of the climb up to Wilson Pass was not as fearsome as we had thought. The switchbacks were well-planned and the trail not too rocky. However, as we achieved the Pass, we realized we shouldn't linger as the wind was blowing hard and was icy cold. The trail then dropped down again until we got to the junction with the Chimney Lake trail. A couple more miles took us to this spectacular lake that has a couple of islands and several good campsites. This was the first time we saw more than a couple of people, but we were able to spread out enough that nobody got in anybody else's way. Bill Sullivan suggests spending some energy climbing to the pass above Chimney Lake for incredibly beautiful views of the lake with a whole series of Wallowa peaks as a backdrop. I was the only one of the group willing to accept that challenge and the others missed what I think was the highlight of the whole trip. A trail switchbacks up to the pass affording views of Chimney Lake and the peaks (I identified The Matterhorn and Eagle Cap). Once at the pass, you look down on Woods Lake, and then you follow a trail that climbs about half a mile up through rocky, fairly sparsely vegetated terrain to the small, snow-fed Hobo Lake. After our final night on the trail, we relaxed on a five-mile hike out, retrieved the car from Two Pan and loaded up for the trip home. Sullivan describes this loop in his Eastern Oregon hiking guide, but for mere mortals such as myself, I highly recommend doing it the way we did—in four nights and five days on the trail and going clockwise. An interesting note: of the four backpackers, two have had both their hips replaced. I think this is a pretty good advertisement for hip replacements! Members: Lisa Grissell, Daphne James, Tom Rundle, Chris Stockdale.

Hidden Lake (Waldo)

September 19, 2014

Leader: Scott Hovis

Backpack: 5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Difficult)

THE MOST DANGEROUS THING about a backpack in the Waldo Lake area continues to be the cars on Highway 58. WOW! That was close! I struggled to find our way in, and we finally worked our way to Hidden Lake. The air quality was good—not so much in Oakridge where the fires continue to burn. No trail passes are required at the Charlton Lake trailhead. I had a problem with the signage at Found Lake. Much of my confusion was caused by the fact that Found Lake is not there—it's a meadow as of this writing. There are no fish in Hidden Lake. Maybe that is why the lake is so clear. Members: Keiko Bryan, Scott Hovis, Becky Lipton, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. Non-members: Barbara Kay Cosby.



Byways By Bus

Back to the Coast

August 13, 2014

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

A GOOD STOP ON THE OREGON COAST is the Washburn State Park, a few miles north of Heceta Head, where we enjoyed our coffee break. Thank you hospitality committee. Cape Perpetua Visitor Center was our next stop where we learned about the early Alsea people. The Alsea were here for



thousands of years, but were gone by the mid-twentieth-century. Michael Gonzalez, interpretive staff member, shared the native history and some early foods, such as berries and jerky. Katie Ollesch, graduate student intern, led a walk down (and back up) to some original middens, collections of mollusk shells, and other debris from an early Indian settlement. These middens, all along the coast, were often landfills the size of a football field. Our next stop was the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, 20 miles east of Waldport on Highway 34, and two miles north on east Fall Creek Road. We had our lunch at tables overlooking Fall Creek, an idyllic setting for a picnic. The hatchery, a joint effort of OSU and Oregon Fish and Wildlife, is seeking to discover best practices regarding hatchery salmon and steelhead in the interest of protecting native fish. This state-of-the-art facility hosts researchers from around the world with indoor and natural environment labs. Joseph O'Neil, education and outreach director for the hatchery, gave us a superb and complete tour. As we went along, he shared results of some of the 100 research projects carried out since beginning in 2005. In later October and November, Fall Creek will have returning spawning fish visible beside the hatchery building. The facility is open to the public seven days a week with a small interpretive display area inside. It is worth a visit. Thanks to Rick Ahrens for being our naturalist. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Patty Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Dennis Flanders, Marge Hislop, Rose Marie Moffitt, Don Payne, Margaret Prentice, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Liz Igl, Connie McIndoo, Judy Phelps, Betty Dickerman, Dawne Dougherty, Wendy Brown.



Bike Trips

Row River

August 31, 2014

Leader: Guy Strahon

Bike: 30 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

THE ANNUAL WATERMELON RIDE on the Row River Trail went smoothly. All riders were Obsidians, all were very experienced, and the weather was perfect! Fortunately, there wasn't a trace of smoke from the Oakridge fire, and the temperature was very comfortable. In addition, when we arrived at our lunch stop (Wildwood Falls) there were only three teenage boys present, so it was quiet and restful. The ride back to the Mosby Creek trailhead was uneventful and we saw several families, young children in tow, enjoying the trail. Always nice to see the young ones enjoying the scenery with their parents! Back at the start, we had a watermelon feed with Hermiston melons. Judy Terry surprised us with milk chocolate Bing cherries from Harry & David. YUM! Members: Anne Bonine, Barbara Bruns, Patricia Esch, Kathy Hoeg, Jack O'Donnell, Joe Sanders, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Michael Wolf.



Hikes

Black Crater

August 3, 2014

Leader: Tom Giesen

Hike: 7.8 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

SIX OF US WEATHERED THE LONG, MULTI-WEEK WAIT until the weekend thunderstorm danger diminished to 20% and we finally got started up Black Crater. It was a nice-enough early August day temperature-wise, but it was very hazy and humid. The haze appeared to be forest fire related, but without much odor. As the day went by, the haze diminished somewhat. Black Crater offers 360-degree views, and at 7,257 feet, offers superb close-ups of the Sisters, Broken Top, Belknap Crater, Mt. Washington, and peaks on to the north. It was a disappointment that it was not a day for clear, sharp photography. The numerous patches of flowers near the top, however, appeared to be close to the peak of flowering, and colors were very vivid—especially on the Indian paintbrush. There was one colony of columbine. All the flowers appeared shorter than normal, perhaps due to the elevation. Members: Tom Giesen, Lisa Grissell, Andrew McIvor, Mike Smith, Gary Spizzen. Nonmembers: Gary Haliski.

Paradise Park

August 15, 2014

Leader & Photographer: Steven Johnson

Hike: 12.5 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TRAILS TO HIKE IN OREGON, so I was pleased to have seven first-timers join me for this day's adventure. We left Eugene around 7:00 AM for an almost three-hour drive to Timberline Lodge. At 10:10 AM, we were hiking under the ski lifts at Timberline, watching the summer skiers ride the lift up to the Magic Mile. Our trail then joined



the Pacific Crest Trail, which meanders west around Mt. Hood through small meadows and streams until it reaches the 700 foot-deep Zigzag Canyon. At the bottom of the canyon, we were challenged to find a safe spot to cross the Zigzag River as there is no bridge. We then had to gain back the 1,100 feet of elevation that we lost since leaving Timberline Lodge to make our way up to Paradise Park. Paradise Park is a large wildflower-filled meadow on the west side of Mt. Hood with views of the Willamette Valley to the west and Mt. Adams and Mt. St Helens to the north. Unfortunately all the mountains were socked in by the clouds, so we made our way up to The Big Rock for lunch. During our lunch, the clouds parted over Mt. Hood giving us a dramatic 10-minute show. After lunch, we continued on the Paradise Park loop where it again joins the Pacific Crest Trail back to Timberline Lodge. After our hike, we stopped at Calamity Jane's in Sandy for dinner. After 320 miles of driving and 13 miles of hiking, we made it back to Eugene around 10:00 PM. I plan on leading this hike again next year and I hope to have more Obsidians join me. Members: Keiko Bryan, Lisa Grissell, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Brenda Kameenui, Rich Romm, Tom Rundle, Ernst Schwintzer.

Black Crater

August 17, 2014

Leader: Jennifer Baer

Photographer: David Cooper

Hike: 8 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

THE ADVENTURE BEGAN ON SCENIC ROUTE 242 as we rounded the last corner before the parking lot. Straddling the yellow line was a large RV towing a car. My first thought was that we were going to experience my air bags deploying. The RV driver



was apparently jolted into alertness by my blast on the horn. He jerked the wheel to his right. Feeling like I was on the Titanic approaching the fateful iceberg, I watched in horror as the end of his rig, still on our side of the road, approached. Miraculously, he slid by without a scratch. Fortunately, the rest of the day was quite pleasant. Jeff drove all the way from Burns to meet us at the trailhead. We enjoyed temperatures in the 70s and were rewarded with views on this sunny day, although there was quite a bit of upper-level haze from fires. The timing was good for wildflowers; the columbine nestled in the volcanic rock and fragrant lupine in the lower meadow were especially nice. At the top, there was a slight breeze and we enjoyed a lengthy lunch to take advantage of the perfect (and rare in my experience) conditions. Climbing to the upper rim of the crater is always a blast. Thanks to the group for waiting for everyone to catch up and the great conversations. Members: Jennifer Baer, David Cooper, May Fogg, Chris Gordon, Michael Moffitt, Nola Nelson, Tom Rundle, Nancy Whitfield, Jim Woodard. Nonmembers: Jeff Jones, Brian Sunset, Teyan So.

Amazon Headwaters-Spencer Butte

August 20, 2014 through September 24, 2014

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: **August 20**—Members: Rob Castleberry, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Reinhard, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. **August 27**—Members: Rob Castleberry, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. **September 10**—Members: Rob Castleberry, David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Rick Sanford, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Caroline Moore, Carla Lyon. **September 24**—Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Craig Molitor, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Caroline Moore.

Divide Lake

August 23, 2014

Leader: Judy Terry

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD PERFECT WEATHER FOR OUR HIKE into Divide Lake. Huckleberries were plucked along the way to lovely Notch



Lake. Although I had warned the hikers to expect mosquitoes, they were not a problem. The uphill climb was slow, not because we were unfit, but because there were so many interesting mushrooms popping up everywhere. Darko found an especially delectable one, worthy of taking back to Eugene. On the ridge, the six Obsidians enjoyed the views of Diamond Peak to the south and Salt Creek Valley to the north. A relaxing time was spent at Divide Lake for lunch. The lake was pristine and a beautiful blue color reflecting Mt. Yoran. Members: May Fogg, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Darko Sojak, Judy Terry, Nancy Whitfield.

Scott Mountain/Benson Lake

August 23, 2014

Leader: Sue Wolling

Hike: 10 miles, 1,300 ft. (Difficult)

ON A BEAUTIFUL AUGUST DAY, nine of us headed up Old McKenzie Highway to hike to Scott Mountain. It apparently wasn't an original idea, since the parking area, at the end of a heavily-potholed gravel road, was jam-packed. Most of the vehicles belonged to families camping at Scott Lake, whom we left behind as we headed up toward Benson Lake. This hike was a joy, and seemed shorter than its actual 10 miles because there was a pleasant destination every few miles. First was the blue pool of Benson Lake, then the sparkling waters of the Tenas Lakes before we headed through the woods to the summit of Scott Mountain. We enjoyed a long lunch in the sunshine with a cool breeze while admiring the view of all of the Cascade peaks from Mt. Jefferson to Diamond Peak, as well as several lakes and the patchwork forest with evidence of recent fires. After lunch, we headed down to turn onto the trail to Hand Lake (which was not nearly as obscure as Sullivan's book suggests). This trail led through an interesting variety of healthy forest, burned forest, lava, lakeshore, and mountain views on the way back to the cars. Late August was the perfect time for this hike, as we passed through many areas that are surely full of mosquitoes in July, and enjoyed the huckleberries that were at their prime. All in all, it was a great day in the mountains. Members: David Cooper, Chris Gordon, Barbara Gunther, Becky Lipton, Tom Rundle, Ernst Schwintzer, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: David Strutin, Janel Erickson.

Maxwell Butte

August 30, 2014

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 9.4 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE was our refrain at the conclusion of a rainy and windy and viewless hike. This was a summer hike where one needed a poncho, gloves, cap, and gaiters. On the plus side, we saw a herd of elk. The trail was in much better condition than the previous year thanks to Obsidians and Scorptions, who cleared the 150 or so trees in July. We left Eugene



at 7:00 AM, started hiking at 9:00 and were on top around 11:20. It was a quick lunch and descent, back at the cars at 1:15 PM with very muddy boots. Thanks to the drivers, Darko and Jorry, who transported mud spattered hikers back to Eugene. Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Michael Moffitt, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: David Strutin, Karen Rich, Art Skach.

Arrowhead Lake/Obsidian Trail

August 31, 2014

Leader: Bob Harrison

Hike: 12 miles, 2,400 ft. (Difficult)

WE LEFT THE OBSIDIAN TRAILHEAD under a slight threat of rain and some clouds. However, we had very good weather during the hike—no rain, cool temperatures, and a really great group of hikers. We followed the Obsidian Trail to the Glacier Way Trail, to the PCT and then followed climbers' trails to Arrowhead Lake above Sister Spring. After a lunch break, we backtracked to the PCT and followed the PCT to the Obsidian Trail, which we followed back to the cars. Members: Denise Butler, Barbara Gunther, Stephanie Harris, Bob Harrison, Rich Romm. Nonmembers: Aaron Rohrer, Eric Selker.

Lowder Mountain

September 3, 2014

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Mike Smith

Hike: 5.6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WE CELEBRATED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT with a wilderness hike to view Ruth and Karl Lakes,

named after Karl and Ruth Onthank, who were the “initiators



and early spirit of the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness Organization.” They were also Obsidians. Mike Smith said, “It was of the best views of the Cascade Mountains from Mt. Hood to the Three Sisters.” Back at the cars, we celebrated with apple crisp. Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Dave Predeek, Mike Smith, Michael Wolf. Nonmembers: Debbie Krakauer.

Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise

September 8, 2014

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

THE LEADER’S MISTAKE listing an earlier start time than needed gave hikers an opportunity to divide into two groups to hike other trails to the top including the new trail, #4. We enjoyed snacks while we watched the harvest moon appear and disappear through the clouds. After the sunset, most of us waited for the finale, the super moon finally rising above the clouds. One hiker commented, “It was a refreshing way to end the day.” It was the third and last super moon for 2014. According to the *Register-Guard*, the last harvest moon was in 2009 and there won’t be another until 2017. Members: Rick Ahrens, Barbara Aten, David Cooper, Lena Davisson, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Nancy Matthews, Valerie Metcalfe, Darko Sojak, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Meg Stewart Smith, Karen Rich, Janel Erickson, Jesse Anderson.

Horse Pasture

September 14, 2014

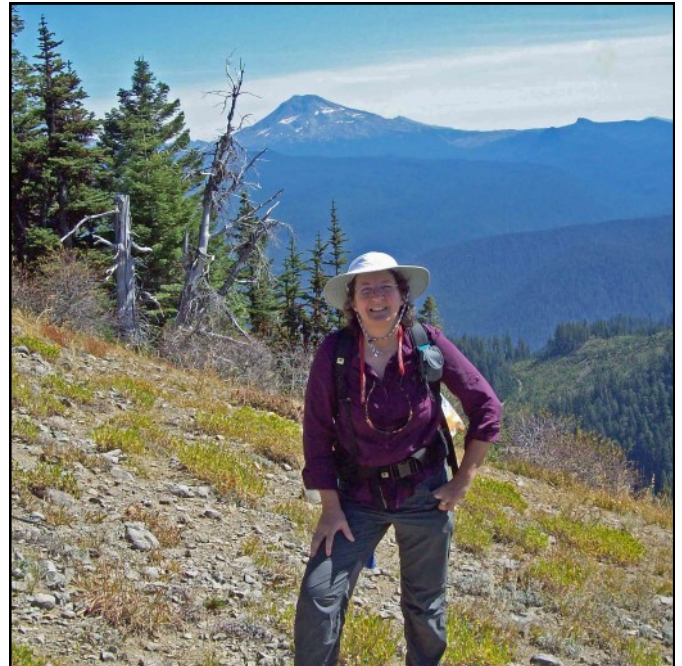
Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Nancy Mathews

Hike: 3 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

EIGHT OF US ENJOYED A GREAT SUNNY FALL DAY on Horse Pasture. Smoky was the word of the day. Even with the smoke, we had a view from Mt. Bachelor to Mt. Hood. Not many flowers at this time of year, but you could tell this would be a great flower hike in late May into June. We drove an additional 22 miles to get to the trailhead as a slide in 2013 closed the more direct route. For future trips, be sure to check with the Forest Service and use the Willamette National Forest map to guide the way. Members: Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett, Yuan

Hopkins, Nancy Matthews, Dave Predeek, Ruth Romoser, Karen Sieradski. Nonmembers: Allan Sieradski.



Fuji Mountain-Upper Island Lake Loop

September 21, 2014

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Photographer: Gary Haliski

Hike: 16 miles, 2,949 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS A WARM SUNNY DAY for the 16-mile hike and everything went smoothly. A stop at Birthday Lake after three



miles gave everyone a chance to hydrate and get ready for the climb up Fuji Mt. After ascending 2,000 feet, we were ready for lunch and the views of Waldo Lake, the Three Sisters, Mt. Jefferson, Diamond Peak, and other surrounding features. We stopped and studied the Cy Bingham blazes from 1905 along our return route past Upper Island Lake. The forest was dry but cool giving us cover from the 80-degree temperature. Our final four miles past Mt. Ray through Pothole Meadows and the Gold Lake Bog area provided a change from the forested areas we had previously hiked through. Everyone completed the hike without blisters and were enthused about the many features we had seen along the route. Members: Barbara Gunther, Gary

Haliski, John Hegg, Susan Wanser, Lyndell Wilken, Michael Wolf. Nonmembers: Paul Rosenberg.

Gwynn Creek/Cooks Ridge Loop

September 21, 2014

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 5.7 miles, 650 ft. (Moderate)

CLOUD COVER AND WIND FOLLOWED TEN OF US on an



enjoyable hike through old growth Sitka Spruce and Douglas fir. After a short break at Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, we stopped in Yachats for a seafood lunch. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Holger Krentz, Camilla Rice, Carolyn Sojak, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Meg Stewart Smith, Karen Rich.

Clear Lake

September 25, 2014

Leader: Sharon Duncan

Photographer: Carla Cooper



Hike: 5.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THE SKIES WERE GREY AND OVERCAST and our backpacks were loaded with rain gear as we left Eugene for our hike around Clear Lake. To our surprise, the sun broke through shortly after we started walking and remained sunny for the rest of our hike. The clear blue water of the lake was beautiful as was the red and orange hues of the vine maple. There were few other hikers on the trail, but we did encounter two other Obsidians, Jorry and Randy. We stopped for lunch at the deep blue pool of Great Spring, then continued and reached our cars in good time. It turned out to be a beautiful hike on a very pleasant day. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Karla Rusow, Art Skach. Nonmembers: Meg Stewart Smith, Debbie Krakauer, Barbara Butzer.

Mt. Ray - Betty Lake Loop

September 28, 2014

Leader: Jan Anselmo

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 11 miles, 1,555 ft. (Difficult)

ONE OF THE REASONS I LIKE TO HIKE IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER is because if it is not raining, you will most likely have superb hiking conditions. Sunday was one of those days—warm temperatures without being too hot and no bugs. Fall has such a nice earthy, leafy smell. There were many mushrooms along the



trail in all shapes and sizes that we admired as we hiked up the Mt. Ray trail. After turning onto the Waldo trail, we climbed a bit and then dropped down to the shoreline. We stopped at the South Waldo Shelter for a group photo and also to admire this old structure. This shelter is supplied with firewood each season by volunteers from the Back Country Ski Patrol. Further down the shoreline trail, we stopped on a peninsula for a break so we could just admire this beautiful pristine lake. There was only one sailboat on the lake that we could see. In less than an hour, we reached our lunch stop at Betty Lake. The sun shone brightly after the cirrus clouds cleared and we had a beautiful beach to lounge on. Nobody was in a rush. Why head back to traffic when we could snooze or watch geese fly overhead to the sounds of the water lapping up onto the shore? After hiking along Betty Lake trail, we crossed the road and dropped back into the woods where we connected with the Gold Trail for our last couple of miles. Because of an early start, we were back at the cars by early afternoon. Thanks to my friend Lyndell, who met everyone in Eugene and also drove. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Rebecca Eastwood, Holger Krentz, Andrew McIvor, Art Skach, Lyndell Wilken.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail

June 25, 2014

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS met Emily Steele of Parks and Open Space on an overcast and drizzly evening to hike up Spencer Butte and salvage plants from the path of the new trail on the summit. We grabbed bags and trowels and began the hike up the West Trail up and over the summit to the tree line on the main trail, where we began salvaging plants. We worked fast collecting plants and avoiding poison oak. In addition to plants, we also dug up one cicada. We hiked down to the parking lot on the Main Trail where we transferred the salvaged plants to flats and pots. Our evening's work done, we enjoyed a snack before leaving just as the real rain started. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Dan Gilmore, Todd Larsen, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Timothy Duringer, Morgan Janes.

Obsidian Limited Entry Area

July 25, 2014

Leader: Todd Larsen

Trail Maintenance: 12 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

LISA AND I DROVE UP EARLY FRIDAY MORNING to the McKenzie River Ranger Station to meet up with another wilderness volunteer and loaded up the tools for our trip. From there, it was on to the trailhead and then we began our trek. We tried stopping for lunch in one of the meadows that we worked on last year, but the mosquitoes started getting to us so we continued on towards our destination of Sisters Springs. Once we got to the Pacific Crest Trail, we ran into a couple thru hikers whom we had a great time chatting with. We dropped our packs shortly after this and headed towards Sunshine Meadow. Before we made it there, we ran into some flagging and decided to remove all of it. We ended up removing all the flagging all the way up to Arrowhead Lake, but were rewarded with great views of the area along with running into several climbers and a fun glissade back down! On Saturday, we woke up to some cool weather, several of the ponds had even iced over. We then headed back down to the meadow and continued working on the check dams we started last year. We were also joined by another wilderness volunteer and a wilderness ranger. I went down to help cut out a large log that had fallen across the trail, which ended up taking almost five hours! Sunday, we worked on the meadow for a little bit more before starting the hike out before lunch. We ran into several different groups on the way out. Great trip and great weather, the sun always shines in sunshine meadow! Members: Lisa Grissell, Todd Larsen.

Spencer Butte Trail

July 30, 2014

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

OUR GROUP MET AT THE MAIN SPENCER BUTTE PARKING LOT for the evening's impending work. The majority of our group worked to add additional rock steps to the West Trail and to reinforce drainage features with rocks. To our astonishment, the ground proved itself to still have quite a bit of moisture in it which really eased our work. Through our efforts, we improved or added five new steps. Jim hiked up the West Trail raking off duff. Janet cleaned the concrete steps and trailhead kiosk to help keep the main trailhead as presentable as possible. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen. Nonmembers: Abigail Sherman, Austin Lewandowski, Jim McCloud.

Spencer Butte Trail

August 27, 2014

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

FOR THE LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING OUTING OF OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE, our group of six, soon-to-be-seven Obsidians, met up at the main Spencer Butte parking lot to continue our work adding rock steps and armoring drainage features in and along the steep, cobbled lower section of the West Trail. For this evening's outing, we were joined by an additional six volunteers from the Lane County Assessment and Taxation office. Through our combined efforts, we were able to add an additional seven steps, improve two others, and continue armoring four drainage features. Janet hiked the butte to continue the Obsidians' efforts from the morning in picking up litter and pounding in exposed rebar with a mini-maul. Janet, after leading the morning's hike/litter pick-up trip, came to the outing and cleaned the trailhead kiosk and concrete steps. Before heading back to the parking lot, we pulled some brush up to the trail-sides to help encourage people to stay on the trail and use the newly-added steps. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen. Nonmembers: Janel Erickson, Robert Vaughn, Bill Stich, Isabelle Mathews, Oona Leivo, Krista Noble, Peter Reaksecker.



Putting in rock steps during September trail maintenance—Photo by Pat Soussan

Open House: 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

Publicity and SciEd Committee

THE WEEKLONG WILDERNESS CELEBRATION featured hikes led by Obsidians, Oregon Wild and Many Rivers Sierra Club plus a film showing, and a Ninkasi social hour. The culminating event was the Wilderness Open House on a hot Sunday afternoon at the Obsidian Lodge.

Obsidian parking managers, greeters, cake and lemonade team, chair brigade, and artists were ready to go when cars started rolling into the parking lot. Guests stepped into the coolness of the lodge as the Karass Band, including Obsidian member Jim Dotson, created a celebratory mood with their bluegrass music. Guests and members flowed through the lodge stopping at the various tables to visit with representatives from Oregon Wild, Many Rivers Sierra Club, Willamette Forest Service, Scorpion Trail Maintenance, Obsidians, Old Broads for the Wilderness, and Oregon Equestrian Trails. To provide information about past achievements, Don Hunter and others hosted the Friends of the Three Sisters table. Vi Johnson, Joe Lowry, Ben Ross and Mary Ellen West took turns sharing the Rock Mesa/Waldo Lake table. Scott Hovis brightened up the lodge even more with his wilderness paintings and photos. Bea Fontana (Three Peak Door etching) and Shirley Froyd (watercolor paintings) were on standby to answer questions. A self-guided art tour of the lodge was available. Eventually guests made their way to the lemonade and the celebration cake.

gave tribute to the volunteers who were involved with past wilderness activities: the Friends of the Three Sisters organization, and the Rock Mesa and Waldo Lake fundraising hikes. Anna Hougardy, junior member, presented



the volunteers with Forest Service pins and magnets made by her and her father, Mark Hougardy. Janet also thanked the groups involved with trail maintenance. Bill Sullivan, hiking book author, tied the wilderness threads of the past and future together with history, anecdotes and humor. He pointed out the need to have wilderness areas closer to Eugene. Chandra Legue, Western Field Coordinator of Oregon Wild, closed the program with a look to the future encouraging people to become involved in protecting the wilderness.

Hopefully the wilderness celebration will inspire all of us to identify with our 100-year-old member, Don Hunter, who wrote after the event, "I am very proud to have played a small part in wilderness preservation."

Thanks to members who volunteered to make it happen: Rick Ahrens, Matt Bell, Rob Castleberry, Roberta Chord, Don Colgan, Carla and Dave Cooper, Joella Ewing, Bea Fontana, Judy Garwood, Kitson and Peter Graham, Mary and Brian Hamilton, Mark, Chris and Anna Hougardy, Scott Hovis, Yuan Hopkins, Janet and John Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Verlean McCoy, Tom Musselwhite, Jorry Rolfe, Karla Rusow, Barbara Shomaker, Carolyn and Darko Sojak. Darko's photos of the event can be viewed in the gallery on the Obsidian website.



The program started at 2:00 PM as Obsidian President Matt Bell welcomed the 90-plus guests. Janet Jacobsen

At The Lodge



POTLUCK

Friday, October 24 at 6:30 PM

Makindu Children's Center and Proper Walk

MARCIA MOORE IS A RETIRED DENTAL HYGIENIST FROM CORVALLIS, who has volunteered at the Makindu Children's Center in Kenya, participated in their fundraising Proper Walk in 2012, and currently serves on their board. She has volunteered extensively around the world and writes, "Through my experiences, Makindu Children's Center is one of the most well run and worthwhile organizations and I am happy to share with you more about our organization."

Makindu Children's Center: In 1996, Oregon paramedic Winnie Barron volunteered as a medic in Makindu and met the hungry, sick and dying orphans the community could not find ways to support. With a local teacher, Dianah Nzomo, she planned a children's center, and with the help of friends in Oregon, founded the Makindu Children's Program in 1998.

Today, 1,800+ children, from infants to 18-year-olds, are served by the center at an annual per capita cost of about \$300. The children live in guardian homes in the community, and come to the center daily for food, recreation, bathing and laundering facilities, emotional support, and crisis intervention. They receive periodic medical checkups, have their fees paid at local public schools, and receive job training.

Proper Walk: The Proper Walk is the largest fundraiser for the Makindu Children's Program. *If there is one last great*

African journey, this might be it: 160 miles of wildest Kenya, a trek done in the style of the old explorers, a pack of seriously ornery camels, and one really good cause. Tim Cahill, *National Geographic Adventure* magazine, Sept. 2005.



October Potluck
Friday, October 24, 2014
Social hour 6 PM, Potluck 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM
Obsidian Lodge

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



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, October 28 at 7 PM

Beautiful Oregon

LOCAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER **TIM GIRAUDIER** presents *Beautiful Oregon: A Heartfelt Walk Through the Home Country* at 7 PM, Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Lodge.

From Yachats to Cape Blanco and eastward along the Cascade Crest between Mt. Jefferson and Diamond Peak, this photographic presentation will showcase the plants, birds and landscapes which define Tim's sense of place as he journeys through the wilds of Oregon. He comes highly recommended by Obsidian Brian Hamilton.

After the slideshow presentation Tim will discuss the philosophy of developing photographic style, equipment minimalism, and photo techniques for making great prints. The presentation will conclude with an open forum for ques-

tions. Examples of Tim's printed work will be available for viewing.

A panoramic color photograph titled *Broken Top 2008* by Tim Giraudier is displayed at the Lodge near the stairs to the board room.

Tim has been avidly photographing since 1993 and is now in his 10th year as a full time photographer, with his business *Beautiful Oregon*. The focus of Tim's work is the ecology of the Pacific NW, in particular its forest landscapes, birds and wild flora. To see more of Tim's photography, you can visit his website at:

www.BeautifulOregon.com

by Joella Ewing

Upcoming



Bus Trips

Christmas Lights at River Forks Park
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Leader: Verna Kocken
Cost: \$57 (\$59 nonmembers)
Reservations and checks to: Liz Reanier, 687-1925

RIVER FORKS PARK, NEAR ROSEBURG, features a wonderful Christmas lights display that grows more spectacular each year. We will leave Shopko parking lot at 3:45 PM, arriving at Applebee's Restaurant in Roseburg for a nice dinner (cost included). After a brief tour of the Roseburg city lights, including a sweep past the Douglas County Courthouse, we will drive through the light display at the park and return home by 9:00 PM.

Outdoor First Aid Course

A first aid class will be offered at the Obsidian Lodge on three successive Thursday evenings in January 2015. The three-hour class sessions will be offered on the evenings of January 8, 15 and 22. Attendance at all three sessions is required to obtain first aid certification.

The classes in standard first aid, normally taught through the American Red Cross, are designed to help a person deal with illnesses and injuries in an urban setting, where more advanced help is usually available within minutes of a 911 call. For those of us who enjoy outdoor activities in wilderness environments, this class is a better match.

The class is entitled *Outdoor First*, with first aid certification provided by the National Ski Patrol. The course is designed for those involved in outdoor activities so that they are able to treat basic illnesses and injuries, and stabilize a person with more serious injuries until someone with more advanced training can reach the scene. Topics to be covered include basic assessment, care of musculoskeletal injuries, dealing with cold and heat problems, and an introduction to the first steps in care and stabilization of a critical patient.

The class is being taught by Laurie Monico. She has worked as a paramedic for Springfield Fire and Live Safety for the past 20 years. Laurie is also a member of Willamette Pass Ski Patrol and Eugene Mountain Rescue.

The cost of the course is a super deal: \$5 per participant, to cover the cost of materials used for the course. If you are interested in updating the supplies in your first aid kit, there is also the opportunity to get in on a group discount on supplies.

There is a limit of 18 people for the course. Signup will be available through the Obsidian online signup system starting in November. For more information contact Pat Esch (pgesch@efn.org or 338-8280).

Obsidian Calendar

October

15 Wed **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen** 343-8030
 17 Fri **Eagle Creek Backpack D Lipton**..... 736-7498
 19 Sun **The Twins Hike M Miller**..... 484-4586
 19 Sun **McKenzie View Bike M Strahon**..... 221-7730
 24 Fri **Kenyan Children Center** **Potluck**
 25 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Trl Mnt M Bell**..... 503-884-8829
 25 Sat **Silver Falls Hike M Lipton** 736-7498
 28 Tue **Beautiful Oregon**..... **ExploraTalk**
 29 Wed **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen** 343-8030

November

5 Wed **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen** 343-8030
 9 Sun **Eel Creek Hike M**..... Hackett 953-7046
 14 Fri **Hiking San Juan Islands** **Potluck**
 29 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Trl Mnt M Bell**..... 503-884-8829

December

2 Tue **Christmas Lights Bus Kocken** 736-5180
 21 Sun **Three Mile Lake Hike M Lipton**..... 736-7498

January

8 Thu **Outdoor First Aid Class Esch**..... 338-8280

Moran State Park, Orcas Island, San Juan Islands

June 20–25, 2015

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

AT CAMP BELL, I announced that the 2015 Summer Camp would be at Moran State Park, Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands. The response was lukewarm for two main reasons: participants will need to stay in cabins, and the area does not have wilderness hiking.

Accordingly, this trip will not be a full summer camp. Instead, it will be an extended trip limited to 35 people. There will not be a rally or camp booklet, and participants will provide their own breakfasts and lunches.

For information about the facilities, see: www.parks.wa.gov/361/Camp-Moran. Craig Romano, author of *Hiking in the San Juan Islands* is the November potluck speaker. If you're interested in exploring the islands, plan on attending. Detailed information about the extended trip will be in the January *Bulletin*; online registration will be in early February.



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*Long Tom River photographed by upcoming ExploraTalk speaker Tim Gauradier
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