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**Dates to Remember**

November 20	Potluck
December 2	Board Meeting
January 2	<i>Bulletin</i> deadline
January 6	Board Meeting

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*Register-Guard* – Outdoors – Tuesday

**T**HANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SENT IN THEIR DUES! If you haven't, please help us by getting yours mailed as quickly as possible. This year we have two longtime members who have renewed as Life Members. Any Active or Associate Member who has paid annual dues for a total of fifteen years may be granted a Life Membership upon payment of the current (\$400) one time fee. Congratulations to our two new Life Members—Jim Pierce and Bea Fontana!

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**Winter Trips Season: November 15–April 1**

**A** BIG THANKS to those of you who have already agreed to lead an Obsidian trip this winter. The Winter Trips Committee plans to schedule many more trips throughout this season.

A winter trip can be an urban or coastal hike in hiking boots. It can be a bicycle trip along peaceful rural roads or urban bike paths. It can be a snow adventure on X-skis or snowshoes in our nearby mountains. It can be a healthy run up Mt. Pisgah or along our many jogging trails. There are lots of options in and around the Eugene area—we are very lucky living here.

For those who haven't scheduled a trip, there is still plenty of time. Send the following information to: [wintertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:wintertrips@obsidians.org)

- Name of trip
- Date of trip
- Kind of trip (hike, bike, run, X-ski, snowshoe)
- Skill rating
- Miles
- Elevation gain
- Driving distance

Thanks so much for being willing to lead a winter trip. We couldn't function without leaders like you.

*Winter Trips Committee*

**Holiday Hikes and Food**

**TRIPS GO ONLINE THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE EVENT. SPACE IS LIMITED.**

**Friday, November 27:** Turkey Trimming. Lana Lindstrom will lead a six-mile urban hike to recover from the turkey dinner.

**Thursday, December 3:** Holiday Party at Lodge. Byways by Bus Committee hosting afternoon dessert and entertainment. See page 18.

**Friday, December 4:** River/Campus Walk. Janet Jacobsen will identify outside ornamentation on a walk through campus and along the river. It will conclude with lunch and free admission visit to museums and gift shops.

**Saturday, December 5:** Skinner Butte and Art Walk. Joella Ewing has organized an interesting walk followed by lunch at Fifth Street Market.

**Tuesday, December 15:** Stocking Stuffer hike/lunch. Janet Jacobsen and Joella Ewing will lead an easy hike with a shared soup/lunch at the Lodge. See page 18.

**Sunday, December 21:** Mt. Pisgah/Winter Solstice. Join hikers for the 1½-mile hike to the top of Mt. Pisgah to see the sun (we hope) shine through the pedestal. Then out for pizza.

**Thursday, January 1:** New Year's Day/Spencer Butte. Darko Sojak is the leader for the annual one mile hike to the top of the Butte. Bring food to share.

Enjoy!

*Winter Trips Committee*

# Obituaries

## Marilyn Murdock 1921–2015

**M**ARILYN MURDOCK became a member of the Obsidians in 1988. Over the years she attended several summer camps including an extended trip to Sequim. She went on 26 activities and led two trips. She was predeceased by her husband, Royal Murdock, who was an Obsidian for many years. She is survived by four children and their families.

*Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the October 25 issue of The Register-Guard*

## Marriner Orum 1917-2015

**M**ARRINER ORUM, who passed away on July 16, joined the Obsidians in 1957 after a climb of Middle Sister. Over the years he did 25 more climbs, led 63 trips, and went to nine summer camps. He became a Chief in 1962. After his service in WW II, Marriner received a degree in Forestry and worked his entire life in that field. He became passionate about environmental causes after observing the unsustainable cutting of our forests. He talked the talk and walked the walk by leading educational outings, donating to environmental causes, and riding his bike, even into his 90s. In the 1960s he blazed a trail from Hendricks Park to Spencer Butte, marking the route with ribbons. Portions of that trail would later be named The Ribbon Trail.

Marriner and his late wife had two sons, both of whom survive him.

*Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the August 2 issue of The Register-Guard. He was also featured in a July 2007 issue of the Bulletin.*

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# Willamette Pass Ski and Snowshoe Trails Are Ready

*Lyndell Wilken, Willamette Winter Trails Coordinator*

**T**WENTY-THREE DEDICATED WINTER TRAIL VOLUNTEERS and the Scorpions have been working to prepare the Willamette Pass blue diamond winter trail system for the upcoming winter season. Diamonds have been checked on most of the 70 miles of trail near Willamette Pass. The Gold Lake Sno-Park trails, including the Westview Loops, Bechtel Trails and the Odell Overlook Trail, have been cleared and are ready for your use once the snow falls (hopefully). The Marilyn Lakes Trail and the Gold Lake Trail, off of the Gold Lake Road across from the Sno-Park, are both in the best condition ever for skiing and snowshoeing. All shelters in the Willamette Pass are stocked with wood for the woodstoves.

The Salt Creek/Diamond Creek Falls Trail has been cleared of downed trees, and diamonds are easily visible along the 4.5-mile loop that features a view of the falls. Access is from the Salt Creek Sno-Park just after the tunnel on Highway 58. This area is below the summit and often is a better snowshoe experience than skiing due to warmer conditions. It is often an easier drive when the roads are snowy.

If you want to venture further out into the Wilderness, the Rosary Lakes Trail from the Willamette Pass ski area and the Maiden Peak Trail from the Gold Lake Road will lead you to the Maiden Peak Cabin. Signage along these trails has been improved.

The Fuji Shelter, four miles up the Fuji Mountain Road,

across Hwy. 58 from the Salt Creek Falls Sno-Park, is ready for those who are interested in skiing or snowshoeing to the Birthday, Joanne, and Lorin Lakes areas from Fuji Shelter. Fuji Mt. and the South Waldo Trail are great destinations for highly skilled and very fit skiers/snowshoers who want to stay overnight at Fuji Shelter. Upper Island Lake, the Mt. Ray Trail and the Waldo Lake Shelter are all within reach from this shelter. The diamonds do stop on the South Waldo Trail at the boundary of the Waldo Wilderness, two miles south of Waldo Lake. The winter trail map, GPS and compass come in handy finding your way the last several miles to the lake. Another access is from the Waldo Road, which is closed to cars in the winter. One can access the Betty Lake Trail and Waldo Lake Shelter from the Waldo Road. However, one must ski up the Waldo Road for five miles before reaching the trailhead. An overnight at Waldo Lake Shelter before heading back makes for a great trip. The Fuji Mt. Trail is two miles up Waldo Road, takes you by Birthday Lake, and has three connecting trails to Fuji Shelter. The Joanne and Lorin Lakes junction is also off of the Fuji Trail.

Everyone planning on using the winter trails should have a Willamette Pass Winter Recreation Map that clearly shows these winter trails. One can purchase a map from a Forest Service office or REI. A winter Sno-Park permit is needed for Gold Lake, Salt Creek Falls and Waldo Road Sno-Park areas.



## 2016 Summer Camp What is Lamoille?

*John Jacobsen, Summer Camp Chair*

**L**AMOILLE IS A NAME YOU WILL WANT TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH if you are thinking about heading to Summer Camp in the Ruby Mountains of Nevada next summer. There is Lamoille Canyon, one of the scenic wonders of the Great Basin, located in the west-central portion of the Ruby Mountains. Or it could refer to the Lions Camp Lamoille, the Obsidian Summer Campsite located up the beautiful canyon. Of course you will want to remember to turn off the Lamoille Highway out of Elko at Lamoille Junction, just after you pass through the town of Lamoille—this puts you on the Lamoille Canyon Scenic Byway which takes you into the Lamoille Canyon in order to get to Lions Camp Lamoille. Lamoille! Remember that!

Rick Ahrens and I did a scouting trip to Elko and the Rubies in early September. We found that the campground and the Rubies had not changed much in the 25 years since the 1990 Obsidian Summer Camp was there. The main lodge, where we will eat our meals, looks much the same

too, but it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. The main lodge is an interesting place, built in 1939 out of railroad ties with split log siding. Elko was a railroad center, thus the apparent availability of surplus ties. We were told that this was a common building material in the day.

The Ruby Mountains are beautiful and we managed to get in a nice hike to Island Lake in search of the elusive Himalayan Snowcock—ask Rick how that went the next time you see him. The Ruby Mountains is the only place they occur outside of the Himalayas. Maybe there will be another quest for them next summer.

So if you haven't marked your calendars yet, do it now. The 2016 Summer Camp will be July 30–August 5 at the Lions Camp Lamoille in the Ruby Mountains near Elko, Nevada. Watch the Obsidian *Bulletin* and our web site starting in January for more details. We expect to start online signup for this Summer Camp in March or April.

# October Board Notes

## By Susan Wanser

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Shellie Robertson, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Dave Cooper, Wayne Deeter, Stewart Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, Doug Nelson and Maryanne Reiter.

The Board approved the minutes of the September 2015 Board meeting and the Annual Meeting held on October 9.

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** 148 trips were scheduled between April 1 and October 4. 127 trips have been completed and 14 trips remain scheduled.

**Winter Trips (Anne Bonine):** We are getting organized for the winter season. An article will appear in the November *Bulletin*. Gentle recruit letters are being sent to past winter trip leaders.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** There were five scheduled climbs for September and early October. Two of the climbs were cancelled resulting in three trips: Mt. Thielsen, Broken Top and Mt. Hubris in Northern California. There are no more climbs scheduled for 2015. The Climbs Committee will meet later in October to debrief from the 2015 climbing season and start planning for 2016.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There was one outing this past month in Spencer Butte Park. We worked to brush the sides of the upper section of the Amazon Headwaters Trail.

**Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth):** Our last bus trip for 2015, the Fall Color trip, was a great success. The colors were spectacular! We meet on October 22 to begin planning trips for 2016. Our final activity for the year is the Holiday Party at the Lodge on December 3.

**Summer Camp (John Jacobsen):** Rick Ahrens and I did a scouting trip to Camp Lamoille in Nevada in early September. I plan to get rolling soon on putting a Summer Camp Committee together.

**Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale):** Pat Esch led a successful women's kayak/canoe trip to Siltcoos Lake in September. Eleven women shared accommodations in cabins at the LCC Siltcoos Station and Learning Center, enjoyed group dinners, explored the lake and surrounds, and were blessed with great weather.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Tom Musselwhite):** Fourteen people attended the September 15 ExploraTalk about Lewis and Clark presented by Tony Farque, archaeologist with the USDA Forest Service.

**Publication (Lou Maenz):** Publications mailed a *Bulletin* with a renewal form to pay dues to each household in September.

**Entertainment (Susan Wanser):** 78 people attended Jorry and Randy's presentation on their trips to Ecuador and India.

**Membership (Elle Weaver):** Four new member applications were presented. Congratulations to Bea Fontana who renewed her membership as a new Life Member. We appreciate all the members who have already sent in their dues. Currently there are 472 members: Active (431), 14 (Associate), 6 (Honorary), 9 (Junior), and 13 (Life).

**Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser):** Obsidian products were present at the September 25 potluck and October 8 Bus trip Annual Fall Color Trip courtesy of Sharon Cutsforth. The next opportunity to purchase your favorite Obsidian item(s) will be at the Potluck on October 23. For the month of October all sweatshirts are \$10 each – pick up your extra layer for the fall!

**Online (Wayne Deeter):** There are now 6,127 photos in 414 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 5,512 photos in 387 albums in September. From our Facebook Page maintainers (Shellie and Marci, Marci reporting): Eight new followers to the page and one *unfollowed* so seven new followers taking us to 416 followers.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** We had two work parties during the month: **September 9**—Mowing, weeding, blowing and cleaning up the area where the old shed above the Lodge was demolished earlier in the summer. Thanks to Gary Kirk and Jim Whitfield for their help. **September 25**—Pre potluck cleanup and fall catchup and more - Thanks to Dave Predeek and Charlie Ashmore for cleaning out and cutting back the shrubbery to the south of the Lodge. Thanks to Jim Whitfield and Rob Castleberry for removing the rotting ties above the Lodge, cleaning up that area, removing some dangerous steps and landing for the fire landing on the south side upstairs exit, and several other tasks. Thanks to Nancy Whitfield, Clara Emlen and Joella Ewing for cutting back ferns that had dried out over the summer.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved all applicants for new membership.

Elle noted that stickers which explained that the renewal form was included in the September *Bulletin* were not placed on the *Bulletins*. This has caused some concerns for a number of members.

There was some discussion about Associate membership versus Active membership. This discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Matt noted the information he had sent to the Board Members and Committee Chairs about possible orientation materials for incoming Board Members. He asked that people review the information and submit comments to him.

The Board will elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary at the November Board Meeting. The incoming Board Members will be included in the vote for these positions and the outgoing Board Members will abstain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on November 4 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at Pegasus Pizza.

# November Board Notes

## By Susan Wanser

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Shellie Robertson, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Dave Cooper, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Doug Nelson and Maryanne Reiter.

The Board approved the minutes of the October 2015 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet.

The Board approved payment of the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** From April 1 through Oct. 26 there have been 163 scheduled summer trips. Of these 136 were completed. There were 996 member participants and 176 non-member participants. Four completed trips remain unreconciled with seven trips still to be completed.

**Winter Trips (Anne Bonine):** Winter trips are starting to come in. Leaders and others are being encouraged to lead trips. An article will be in the November *Bulletin*.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** All the 2015 scheduled climbs are completed. The Climbs Committee is convening on November 12 to kick off planning for the 2016 climbing season.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There was one outing this past month on the Amazon Headwaters Trail. We worked to clean the bridges and causeways as well as paint the kiosk.

**Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth):** Six bus trips for 2015 were completed and one trip was cancelled due to low number of sign ups. There were 162 riders for an average of 27 people per trip. Our last activity for 2015 will be the Christmas party at the Lodge on December 3 at 2 PM. On October 22 we began planning trips for 2016. A follow up meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 1 PM.

**Publication (Lou Maenz):** Publications mailed 206 bulletins in the month of October.

**Entertainment (Susan Wanser):** Fifty people attended Melissa Pritchard's entertaining and inspiring presentation about her 21,000 mile, 14-month bike trip. There will not be a potluck in December.

**Membership (Elle Weaver):** Four membership applications were presented. Currently we have 477 total members.

**Publicity (Janet Jacobsen):** On October 25 Mary and Brian Hamilton along with Laurie Funkhouser hosted a table for the Willamalane Rocktoberfest. We are discussing a way to design/order a solid waterproof photo with the Obsidian name to easily attach to the front of our folding table or a card table. No string, no bungee cords, no tape!

**Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser):** The next opportunity to purchase your favorite Obsidian items will be at the November 20 potluck. Check out the stocking stuffer specials!

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** The Finance Committee sent out a 2016 Budget worksheet to committee heads soliciting input into the 2016 budget process.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** All of the trips and activities from the October *Bulletin* have been recorded.

**Lodge Building (Doug Nelson):** There is a tentative Lodge rental scheduled for the evening of December 12.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** We had two work parties during the month: September 20—Cleared brush and blackberries above the Lodge, extending the fire break out from the building and creating a more defensible distance. Thanks to Rob Castleberry and Jim Whitfield for helping out and to Rob for bringing his DR brush cutter which made relatively quick work of a tough job. September 23—Pre potluck cleanup some mowing and a lot of leaf and needle blowing. Thanks to Jim Whitfield for his help. Clara Emlen continues to come by and work on the Lodge grounds on her own. Her latest effort has been to cut English ivy, blackberry vines and clean out the area near our gate. Thanks Clara.

## OLD BUSINESS

Doug has completed an audit of lodge keys.

There was continuing discussion as to what input the Obsidians want to express to the Eugene Parks planners regarding mountain bike use on the Ribbon Trail which leads into Hendricks Park (which does not allow bikes on its trails). This topic will be discussed further at another time.

The Ad Hoc Membership Class Review Committee was formed. Laurie Funkhouser was approved as Chair and Sharon Cutsforth will serve on the committee.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Board accepted Tom Musselwhite's resignation as a Board member and as the Chair of the Conservation, Science and Education Committee.

The Board welcomed Dave Cooper, Todd Larsen and Maryanne Reiter as new Board Members to serve from 2016 through 2018. The Board also thanked outgoing Board members Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver for their three year terms.

The Board elected the Officers for 2016. Shellie Robertson will serve as President, Laurie Funkhouser will serve as Vice President, Stewart Hoeg will continue as Treasurer and Dave Cooper will serve as Secretary.

The Board approved all applicants for new membership.

The Board approved David Hawkins as a new member of the Finance Committee, and Don Doerr and Lana Lindstrom as members of the Summer Camp Committee.

A bronze plaque has been ordered to honor Catherine Jones for her contribution which made the building of the storage shed a reality.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

Matt compiled a *Board Orientation Packet* for new Board members.

The Board is seeking Chairs for the Entertainment Committee as well as the Conservation, Science and Education Committee.

John gave a brief update about the LaurelRidge PUD. The developer obtained a zoning change and the Laurelwood neighbors submitted an appeal which has been rejected.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on December 2 at 5:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at The Bier Stein.

# 2015 Annual Meeting Notes

By Susan Wanser

Photos by Carla Cooper

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Shellie Robertson, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Rick Ahrens, William Bilbrough, Marianne Camp, Roberta Chord, Carla Cooper, Dave Cooper, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Bea Fontana, Dan Gilmore, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Ellen Johnson, Steve Johnson, Holger Krentz, Todd Larsen, Patty MacAfee, Marlene Malone, Lenore McManigal, Suzanne McQueen, Anne Montgomery, Caroline Moore, Doug Nelson, Jim Pierce, Margaret Prentice, Kathy Randall, Liz Reanier, Maryanne Reiter, Mike Smith, Pat Soussan, Meg Stewart Smith and Jim Whitfield.

## Treasurer's Report

The Obsidian's financial outlook remains bright. As of September 30 our balance sheet had financial assets exceeding \$236,100 including a Capital/Contingency Fund of \$73,400, an Endowment Fund of \$101,400 and a General Fund of \$21,800. During the past twelve months we had positive cash flow from operations of \$9,800. In addition, during the last year we received \$4,700 in donations from current members. Thanks to everyone for your continued financial and other support for the Club.

## President's State of the Obsidians Address

My fellow Obsidians, I am excited to welcome you to our 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Thank you all for coming. I would like to recognize and thank the past presidents that are here tonight. They are: John Jacobsen (1988, 2001, 2005, 2011), Rick Ahrens (1990, 2002), Janet Jacobsen (1993), Doug Nelson (2003, 2004), Wayne Deeter (2006), Brian Hamilton (2008) Jim Pierce (2010) and Elle Weaver (2012, 2013).

I'd like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing board members Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser, and Elle Weaver for



their service to the Club. They have a couple months left but tonight we will elect three new Board members.

Our annual meeting is my favorite Obsidian tradition be-

cause we get to recognize the individual and group efforts of members from the past year. I am always impressed by all that we are able to accomplish each year.

Tonight each committee chair will present in person a brief but comprehensive report covering all of their committee's activities. I look forward to hearing them all and I hope you do too.

We will recognize and award patches to our fellow members for their individual accomplishments. I look forward to applauding these accomplishments. We will present special awards acknowledging the individual efforts of our fellow members. I hope that you enjoy hearing about people's appreciation for the efforts of their fellow members.

I think that the presentations and awards will show that we are an active and vital club of outdoor enthusiasts.

I want to thank all of you for being here tonight and for all that you do for the Club.

## Committee Reports

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** As of October 4, 151 trips have been scheduled with 130 trips completed. Included were eight bike trips, six backpacking trips, one car camping trip, two water trips, a whale watch and a beach clean up as well as 108 hikes. The Summer Trips Committee this year was composed of John Cooper (Chair), Jan Anselmo, Don Colgan, Joella Ewing, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Becky Lipton, Tom Musselwhite, Lana Lindstrom and Judy Terry. Their hard work is greatly appreciated. Also thanks to all the dedicated leaders and participants that made this a successful summer trips season.

**Winter Trips (John Cooper for Anne Bonine):** The 2015 snow season was almost nonexistent. Despite the dismal weather there were in total 60 trips: 57 hikes, two snowshoe trips and one ski trip. Much appreciation to the leaders that were unable to do snow trips but kept people active by switching their trips to hikes and thanks to the participants that remained flexible. Thanks also to the committee members for their hard work. This year's committee was made up of Anne Bonine (Chair), John Cooper, Judy Terry and Elle Weaver. Pray For Snow for our upcoming season!!

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The Climbs Committee and Eugene Mountain Rescue sponsored the 2015 Basic Climb School (BCS), which continued the long tradition of teaching safe, responsible and fun rock and snow climbing to club members and nonmembers. This year we added a class session at the Willamalane rock wall in addition to the Skinner's Butte field day, which really helped students practice their climbing skills. We had to go far afield to find snow for the glacier travel field session.

Climbing continues to bring in new, younger members (our youngest was 14). Five BCS students joined the Club and two other climbers also joined for a total of 7 new members coming from Climbs.

We offered 23 summits and one weekend rock climbing trip this year. Of the climbs offered, six were cancelled. Climbing season is now winding down with no more climbs

scheduled. Obsidian climbing continues to be a safe activity in spite of the inherent objective hazards. While there were some bumps and bruises on the climbs, no significant injuries were recorded on any of the trips.

Thanks to Climb Committee Members Maryanne Reiter (Chair), Wayne Deeter, Alex Ellis, Ted Glick, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Danni Harris, Roy McCormick, Juli McGlinsky, Doug Nelson, Shellie Robertson, Gordon Sayre, and Dalen Willhite! The Climbs Committee would not be able to meet its vital role in the club without their contributions of time and talents.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** During the past year the Trails Committee has been busy working to improve trails in Spencer Butte Park and restore Sunshine Meadow in the Obsidian Limited Entry Area. Todd Larsen again deserves recognition for taking the initiative to coordinate and advertise trips into the Obsidian Limited Entry Area with the Forest Service. This year's highlights include: We participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ridgeline Celebration, National Trails Day, and National Public Lands Day! *Donated* an estimated \$5,765 worth of volunteer labor! The weather is always perfect for trail maintenance! There is no trip fee for trail maintenance outings and there are always snacks and Newman's Own Lemonade! We didn't use our 10% acceptable loss. No one was killed, injured, or lost on an outing, but I did get poison oak this year! 2015 Trail Maintenance Participation included ten outings in Spencer Butte (SB) Park and one outing with the Forest Service. There were 29 unique participants including 23 members who worked an estimated 288.25 hours.

2015 Trail Maintenance Committee: Matt Bell (Chair), David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Todd Larsen and Pat Soussan.

**Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth):** We are approaching the end of another successful year of bus trips. We have traveled from sea level to ski level; experienced a vast variety of landscapes, learned about food



growth and production, enjoyed bird watching and identification; explored lovely new areas in the Cascade foothills, rode in covered wagons and a huge aerial tram, and along the way made many new friends. The success of bus trips is due largely to the team work of the whole committee, several of whom have been involved for many years. My sin-

cere thanks to trip leaders, reservations people, hospitality committee, secretary and treasurer, former leaders who continue to share their knowledge and experience, and all the others who quietly work behind the scenes to make the trips possible. We will soon begin planning bus trips for 2016. Our committee includes: Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth (Chair), Ray Jensen, Verna Kocken, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Liz Reanier, Janet Speelman, Richard Speelman and Mary Ellen West.

**Summer Camp (John Jacobsen):** There was no Summer Camp this year. Instead an Extended Trip to the San Juans, limited to 40 people was held, led by then Summer Camp Chair Lana Lindstrom. The trip was very successful and folks really liked the multiple sport aspect with half the participants doing all three activities - biking, kayaking, and hiking. The 2016 Summer Camp will be held in the Ruby Mountains, near Elko, Nevada July 30 - August 5, 2016. Rick Ahrens and I did a scouting trip there in early September and found the place much as it was 25 years ago during the Obsidian's 1990 Summer Camp, although the main lodge has since been added to the National Register of Historic Places. A Summer Camp Committee has yet to be formed.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing for Tom Musselwhite):** The committee held ExploraTalks with diverse topics including an impersonator of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century forester Cy Bingham. We also had Obsidians Mike Smith on eclipses, Dave Predeek on the Owyhee, Gordon Saylor on the history of guide books from the 1500s on, and Tom Giesen on stemming global warming. USFS archaeologist Tony Farque brought his traveling Lewis and Clark museum, and ODFW biologist Brian Wolfer taught us how to deal with bears and cougars on the trail. Another forester showed slides on the back country of Denali.

Regarding conservation and environmental issues, an open forum was held after the June ExploraTalk to discuss member thoughts on how involved the Obsidians organization should be on these issues. I would like to honor long time Conservation Chair Marriner Orum who died in July at age 98. His conservation articles from years past are available to read online. I would like to thank our committee members Tom Musselwhite (Chair), Joella Ewing, Tom Giesen, Effie Neth, Dave Predeek and Mike Smith.

**Publications (Lou Maenz):** This year the *Bulletin* published ten issues and mailed somewhere close to 3,000 copies. Many thanks to many people for being able to accomplish this with élan and professionalism. The group really works hard and makes up a well rounded and very effective and efficient (and fun) work team. Thank you, Bea Fontana, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Ethel Weltman, and Nancy White. The production team - those who do the folding and mailing—are tremendously organized, and I know could do the whole production routine without me, but I show up anyway just to keep them from feeling too independent. Margaret Prentice organizes the meeting. Clara Emlen subs for me if I'm not able to come. Tom Adamcyk, Don Baldwin, Sharon Cutsforth, Yuan Hopkins, Joanne Ledet, Lenore McManigal, and Martha Welches are regulars. Thanks, team, you are great.

**Entertainment (Susan Wanser):** The potlucks have been well attended this year with anywhere from 35 to 105 people in attendance. As in other years we've had a mix of speakers, some local Obsidian members and some out of town presenters. Thanks to our committee members who have helped with the running of the potlucks. Please consider joining our committee. We set up for the potlucks and help organize the clean-up after dinner. It's a nice way to meet people before and during the events and to do service. Also thanks to all participants who have brought such wonderful food to share! A huge thank you goes to all who have sent referrals my way, and please continue doing so. If you yourself would like to share your story about a trip you've taken or have seen a presentation that you think would be of interest to the other Obsidians, please contact the Entertainment Chair.

Entertainment Committee members: Susan Wanser (Chair), Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Judy Garwood, Kathy Hoeg, Yuan Hopkins, Lana Lindstrom and Mary Livingston.

**Membership (Elle Weaver):** Recently I received an email from the daughter of a current member who had been active with the club until 2011. Although she no longer is able to go on trips, let me share some of her daughter's touching comments: "Opening the newsletter for her was a magical moment for me to see. She remembers many of the places mentioned in the hikes. It was almost like she was seeing the fallen logs, and hearing the birds and feeling the strain in her muscles with the hike. She just pored over all the details of each page and remembered names of people and places and



all the while telling me how the Obsidians are a great organization. Mom has pretty advanced dementia now but her memories of her time with the Obsidians are strong and bring her a lot of pleasure." Whether it's huffing and puffing on a hike or bike, sliding down the snowy slope, climbing with fear checked at the trailhead, heading off to see the fall leaves, or clearing the trail for the umpteenth time, each experience leaves a memorable imprint. Her words remind us that the fun we're having truly has a lasting impact on our current group of 460+ Active Members and the guests who join us for the day.

**Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale):** Although five extended trips were planned for the year only three were actually completed. However, those three were all extremely successful. In May, 20 Obsidians enjoyed a 5-day, 4-night trip to the Deer Creek Center of the Siskiyou Field Institute. Participants were able to hike, bird watch, explore the Oregon Caves and other areas or just relax in camp. A second trip

there will be offered next May. Chris Stockdale was the leader and was ably helped by everyone in preparing group dinners and leading activities. In June a very popular multi-activity trip went to Orcas Island in the San Juans. Thirty-nine participants hiked, biked, canoed or kayaked and visited other islands in the park. Lana Lindstrom headed this group and many thanks to her for planning a wonderful and different trip. The third trip was a women's kayak/canoe trip to Siltcoos Lake, led by Pat Esch. The LCC Siltcoos Station and Learning Center on the eastern side of the lake served as the base for the eleven women who shared four cabins. All trips were financially successful. Thanks to our committee members: James Duncan, Pat Esch, Lana Lindstrom, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale (Chair), and Nancy Whitfield.

**Publicity (Janet Jacobsen):** Our committee hosted a display table and a Ridgeline hike for the Ridgeline Celebration/National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6. Roberta Chord and Autumn Edwards did a terrific job of greeting hikers. On October 25 Mary and Brian Hamilton will again host a table for the Willamalane Rocktoberfest. Laurie Funkhouser has volunteered to help.

Our committee thanks Chris Stockdale for sending our activities to the *Register-Guard* and the *Eugene Weekly*. Thanks also to Barbara Gunther, Dave Lodeesen, Mike Smith, and Tommy Young for creating goodwill with Lane County Events to help with a Ridgeline walk on July 9 and 10 for a visiting group. We also thank the Committee Chairs for keeping the website, Facebook, *Bulletin* and the Y Bulletin Board up-to-date.

I thank the committee members who always pitched in where needed by hosting, posting flyers, updating the website, reading the tent assembly directions and more. Carla Cooper provided terrific tips and photos about the Obsidians to the *Lane Monthly* reporter for a feature article.

Publicity Committee: Janet Jacobsen (Chair), Carla Cooper, Lynne Eichner, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Mark Hougardy, John Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe and Darko Sojak.

**Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser):** With restocked merchandise for the year which included a new item – Stow-N-Go bags – we were off to a good season. Concessions has attempted to be present at many Obsidian activities, including ExploraTalks, Potlucks and the Bus Rally. Our goals for the future: update merchandise presentation, expand notecard selection, focus on 10 essentials and upgrade outdoor gear.

A big thank you to the dedicated members: Laurie Funkhouser (chair), Pat Bean, Keiko Bryan, Patty Mac Afee and Darlene Mancuso.

**Online (Wayne Deeter):** Thanks to our committee members Wayne Deeter (Chair), Jan Anselmo, Marci Hansen, John Jacobsen and Shellie Robertson this has been another productive year for the Online Committee.

John heads up database maintenance and development, supporting the Membership Committee and providing for Online Signups. He has added the ability within the online signup system for trip participants to provide emergency contact information which is available for the leader and sponsoring committee to access.

Jan manages the photo album system, nagging the submitters to provide captions to their photos so that twenty years



from now we'll have a clue as to what all these photos are about.

Shellie and Marci maintain our Facebook page.

We plan to move our website to a Content Management System. This will allow us to better serve the other Committees by making it easier for us to keep their pages up-to-date. It should also allow us to make it easier for people who access our site to find what they are looking for.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** During the past year the Obsidian Finance Committee was responsible for putting together the 2015 budget, recommending investments for both the Endowment and Contingency Funds, and the rebuilding of the Contingency/Capital Fund. We completed audits of the general fund, summer camp accounts, and the extended trips account. Thanks to committee members Stewart Hoeg (Chair), Barb Bruns, Dan Christensen and Lana Lindstrom.

**Historian/Librarian (Lenore McManigal):** Bert Ewing has scanned approximately 33,000 photos, record books and other materials. This will be an added feature in preserving the Club's history and records. Nine members or former Obsidian members died this past year. All of the trips and events members participated in the past year have been recorded up to date.

**Lodge Building (Doug Nelson):** This year the Building Committee focused mostly on routine maintenance and administering lodge rentals. In addition to our many Obsidians meetings and events the Lodge was rented on nine occasions by other individuals or groups. Our renters have been grateful for, and respectful of, the use of the building.

Many thanks to all the members of the ad hoc Art Heritage Committee for their work installing the adjustable art display system and procuring the new bookcase for the Scherer Room. These are nice additions to the building.

Janet Jacobsen organized a mopping crew to shine up the floor in May. Thanks to all who joined in on the fun.

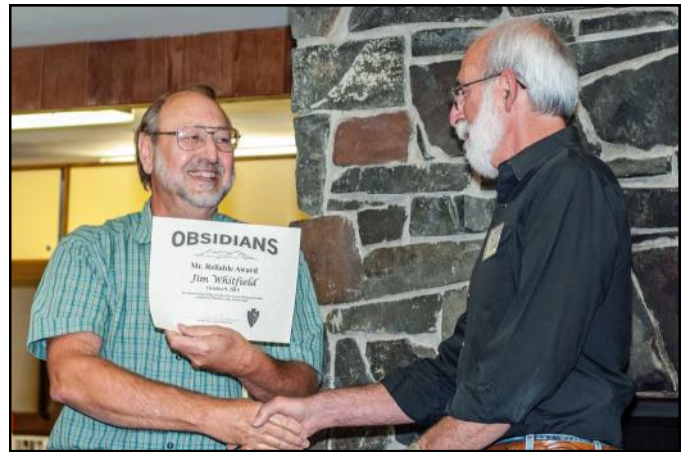
Finally, thanks to Cat Nelson for all her help with janitorial duties and for taking charge of opening and closing for our renters when I was unavailable.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** I would like to thank the Grounds Committee members and others who have helped keep the grounds in shape and looking good throughout the year. A special thank you goes to Clara Emlen who volunteered to come by the Lodge regularly on her own during the spring and summer to tend to the planting beds and other areas of the grounds. It really kept things looking nice over the summer and our first regular fall work party was a breeze compared to past years.

Work by the Grounds Committee this year was primarily routine upkeep and maintenance of the Obsidian grounds. The old shed above the Lodge and to the west was finally torn down and the area surrounding it cleaned up.

Grounds Committee Members: John Jacobsen (Chair), Marsha Barr, Rob Castleberry, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Ronald Green, Dick Hildreth, Brenda Kameenui, Gary Kirk, Ken Kodama, Joanne Ledet, Doug Nelson, Dave Predeek, Chris Shuraleff, Randy Sinnott, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield and Tom Woxell.

**Safety (Pat Esch):** The Outdoor First Aid Course in January was a smashing success with seventeen participants



completing the three evening classes.

Lyndell Wilken and I did our annual First Aid Kit restocking in February.

Thank you committee members: Anne Bonine (Winter Trips Rep), Sharon Cutsforth (Bus Trips Rep), John Cooper (Summer Trips Rep), Maryanne Reiter (Climbs Rep) and Lyndell Wilken (At Large).

**Heritage Ad Hoc Committee (Jim Duncan):** An Art Heritage Ad Hoc Committee was approved at the March Board Meeting and had their first meeting on April 17 to discuss the \$1,000 Ray Cavagnaro and Scherer Family donation.

The birch bookcase made by Wes Prouty in memory of Ray is now in the Scherer room. We installed the picture hanging system and now have an artwork exhibit. We hope to have another member's artwork displayed by November.

Three plaques have been ordered and should be up in a few weeks.

We hope by the first of the year to have the Bryan Ryan collage, as well as a climbing rope, and an ice axe up on the wall.

Our committee members are Jim Duncan (Chair), Rick Ahrens, Sharon Duncan, Peter Graham, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, and Doug Nelson (Lodge Chair).

#### **Election Of New Board Members**

The nominees for membership on the Board for January 2016 through December 2018 are Dave Cooper, Todd Larsen, and Maryanne Reiter. The Club members present at the annual meeting voted unanimously to elect the three candidates.

#### **Members Who Have Passed On**

Janet Jacobsen shared remembrances of those who have passed on this past year.

Robin Lodewick is remembered for her love of Penstemon flowers, who with her husband Ken, developed a key to the 271 species. They also devoted energy to save the Three Sisters Wilderness Area.

Former President in 1952 and also Climbs Chair, Mike Stahl also worked to save the Three Sisters Wilderness area. He helped build our Lodge using his skill as an electrician. He was 100 years old when he died.

Ed Lovegren developed a reputation for leading Rebel Rock 19 times. He went on 90 climbs, some of which he led.

Royal Murdock is especially remembered for leading us to Mt. Pisgah to view the sunset or sunrise.

Mark Perrin loved the mountains, leading hikes and a climb of Mt. Adams.

Ralph Core joined Obsidians late in life and enjoyed all of the adventures.

Marian Borchartd enjoyed several summer camps and 63 bus trips.

Helen Barnard joined the club in 1997 and participated in 28 bus trips.

Rosella Jones joined in 1992 and participated in over 100 bus trips.

Marriner Orum, a longtime member, died at the age of 97. He was our favorite bicyclist and conservationist. For years, he led a Father's Day bike ride to the Lodge.

### 2015 Trip And Leader Awards

25 Leader Award: Pat Esch presented by Pat Soussan

75 Leader Award: Jim Pierce presented by Brian Hamilton

100 Trip Awards: Matt Bell presented by Dan Gilmore, Roberta Chord presented by Matt Bell, David Cooper presented by Caroline Moore, May Fogg, Holger Krentz presented by Sharon Cutsforth and Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle and Guy Strahon

200 Trip Awards: Joella Ewing presented by Bea Fontana, Jim Pierce presented by Roberta Chord and Liz Reanier presented by Rick Ahrens

400 Trip Award: Jane Hackett

### 2015 Special Awards

Jim Pierce - Life Member recognition presented by Elle Weaver

Darko Sojak - Living Angel Award presented by Elle Weaver for Myron Cook

**Summer Trips Awards** presented by John Cooper: *Mark Hougardy - Mr. Clean Award* for leading hikes to the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Short Mountain Landfill, *Steve Johnson - Mr. Farther Hiker Award* for leading the longest hike yet: McKenzie River Trail 25.9 miles and the Wonderland Trail backpack 56.0 miles, *Carla Cooper - Mrs. Carpool Extraordinaire Award* for organizing the carpooling on the McKenzie/Santiam hike and then leading a 5-mile Metolius hike while waiting to pick up the hikers, *Dave Cooper - Best One-Way Hike Award* for leading the 17.1-mile McKenzie/Santiam trip, *Tom Rundle - In House Rockman Award* for patiently explaining geological features when on hikes in the mountains, *Joella Ewing - Sox & Sand Award* for leading the annual December Stocking Stuffer hike and the SOLVE cleanup hikes at the coast, *Pat Esch - Staying Afloat Award* for leading the 6<sup>th</sup> annual women's kayak trip, *Ann Montgomery - Combo Hike Award* for leading an annual birding and biking trip on the Amazon Slough bike path, *Harriet Kelly - Botanical Observation Award* for paying special attention to plants and mushrooms on her hikes, *Randy Sinnott - Resurrection Award* for resurrecting the Rebel Rock Death March led 19 times by

Ed Lovegren who recently passed away and *Scott Hovis - Triple Backpack Award* for leading Blalock Point, Indigo Lake and Lost Coast/Sinkyone Wilderness backpacks.

**Winter Trips Awards** presented by John Cooper: *Scott Hovis - Lemonade out of Lemons Award* for leading great hikes to replace cancelled trips due to no snow.

**Trails Special Awards** presented by Matt Bell: *David Lodeesen - Best Newcomer Award* for going on three trails outings in his first year as an Obsidian, *Clara Emlen - Not Blown Away Award* for cleaning the stairs so well that a City employee with a blower had nothing to do and *Dan Gilmore - Chief Sarcast Award* for bringing much needed



levity and sarcasm to every outing he attends.

**Lodge Grounds Awards** presented by John Jacobsen: *Clara Emlen - Caretaker of the Year Award* for volunteering to come by the Obsidian Lodge on her own, on a regular basis to weed, mulch and maintain the planting beds and other areas of the Obsidian grounds and *Jim Whitfield - Mr. Reliable Award* for helping out around the Obsidian Lodge grounds with tasks both big and small.

### Humorous Awards:

Steve Johnson presented Janet Jacobsen with her first PEZ dispenser ever!

Janet presented a rain gauge to Mike Smith who moved here from Arizona expecting rain and is surprised and concerned that we aren't getting enough!

John Jacobsen presented Janet Jacobsen - Ms. Modesty Award for not wanting her 888 trips taken and 423 trips led acknowledged with an official Obsidian award or patch.

Janet presented a special candy award to the folks who did some or all of the McKenzie River Trail 26-mile hike either on foot or by making the carpool possible: Steven Johnson (Leader), David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Aaron Rohrer, Elle Weaver, Brad Bennett, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Becky Lipton and Carla Cooper.

### Announcements

Special thanks were given to Carla Cooper for being the photographer for the meeting, to John Jacobsen for printing the awards, and to Janet Jacobsen for organizing things to make this meeting so fun and special!

## Trip Reports & Other Activities



### Bike

#### **Detering Orchard**

**October 3, 2015**

**Leader: Patricia Esch**

**Bike: 22 miles, 25 ft. (Moderate)**

**A**T OUR START IN COBURG, four riders were serenaded by a large flock of geese flying overhead. The rest of the ride to Detering Orchard was uneventful except for the wind which made us feel like we were peddling uphill on flat land. Detering Orchard was very busy. We wandered around through the maze of piled pumpkins until we found the free apple cobbler stand and the nearby free cider. For entertainment, we decided against doing the hay maze as too easy and entered the corn maze. Every corner had a cute stuffed being and the exit was not difficult to find. On the way back, we admired the Bower stone wall on Bower Road. It is dedicated to Bower grandparents who built it and has niches to sit in. With the wind behind us, we sailed back to Coburg. Members: Patricia Esch, Steve Hennes, Don Kindt, Michael Wolf.



### Climbs

#### **Mt. Washington**

**August 8, 2015**

**Leader: Rick Harris**

**Climb: 10.5 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**W**ELL, ANOTHER DAY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST Cascade Mountain Range. After camping at the trailhead for the PCT, we started our climb at 4:30 AM. We left with six and finished with six. Great day of weather and great climbing. The nice thing about the 4:30 AM start is that we were the first ones to the summit technical part. The mountain was very cloudy for some reason. With everyone making it to the summit, we had a wonderful walk in and back out again. Climbers: Danni Harris, Kimberly Van Winkle, Marge Huseman, Bruce Tufts, Bill Lowder. Great company with such a strong group of people.

#### **Mount Thielsen**

**September 12, 2015**

**Leader: Marci Hansen**

**Photographer: Rebecca Eastwood**

**Climb: 9.0 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)**

**NINE OF US MET AT THE THIELSEN TRAILHEAD** at 7:00 AM and started hiking at 7:45. There were also 11 Mazamas at

the trailhead. The Mazamas started hiking about 15 minutes sooner than we did. The smoke was thick, and we went slowly at first as a couple people were feeling the smoke and breathing hard. As we transitioned from hiking to scrambling on the ridge, one hiker decided that she was uncomfortable with the exposure and turned back. We talked for quite a while, determined that she was comfortable hiking back down by herself and waiting for us at the PCT



intersection. Eight of us continued. When we reached the top of the ridge, the Mazamas were just setting a fixed line up the left side of the standard route. I knew both the leader and co-leader well. I chatted with them about how we could both have our teams climbing on the pinnacle. I set a fixed line up the right side (through the chimney) of the standard route and set an anchor just below the summit, since the Mazamas had set up on the summit. Rick Hoffman, my unofficial assistant and the one Mazama in our group, stayed below and did a safety check on each climber. All seven climbers summited easily, and it was the first time summiting Thielsen for all seven! We took pictures at the top, then climbed down the same fixed line. I left a webbing as an anchor at the top with a retired personal carabiner. We hiked back down, picked up our ninth climber at the intersection and headed back to the cars. The trip, car to car, was 9.5 hours. Members: Hayden Banks, Larry Banks, Rebecca Eastwood, Marci Hansen Rick Harris. Nonmembers: Rick Hoffman, Andrew Vaz, Brian Humphreys, Vanessa Manzano.

#### **Mt. Hubris/Cosmic Wall**

**September 26, 2015**

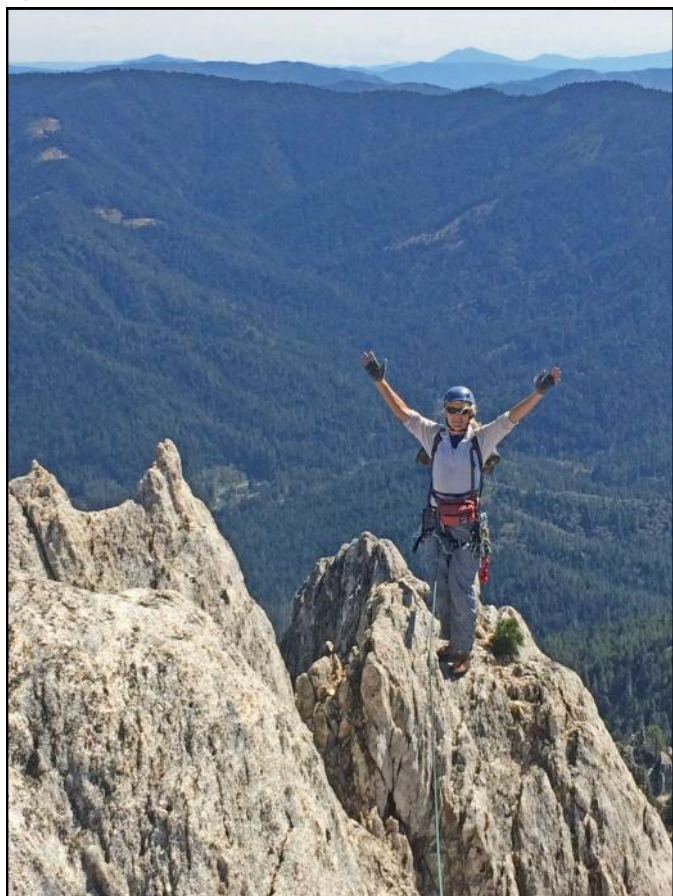
**Leader & Photographer: Maryanne Reiter**

**Assistant: Alexander Ellis**

**Climb: 7 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)**

**THE CLIMB UP THE COSMIC WALL** on Mt. Hubris was cosmically perfect! We had a stellar combination of weather and skilled climbers. We arrived Saturday evening at the mostly deserted Castle Crags State Park in Northern California and set up camp to get a few precious hours of sleep. We woke up by 4:15 AM and headed out in the dark to hike up the approximately three mile trail (note: it does have over 2,000 feet of elevation gain!) to the climbing area. We got to

the start of the route after surviving the potentially debilitating Manzanita thicket. Team one consisted of Maryanne



Reiter, Laurie Monico and Marge Huseman while team two consisted of Alex Ellis and Danni Harris. Both teams were solid and had an enjoyable time reaching the summit; especially climbing the last pitch which we affectionately call the *Stegosaurus* due to the jagged ridge. We did the two rappels to the bottom and made our way down the gully of loose rock, which had some other names which were not affectionate. We had a fine drive back with occasional views along I-5 of the lunar eclipse.



## Byways By Bus

### **Fall Color Trip October 8, 2015**

**Leader: Barbara Beard, Assistant: Paul Beard  
Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth**

**O**UR GROUP OF 25 RIDERS, one bus driver and his wife, left Eugene at 8:00 AM on a beautiful fall day for a 250-mile trek through the central Cascade foothills. Route 46 was full of magnificent fall colors. We enjoyed a coffee break and snacks at the Fisherman's Bend State Park on Highway 22 just west of Mill City. The little towns of Lyons and Mill City were very active with their large plywood and sawmills in full operation. It appeared that logging in the

area was alive and well. Enjoying a brief walk along the North Santiam River, we noticed the river seemed to be running about two-thirds of normal flow for this time of year, but high enough to support the salmon and steelhead runs for fall. We give a huge thank you as we enjoyed goodies and coffee prepared by our hospitality committee, which to, some kids rode by on bicycles. They had been upriver and could see several salmon in the river, a good sign for the fish runs next year. We continued east on Highway 22 to the community of Detroit. At Big Cliff Dam there was a lot of water in the reservoir, but Detroit Reservoir was very low, just a trickle of water at the community of Detroit. We turned north on Highway 46 following the Breitenbush River to where it connects with the Clackamas River. The confluence of the Collawash River and Clackamas River is the location for the Two Rivers picnic area. We stopped briefly at Ripplebrook Guard Station and maintenance area before arriving at Timberlake Job Corps for our lunch. The Job Corps was celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary so lots of the 170 students had gone home for a long weekend. The Job Corps is a dorm living situation for students as they are on campus for most of their education before graduating. The Timberlake facility is one of seven or eight Job Corps around the state. Timberlake was the first to open in the state. The student tour guides and director, Sharon Hernandez, gave us excellent information about the Job Corps and opportunities available to the students. Programs offered at the Corps are forestry, business, culinary, electrical, painting, welding, auto mechanics and carpentry. The location is a beautiful setting in the Mt. Hood National Forest with a fishing lake, wildlife, skiing, and snow play in winter months. This is a



refreshing place to teach young people the importance of conservation and skills for life following their school years. After a great lunch in the facility, we headed for Estacada and more vivid colors of fall. As we turned south on Highway 224 at the outskirts of Estacada, we enjoyed a mixture of many shades of orange, yellow and red—such a spectacular array of colors. Arriving at Woodburn, we turned south on Highway 99E, then traveled to Bauman's Farm which greeted us with still more color; lots of pumpkins and scary faces painted on the ends of hay bales—such a sight to see. We shopped and enjoyed ice cream before boarding our bus for home. We enjoyed having our special guest, Char Bergman, with us on this trip. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Don Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth,

Rose Mary Etter, Marge Hislop, Janet Jacobsen, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Liz Reanier, Janet Speelman, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Beverly Robertson, Bill MacMaster Sr, Denise Wilson, Barbara Wallace.



## Hikes

### **Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise**

**September 27, 2015**

**Leader: Mark Hougardy**

**Photographer: Holger Krentz**

**Hike: 4 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**T**HIS HIKE WAS SPECIAL—viewers could experience a combined supermoon and blood moon. The full moon of September 27/28 was a supermoon which means the



moon was closest to the earth (its perigee), making it appear larger and brighter. The year's supermoon was combined with a rare total lunar eclipse. As the moon passes into the earth's shadow, we see it as a deep red color—this is where the term, blood moon comes from. From [timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com): "According to NASA, they have only occurred five times in the 1900s—in 1910, 1928, 1946, 1964 and 1982. After the September 27/28, 2015 total lunar eclipse, a supermoon eclipse will not happen again for another 18 years, until October 8, 2033." As we started the hike up Pisgah, we were joined by several other groups, families, and astronomy enthusiasts. The trail was a bit crowded so we turned onto trail 3, then trail 4 and looped around Pisgah's eastern edge for some solitude. When we arrived at the pedestal, I estimated that about 120 people were in the area! The horizon was overcast and hid the moon's arrival. After about 20 minutes, Darko was the first to notice the moon's opaque appearance. We could partially see the blood moon rise over the valley, but sadly the sienna-colored orb remained obscured for much of the evening. We left the summit in the dark and made our way down the steep slope to the parking area. The flashlights were spaced out about 30 to 40 feet between people, and about halfway down the lights appeared to create a long snake of gently bouncing spheres. As we arrived at our cars, we could see a dramatic-looking moon in partial eclipse—the red was gone, and the moon was bi-

sected, half in the light and half in the darkness, as it emerged from the Earth's shadow. It was a celestial sight! Members: Mark Hougardy, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, Caroline Moore, Lucy Nelson, Dave Predeek, Jan Pylar, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Chris Shuraleff, Randy Sinnott, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith, Dan Udovic. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, Julie Jessal, Noah Lee, Dianna Bordewick, Melodee Soczek.

### **Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte**

**September 30, 2015 through October 21, 2015**

**Leaders: Janet Jacobsen, David Cooper**

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

**THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: SEPTEMBER 30**—Members: Mari Baldwin, David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Sonja Snyder, Elisabeth Lyman, Nancy Webb, Marlene Malone, Ann Kloos. **OCTOBER 7**—Members: David Cooper, Don Doerr, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, David Reinhard, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen. Nonmembers: Dianna Bordewick, Marlene Malone, Lauren Dame, Ann Kloos. **OCTOBER 14**—Members: David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Michael King, Nancy Webb, Marlene Malone. **OCTOBER 21**—Members: Jennifer Baer, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Rick Sanford, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen, David Strutin, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Nancy Webb, Ann Kloos, Darian Morray.

### **Black Crater**

**October 2, 2015**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Photographer: Brad Bennett**

**Hike: 7.8 miles, 2,500 ft. (Moderate)**

**A BRISK OCTOBER MORNING** greeted the eight hikers signed



up for a hike up the 7,251 foot Black Crater on McKenzie

Pass. At the trailhead temperatures had warmed enough to allow some to hike in their T-shirts but at the summit, everyone was bundled up in all their available clothing and huddled behind the summit rocks to protect against the cold breeze while we ate our lunch. The view from Black Crater is always beautiful. However, the added vivid cloud layer gave the panorama from Mt. Hood south to the Three Sisters a dramatic touch seldom seen during the warm summer months. Members: Brad Bennett, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Rich Romm, Elle Weaver, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra.

### Short Mountain Landfill

**October 3, 2015**

**Leader: Mark Hougardy**

**Hike: 1 mile, 0 ft. (Easy)**

**WHERE IS AWAY?** When we throw away trash, where does it go? In Lane County, almost all of the county's trash comes to the Short Mountain Landfill just south of Eugene, off of I-5. The footprint for this site is 540-acres, and the hills will eventually reach a height of 600 feet. The expected lifespan for this site is another 100 years, which means we will be putting trash into the ground for another 100 years at this site. That is a lot of trash. Our trip to the landfill was cut short because of gunfire in the vicinity. We left the area. Apparently, a state-licensed trapper was on top of the 250-foot trash hill shooting birds considered to be a nuisance. The BRING representative, who was guiding our trip, was not happy because there was a breakdown in communications. Our trip had apparently uncovered a major hole in the landfill's processes concerning visitors, signage, and contractors with firearms using the site. This has been resolved, and I will be scheduling another visit in the coming weeks to see everything that we missed. Members: Keiko Bryan, Lynda Christiansen, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, Lucy Nelson, Chris Shuraleff, Sue Wolling.

### The Twins

**October 3, 2015**

**Leader: John Cooper**

**Photographer: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)**

**NINE HIKERS TURNED OUT FOR THE HIKE** up The Twins. The weather, as predicted, was mixed with the hope of sun. As



we approached the second trail junction, the beginning of our counterclockwise loop, a few snowflakes were visible. One hiker, with all her warm layers on, decided to stay at the

junction. The rest of us proceeded up and out of the woods. On an open scree field, the snow and wind picked up. Everyone seemed excited to encounter the snow, even though the beautiful views were totally obstructed. We returned to the junction for lunch. Then back to the cars and the valley where summer remained. One hiker commented that today she had seen more snow than in the entire winter last year. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, John Cooper, Lynne Eichner, Becky Lipton, Brian Popowsky, Kathy Randall, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Kelly Casad.

### Highlights of The McKenzie

**October 4, 2015**

**Leader & Photographer: Sam Miller**

**Hike: 8.7 miles, -820 ft. (Moderate)**

**FALL IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO HIKE.** The day of our walk was no exception. Our group was treated to sunny skies,



pleasant temperatures and great views of Clear Lake, Sahalie Falls, Koosah Falls, Tamolitch Pool and the McKenzie River. An added bonus of this point-to-point hike was very little uphill walking. Overall, it was fine day to be outdoors. Members: Sam Miller, Nola Nelson, Dave Predeck, Jan Py-lar, Robert Smythe. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Leif Wisdahl.

### Four-In-One Cone

**October 4, 2015**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Photographer: Ernst Schwintzer**

**Hike: 11.5 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)**

**AUTUMN HAS COME TO THE HIGH COUNTRY.** We were greeted at Scott Trailhead with high winds and cool temperatures.



We had shelter for most of the way to Four-In-One Cone,

but the hike up to the rim was cold and very windy. We ate lunch in the shelter of what trees there were, enjoyed the dusting of the Sisters and Collier Cone, especially on the north facing slopes, and left soon after. The Cone itself had received some precipitation, as the ground was wet, and there were areas where water had recently flowed on the trail, a very nice sign. The autumn colors were beautiful wherever there was deciduous growth. This was the second annual Clare Tucker memorial hike, and I look forward to leading it next year. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Toresa Martell, Ernst Schwintzer, Art Skach, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Catherine Poulsen.

### **Tahkenitch Dunes**

**October 9, 2015**

**Leader: Harriet Kelly**

**Photographer; Pat Soussan**

**Hike: 5 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)**

**THERE WERE THREE MEMBERS** and one soon-to-be member on the hike from the Tahkenitch Dunes campground area to



Three Mile Lake. We hiked along the ridge line and found some mushrooms and interesting plants. The weather was nice at the beginning, but the wind picked up as we went along and we decided to turn back just before seeing the lake, but still had great views of the ocean on the way out and a little rain on the way back. Marlene Malone was a very good sport to drive us all. Members: Steve Hennes, Harriet Kelly, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Marlene Malone.

### **Clear Lake**

**October 10, 2015**

**Leader: Joella Ewing**

**Hike: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

**BRIGHT WARM SUN, COOL AIR**, vibrant vine maples and good people equal a perfect autumn day and hike. A couple of us rented a rowboat after the hike and enjoyed being on the lake despite the predicted light, late afternoon rain. We then stopped at Sahalie Falls and walked on down to Koosah Falls in the same light rain. We still arrived home about

6:00, so I think I'll add these two activities to next year's trip description. Members: Roberta Chord, Alan Curtis, Joella Ewing, Noah Lee, Valerie Metcalfe, Barbara Schomaker, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Cindy Cowell, Manddy Schommer.

### **Mt. Ray/Betty Lake Loop**

**October 10, 2015**

**Leader & Photographer: Sue Wolling**

**Hike: 11 miles, 1,500 ft. (Difficult)**

**UNDAUNTED BY A FORECAST OF RAIN AND STRONG WINDS**, we took off up Highway 58 for the easy drive to the Mount Ray Trailhead. We started up the Mount Ray trail, where we gained most of the elevation of the day. Just after we turned right onto the South Waldo Trail, Lyndell pointed out a Cy Bingham tree. Cy Bingham was the first Forest Service ranger in this part of the Cascades, back in the early 1900s. As he went about his work building trails, spotting fires and settling disputes between cattlemen and sheepherders, he also marked some of his favorite campsites by carving his name, the date, elevation, nearby landmarks, and sometimes the name of his companion into a tree. More than 100 years later, about 20 of these arborglyphs can still be found, including this one dated 1908. We continued along, skirting a number of large downed trees on this section of trail, until we arrived at beautiful Waldo Lake. After luxuriating in the sun under a clear blue sky on this balmy October day, we then headed along the lake up to the Betty Lake trail. After passing several small lakes, we arrived at Betty Lake for lunch. At this point it quickly became cloudy and looked like the predicted rain and wind might happen, so after a quick lunch we packed up and continued down the trail to



cross Waldo Lake Road and hike on the Gold Lake trail to complete our loop. The weather held off nicely, so we finished this beautiful 11-mile loop dry and happy after a great day in the Cascades. Members: David Cooper, David Hawkins, John Hegg, Janet Jacobsen, Becky Lipton, Ernst Schwintzer, David Strutin, Lyndell Wilken, Sue Wolling.

### **Fuji Mountain**

**October 15, 2015**

**Leader: Lyndell Wilken**

**Photographer: David Lodeesen**

**Hike: 12 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)**

**THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT** for a well-paced 12-mile trek up to Fuji Mt. from Waldo Road. Birthday Lake was show-

ing effects of the drought, but as always, still beautiful with the mirror reflection of surrounding trees. Views on top of Fuji Mt. included the Three Sisters and all the peaks along the Cascade Crest as far as Mt. Jefferson. Looking south Diamond Peak, Yoran, Thielsen and the Cowhorn graced the sky. Of course, Waldo Lake in its blue splendor was the highlight. Members: Jan Anselmo, Marianne Camp, John Hegg, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Chris Shuraleff, David Strutin, Nancy Whitfield, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Darian Morray.

### Bachelor/Coffin Mountain

**October 18, 2015**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Holger Krentz**

**Hike: 7 miles, 2,135 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE WERE JOYFUL WHEN THE CLOUD SHROUD LIFTED** from Coffin Mountain while we hiked down nearby Bachelor Mountain. At last we could see where we had been a few



hours earlier, hiking along the elongated coffin-shaped ridge to the fire lookout. We started the Coffin hike in the rain and clouds, caught a glimpse of Mt. Jefferson from Bachelor Mountain, and toasted the lifting of the shroud back at our cars. Returning on the one lane gravel road, we were way-laid by contract workers filling a Penske truck with noble fir boughs. We appreciated the manager answering all of our questions about noble firs and Christmas wreaths. The two mountains are well worth the two-hour drive. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Caroline Moore, Kathy Randall, Ernst Schwintzer, Art Skach, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Roy Ward, Kelly Casad.

### Blood, Sweat, and the Years

**October 19, 2015**

**Leader: Lana Lindstrom**

**Photographer: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 5.5 miles, 700 ft. (Easy)**

**FIRST WE SWEATED A BIT**—3.5 miles over hills and down dales in the South Hills. Then Harriet Behm, a member of the Wayne Morse Historical Park Society, provided an excellent tour of the grounds and the main house at Morse Family Farm on Crest Drive. This 27-acre park of open space and natural wooded area was home to the man who has come to symbolize political integrity and service. And

then we walked in the rain to the Lane Blood Center where ten participants were willing to donate blood. The Blood



Center services three hospitals, requiring them to collect 80 units of blood every day! Thanks to all the participants for being willing to try something different and earn good karma along the way. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Don Doerr, Richard Hughes, Ruthy Kanagy, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Jan Pylar, Tom Rundle, Diane Schechter, Mike Smith, Meg Stewart Smith.

### Mt. Pisgah Moonrise/Sunset

**October 26, 2015**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Rick Ahrens**

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

**THE FIRST GLEAM OF THE FULL MOON** appeared behind Middle Sister. We were stunned to see how it crept from its hiding place. Noah Lee said, “It looked like the edge of a pizza crust without any toppings.” We were back down at our cars around 7:00 PM and headed for Pegasus Pizza. Rick Ahrens shared this comment when he submitted his photos for the



gallery, “That was cool that the moon rose right behind Middle Sister—like a big pumpkin.” Members: Rick Ahrens, Janet Jacobsen, Noah Lee, David Lodeesen, Art Skach, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Cindy Cowell.



## Upcoming Other Organizations



### **Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah** **Sunday, November 15th** **9:30-11:30 AM**

Join Chaz Dutoit, Board President, for a morning tour of Turtle Flats, a 63-acre floodplain where the Coast Fork and Middle Fork of the Willamette River come together. The Friends recently purchased and are in the process of restor-

ing the area. Come see the old gravel ponds which now are home to river otter, western pond turtles, and waterfowl, and the willow wetlands where migratory songbirds flock. Turtle Flats is extremely important because it connects two key parcels that provide conservation and recreation benefits to our community—Glassbar Island, owned by Oregon State Parks, and Willamette Confluence Preserve, owned by The Nature Conservancy. You'll learn about the cooperative efforts of the Friends and these two organizations to transform their adjoining parcels into a vibrant community amenity where fish and wildlife thrive and where people can enjoy nature.

The pace of this tour will be leisurely. However to enjoy this tour you must be able to walk comfortably over old gravel roads for approximately two miles and stand on your feet for two hours. As a reminder, no pets are allowed on the tour.

Pre-registration is required at [www.bufordpark.org/tours](http://www.bufordpark.org/tours) or by calling 344-8350.

For more information contact [volunteer@bufordpark.org](mailto:volunteer@bufordpark.org)



### **MOUNT PISGAH** **ARBORETUM**

### **Play in the Rain Day** **Sat, November 14, 10 AM-3 PM**

Looking for something fun to do with your family on a rainy Saturday in November? Visit Mount Pisgah Arboretum for our community's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Play in the Rain Day. This fun, all-ages family event happens in November each year. Discover how fun, easy, and rewarding it is to spend time outdoors in nature—in all kinds of weather. More than 2,000 people attended last year. Play in the Rain Day will happen rain or shine, so dress for the weather. Free!

### **Late Fall Bird Walk** **Sun, November 15, 8:30-10:30 AM**

Join Chris Roth and Julia Siporin for another monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. We'll use vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues for identification of our fall and year-round residents. Come discover the Arboretum's avian diversity. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon

for those who are interested. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. \$5, Members free.

### **Trail Resurfacing Work Party** **Sat, November 21, 10 AM-1 PM**

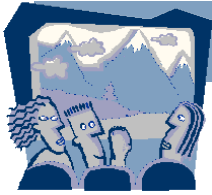
Help us to get our trails ready for the winter muddy season by putting down bark mulch. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Tools, gloves, and a parking pass will be provided to volunteers (we suggest you bring along a water bottle). Please RSVP [w/site@mountpisgaharboretum.org](mailto:w/site@mountpisgaharboretum.org) if you plan to attend.

### **Medicinal Trees Walk** **Sat, November 21, 10 AM-12 PM**

Autumn is tree season. Join herbalists Sue Sierralupe and Candace Hunter as we take a short stroll along the Arboretum's river path discussing the medicinal properties of trees. This walk is senior-friendly with no elevation gain and resting spots included. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. \$5, Members free.

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## At The Lodge



# POTLUCK

Friday November 20 at 6:30 PM

## Overland Across Eurasia Amsterdam to Hong Kong

**L**AST YEAR, David Schroeder and Deanna Campbell traveled around the world together, along ancient trade routes and high mountain places—the Silk Road, the Balkans, and China. Their travelogue includes crossing the Caspian Sea by cargo ship, difficult border crossings in Uzbekistan and China, and making new friends in the High Pamirs of Tajikistan's GBAO.



### November Potluck

Friday, November 20, 2015

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.*



### COME TO THE PARTY!



Christmas at the Lodge

Hosted by Obsidians Bus Committee

Thursday, December 3, 2015

2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Music by Barbara, Paul & Paula Beard,  
handbells and electronic key board.

Also,

BigFootLane String Band

Desserts, coffee & wassail to enjoy,  
a raffle too!

Obsidians and guests are invited  
to share a fun afternoon with us.

\$1.00 at the door

Questions? Call Liz Reanier 687-1925



### Keeping Up-to-date Without a December Bulletin

**C**CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR NEW TRIPS, the December monthly events calendar, and new flyers. Hang on to your November *Bulletin* (also available on the website). The Y Bulletin Board will continue to be updated with December and January events with copies of the monthly events calendar. Check out the calendar in the Tuesday *Register-Guard* Outdoor Section.

### Stocking Stuffers Hike/Lunch (Bring New Wool Socks) Tuesday, December 15 Obsidian Lodge

**J**OELLA EWING AND JANET JACOBSEN are leading a three-mile hike on the Ribbon Trail with a follow-up bowl of soup at the Lodge. Instead of trip fees, bring a pair of new inexpensive wool socks to be donated to the Egan Warming Centers. For details about the hike and the lunch, sign up online beginning Tuesday, November 24. Call Joella at 344-9197 if you can help with the soup luncheon. If you can't attend but would like to donate socks, drop them off at the November potluck. If you have questions, email Janet at [bjjacobsen@comcast.net](mailto:bjjacobsen@comcast.net)

# Upcoming

## Hike to Support Climate Change Summit

Saturday, November 28, 1:45 to 4:00 PM  
From the OLD Federal Building, to Alton Baker  
Meet at SW corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Pearl at 1:45 PM  
Leaders: Becky Lipton, Mike Smith & Scott Hovis

**I**N EARLY DECEMBER, world governments will meet in Paris to work on reaching a new global agreement to address climate change. For a few weeks the world's attention will be squarely focused on the climate crisis and what needs to be done to solve it. Last year over 400,000 people marched in New York City, and were joined by folks at over 2,700 events in more than 150 countries prior to the United Nations Climate Summit of 2014. The marches and events around the planet served as an important reminder that no matter how overwhelming the problem of climate disruption can seem, there is a groundswell of support to continue the fight.

This year, environmental groups around the world are again planning events that bring attention to the need for serious action to protect the climate for ourselves and future generations. Saturday, November 28, has been set as the date worldwide for people to meet in the streets and show support for meaningful action to be taken at the Paris Climate Summit in December 2015.

Join a youth-led, family friendly gathering of Eugene's Climate Justice Community, green businesses, faith-based groups, environmental groups, youth groups and others to walk about 1.5 miles from the old Federal Building to Alton Baker Park. Come as you are, or bring your skis, snowshoes, backpacks, bicycles, kayaks strapped to a wagon, binoculars, wet suit, water wings, fishing rod, signs of support, or any other items to let others know: *Nature lovers support action.*

## New Art Gallery at the Lodge

**M**EMBERS NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY to display their art in the Scherer Room at the lodge. We thank Scott Hovis for sharing his art these past few months. Shirley Froyd's watercolor paintings will be on exhibit beginning with the November potluck. Take a walk around the Concessions table to view the paintings.

For more information about these artists:

<http://emeraldartcenter.org/portfolio-items/froyd-shirley/>

[www.facebook.com/Scott-Hovis-Fine-Art-136229389833571/](http://www.facebook.com/Scott-Hovis-Fine-Art-136229389833571/)

## Obsidian Calendar

### November

4 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
11 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
15 Sun	Castle Rock Hike D Smith .....	357-5208
18 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
20 Fri	Overland Across Eurasia .....	Potluck
27 Fri	Turkey Trimming Hike M Lindstrom .....	683-1409
28 Sat	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell .....	503-884-8829
30 Mon	Pisgah/Find the Bench Hike E Jacobsen.....	343-8030

### December

2 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
3 Thu	Christmas Party Reanier .....	687-1925
4 Fri	River/Campus Walk Hike E Jacobsen.....	343-8030
5 Sat	Art Walk/Skinner Butte Hike E Ewing .....	344-9197
9 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
15 Tue	Stocking Stuffer Hike/Lunch Jacobsen.....	343-8030
16 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
20 Sun	Tahkenitch Dunes Hike M Lipton.....	736-7498
21 Mon	Pisgah/Winter Solstice Hike M Jacobsen .....	343-8030
23 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
30 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030

### January

1 Fri	Spencer Butte Hike E Sojak.....	525-1124
6 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
13 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
20 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
22 Fri	Skiing Denali's Shadow .....	Potluck

## WANTED! Scenic Photos

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## Looking for the perfect holiday gift?

**C**HECK OUT THE CONCESSIONS TABLE at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Potluck.

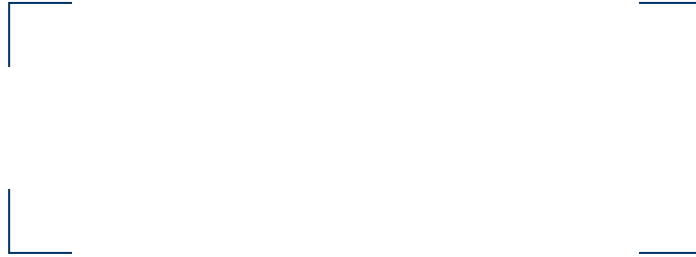




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