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February 12	ExploraTalk
February 22	Potluck
March 1	Bulletin Deadline
March 3	Bus Rally
March 6	Board Meeting

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2019 Bus Rally

Sunday, March 3, 2–4 PM at the Obsidian Lodge

EARLY EACH YEAR THE BUS COMMITTEE HOLDS A RALLY AT THE OBSIDIAN LODGE to announce our planned bus trips. This is always a fun time as we reconnect with old friends and enjoy meeting new people. We welcome Obsidians, family, friends, and guests. Leaders will present details about the trips they have planned and there will be an opportunity to sign up for trips that are of interest to you. The cost of each trip is figured at a rate to cover expenses. This year our first trip *Birding in the Klamath Basin* will be March 5–6; registration is now open. Some hints on other trips: *Crater Lake/Diamond Lake, covered bridges, museums, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Olympic Peninsula, and Holiday Storybook Land.*

Travel is aboard a luxury motor coach with a capacity of 50 people. We usually only have 25–30 people on our trips, making it easier to move around at our destinations. These coaches are taller than many other vehicles so views are less obstructed. They have very large windows for great sightseeing, ‘kneeling devices’ for easy boarding, and air-conditioning. The buses have plenty of storage space, both above the seats and underneath the bus. We have chartered the buses from MTR Western for many years and are well acquainted with some of their excellent drivers who are pleasant, cheerful and helpful. It is a wonderful way to relax and enjoy travel.

The Rally will include refreshments and door prizes (including two \$25 off certificates for a chosen trip). We look forward to seeing you at the Rally.

Basic Climb School 2019

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE CHALLENGE AND THRILL OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBING but lacked the skills and confidence to get started? If so, then come take our basic climbing class. We will teach you basic mountaineering skills and pump you up with enthusiasm—because we love climbing and love helping those who want to learn the skills to venture into the mountains.

The Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue will teach the fundamentals of rock and snow travel in classroom and field sessions of the 2019 Basic Climb School beginning April 1. For the classroom portions we will help you learn knots, give you tips for gear, practice climbing indoors, and learn about glaciers and snow travel. In the two field sessions you will put that classroom material to actual use. The cost is \$80 for Obsidian members or members of Eugene Mountain Rescue and \$110 for nonmembers—an amazing deal for an extensive class like this. Following the class the Obsidians will be hosting graduation climbs for Climb School participants to put the new skills into practice. The climb fees for the graduation climbs are not included in the Climb School cost.

More information on the class is on the Climbs page of the Obsidians webpage. Registration opens at 7:00 AM on Feb. 16, 2019. One of the many benefits of being an Obsidian member is that you can pre-register for the class. To learn more contact climbs@obsidians.org.



Ascending fixed line.

Welcome New Members!

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Theo Davis
Eugene, OR 97405

Colin Lahti
Springfield, OR 97478



The President's Corner

Lyndell Wilken

AS I BEGAN 2019 AS THE OBSIDIAN PRESIDENT, one of my first tasks was to update the committee lists for 19 committees. I could not help but be impressed with the numbers of Obsidian members (over 100) who have volunteered to make the club what it is. From writing and assembling of the *Bulletin*, keeping the Lodge and grounds clean and functioning, sending schedules to *The Register-Guard*, managing the photo gallery, organizing bus trips, summer trips, winter trips, potlucks and ExploraTalks, it is indeed an impressive collective accomplishment. Although housebound after having bilateral knee replacement surgery, I attended the beginning of the Membership

**Every assignment,
no matter how great or small,
contributes to the club's success.**

Committee meeting via Facetime and was able to meet the members as each in turn introduced themselves. I was impressed how each individual's duties combine to create a successful committee. All committees depend on such devoted volunteers. Every assignment, no matter how great or small, contributes to the club's success. The more volunteers who step forward to help, the greater the bonds between club members as they work together for a common cause. Participation on a committee provides an opportunity to get to know more members—which in turn makes attending club functions more enjoyable since you all know each other from working together. So, if you have the time to participate on one of our committees please take a look at the committees listed in your *Bulletin* and talk to me about finding a spot that meets your interests. For the 100 plus volunteers already working, I extend my appreciation for your efforts and look forward to working with you this year.

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TRIP REPORTS



Bike Trips

Brownsville Loop

December 29, 2018

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 45 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

DRY WEATHER AND TEMPS OF 45-50S CREATED AN OPENING for this ride. Starting out riders rejoiced at a ten-mile an hour tailwind that pushed us into Brownsville in a little more than 1½ hours (got to be a record). After resting and reducing the cinnamon roll inventory at Randy's Main Street Coffee, we rode back against a vigorous headwind of seventeen mph. No one complained, but all were happy to be back at the park. Members: Richard Anselmo, John Hegg, Richard Hughes, David Strutin, Harold Thompson, Michael Wolf.

Veneta Loop

January 12, 2019

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 25 miles, 1,077 ft. (Moderate)

TWO DETERMINED RIDERS RODE THE VENETA LOOP in temps just a tad north of freezing covering 26 miles and 1,227 feet of gain. It was a beautiful morning with little traffic. Members: Richard Hughes, David Strutin.

12 Bridges Loop

January 26, 2019

Leader: Richard Hughes

Photographer: Jan Anselmo

Bike: 20 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

COLD AND FOGGY WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY as the ten rode into the abyss. We navigated the Willamette River via many bridges as we all told stories of the past. Today was a



Where's Waldo at the Defazio Bridge

good ride. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, John Hegg, Richard Hughes, Brenda Kame'enui, Dale Schaper, David Strutin, Carol Woodman. Nonmembers: Larry Myers, Jamie Zimmerman.



Hikes

Wild Iris Ridge

December 25, 2018

Leader: Betty Grant

Hike: 3.4 miles, 620 ft. (Easy)

T WAS CHRISTMAS DAY AND NO RAIN IN SIGHT with a great group of hikers in whom to delight. We enjoyed some leg stretching, conversation and more while hiking this ridge and considering a return for more. Members: Betty Grant, Nancy Hoecker, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith, Dorothy Van Winkle. Nonmembers: Dale Schaper, Carol Woodman, Larry Winiarski.

Solar System

December 30, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 7 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

FIVE OF US WALKED THROUGH THE 1:10⁹ SCALE MODEL of the solar system along the Willamette. We started at Mars, then Earth-Moon, Mercury, Venus, and the Sun. We then did the outer planets and returned. It's a very impressive model and gives an excellent rendition of how vast the differences are just in our solar system. Members: Steve Adey, Kay Coots, Christine Martin, Mike Smith. Nonmember: Bob Lanahan.

Eugene Micro Art Walk

December 31, 2018

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

IN 2017 NINE ARTISTS FROM SIX DIFFERENT COUNTRIES visited Eugene, Oregon. Armed with paintbrushes and spray cans, they created a variety of murals around town for residents to enjoy and even debate. While most of the artistic endeavors were on a large scale, several artists, Blek le Rat, and Dan Witz, created images on a smaller, more intimate level. Blek le Rat (Xavier Prou) is a father of stencil art. He painted ten playful designs in the downtown area, although one was covered, apparently by accident, this past summer. His work was an inspiration for Banksy. Dan Witz is a master of trompe l'oeil (visual illusions that trick the eye). His haunting images are sprinkled around Eugene, 11 are in the downtown area. Part of the mystery and enjoyment of these smaller graffiti art paintings is searching them out. Our walk today focused on the geography between Pearl Street and Lincoln Street and

between 7th and 11th Avenues. We saw most of the pieces on the 2-hour walk, though afterward several of us looked around for another 15 minutes. One participant flagged us down; she had found a well-hidden piece. Like all of Dan Witz's work, it was hiding in plain sight! One of his works still remains hidden on Eugene's streets. Members: Kay Coots, Nikki Frank, Kathy Hoeg, Mark Hougardy, Christine Martin, Helen Martz, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Dale Schaper, Carol Woodman, Bob Lanahan.

Two New Year's Day Hikes

1) Spencer Butte

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.2 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

SEVENTEEN OF US MET AT 9:30 AM AT THE SPENCER BUTTE parking lot for our 7th annual New Year hike. We toasted to New Experiences in 2019 with pomegranate soda before we headed up to the sun and blue skies. We gingerly stepped around some ice patches on the steps and had a few seconds to wish the long-distance hikers a Happy New Year as they scurried down. Above the clouds we had a spectacular view. We munched on homemade pumpkin bread, English toffee, and chocolate oatmeal balls before we posed for the traditional photo holding the Happy New Year letters. We encountered few people until we met the crowds coming up the trail. This is definitely a cheerful way to celebrate with friends. Members: Joanna Alexander, Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, Kay Coots, Sheridan Gates, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Evelyn Nagy, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Richard Shields, Pat Soussan, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale, Whitney Gould, Pamela Jernigan, Rita Jernigan.

2) Blanton to Spencer to Pisgah Explora

Leader: Mike Smith Asst. Leader: Steve Cordon

Hike: 18 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

BACK IN 2016, I THOUGHT ABOUT DOING A HIKE UP BOTH Pisgah and Spencer Butte the same day, walking between them. Dave Cooper reminded me I ought to quit talking about it and do it, so I did, from Willamette to Spencer to Pisgah a year ago on New Years' Day. Steve Cordon joined me, and we both thought it was a good hike. I thought I was done with my obligation. I was wrong. Coop said that while the hike was good, it would have been a lot better had I started from Blanton. He decided to join the hike to show me that such was truly a better option. I put the hike on the schedule, limiting it to five for simplicity with the car shuttle and also for the number of people walking along Seavey Way. We did the hike on a cold, foggy morning, getting on top of Spencer Butte before 10:00 in the cold wind. We took our own pictures, didn't wait for the rest of the Obsidians to worry about spelling "Happy" correctly in the pictures, and kept going east, past Fox Hollow, past Dillard, past Baldy, down the hill into Suzanne Arlie Park, and then leaving it to take the path to LCC. We decided we could wait 20 more minutes for lunch at the Shell station, and took a longer break there. We then left, dealt with the rather heavy traffic on Seavey Loop, taking the back way into the parking lot at Mt. Pisgah. We took trails 7 to 3 to 1, and all of us were surprised at how difficult Pisgah can be after 16+ miles. To put it bluntly, we were hurting. But, we got to the top, spent some time there, then sort of limped down to the car and shuttled back to

Blanton. Good hike, and I hope I've finally met all such obligations. Or is the next step from Wild Iris Park? Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith.

EmX/River

January 4, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WHERE ARE THE BOUNDARIES FOR ISLAND PARK, Eastgate Woodlands, Whilamut Natural Area, and Alton Baker Park? Where is the Willamette River diverted for the Alton Baker Canoe Canal? Where is the pump station and intake line for the Eugene Millrace? How are the fish protected? Where does the millrace start and end? What was original purpose for the Canoe Canal and the Eugene Millrace? When did they move the Willie Knickerbocker plaque hidden in the vegetation up to the Knickerbocker Bridge? Where is the fox den? Why were two of the tallest artificial waterfalls added to the berm outside Autzen Stadium? Where are the zebrafish benches? Most of these questions were answered on our walk from the Springfield LTD station to the Dave and Lynn Frohnmayer Bridge where we quickly caught the EMX back to Springfield. Members: Carla Cooper, Kay Coots, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser, Denise Rubenstein, Louis Rubenstein. Nonmembers: Peg Straub.

Amazon Creek Diversion Channel

January 6, 2019

Leader & photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5.7 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

ON A NIPPY MORNING WITH MINIMUM RAIN OUR BIG GROUP enjoyed a nice short hike just a couple of miles west of Eugene. Members: Joanna Alexander, Jane Allen, Lynda



Beautiful field mushroom.

Christiansen, Kay Coots, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, Sandra Larsen, Patty Morrow, Kathy Randall, Denise Rubenstein, Louis Rubenstein, Darko Sojak, Dorothy van Winkle, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Jeff Carr, Ela Schmidt, Whitney Gould, Shannon Clawson.

Yaquina Bay to Yaquina Head

January 13, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographers: Holger Krentz & Joel Greer

Hike: 11.7 miles, 300 ft. (Difficult)

TODAY, ON THIS YEAR'S WARMEST (58°F) AND PRETTIEST DAY of the year, we hiked from the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse to the Yaquina Head Lighthouse. What a great hike it ended



Looking back from where we came.

up being! We enjoyed blue skies, great visibility on the beach, and wading Little Creek. From Yaquina Head Lighthouse and from the top of Salal Hill we saw eagles, whales, and the majestic surf crashing below. The whole area is spectacular. We also stopped in the well-kept Yaquina Head Interpretation Center where we learned about the lighthouse and the old time keepers. At the end of a very enjoyable 11.7-mile hike, Vicky sang for us her Sand Dune Blues

I've got sand in my toes,
I've got sand in my nose,
I've got sand all over even in my pantyhose,
I've got sand in my hair,
I've got sand in my shoes,
And that's why I'm singing "The Sand Dune Blues".



Darko and Colin wade across Little Creek.

Before returning to Eugene we stopped in Newport's Old Town for an exceptional seafood lunch. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Betty Grant, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Vicky Hanson, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmember: Colin Doyle.

Moon Mountain Park

January 13, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographers: Carla Cooper & Joanna Alexander

Hike: 6.7 miles, 1,080 ft. (Moderate)

OUR HIKE STARTED AT HENDRICKS PARK, continued down to Laurel Hill valley, and then up to the undeveloped Moon Mountain Park. It was disappointing to be in dense fog and



Clockwise from top: Dorothy van Winkle, Dave Predeek, Devin Sullivan, Colin Lahti, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Cooper, Denise Rubenstein, Patty Morrow, Joanna Alexander, Nancy Hoecker, Steve Adey.

not have any visual clues to our destination. After exploring Moon Mountain, we followed unmarked trails to Coryell Ridge, part of the Ridgeline Trail system. On our way down the sun came out, lifting our spirits as we had our first glimpse of the surrounding hills. Dave Cooper and Steve Adey used their phone apps to keep us moving in the right direction in the fog. Dorothy van Winkle kept us walking on

the correct side of the city streets. Even shrouded in fog, we all enjoyed exploring the new trails. The trip took 3½ hours. Members: Steve Adey, Joanna Alexander, Carla Cooper,

end of the loop. The West Entrance bathroom at the trailhead was closed due to the government shutdown. We were back in Eugene by 2:30. Members: Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen.

Historic Brownsville
January 25, 2019
Leader: Mari Baldwin
Photographers: Janet Jacobsen & Carla Cooper
Hike: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

GREAT DAY, GREAT GROUP!! WE WALKED ABOUT SIX MILES in Brownsville and visited historical sites, including Pioneer Park, the Millrace, Pioneer Cemetery, many old homes, the



Dorothy by a venerable Moon Mountain Oak.

David Cooper, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Patty Morrow, Dave Predeek, Denise Rubenstein, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Colin Lahti, Devin Sullivan.



Living Rock Studio with the artist's daughter giving the tour.

Civil War memorial, Calapooia River, the old railroad shed and filming sites from the movie, *Stand by Me*. We also stopped at the museum, a rock studio, and a coffee shop. If

North Bank Habitat
January 15, 2019
Leader & photographer: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A SURPRISE TO HIKE ABOVE THE FOG TO ENJOY A sunny hike on the boundary ridge with its dramatic views. The trail was in good shape except for a few muddy spots at



Janet Jacobsen, Tom Rundle, Paul Winther, Vicky Hanson, Steve Adey, Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Nancy Whitfield, Dave Cooper. In front: Kitson Graham, Mari Baldwin. In front of the oak tree featured in the movie "Stand by Me."

interested I'll send you a map showing the route we followed. Members: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Denise Bean, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kitson Graham, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Tom Rundle, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Michael Bean, Paul Winther.



At last above the fog.

Amazon Headwaters / Hendricks Park

December 29, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8.7 miles, 1,240 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET AT 19TH AND PATTERSON TO TAKE BUS #28 at 8:39 to Amazon Headwaters Trailhead to start our loop hike to Fox Hollow, Dillard, and Spring Trailheads. From there we walked on city streets to 30th and picked up the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park. It was fun for our guest to see the Obsidian Lodge. By noon we were at the Hey Neighborhood Pizza House on 19th Street where we enjoyed the enclosed outdoor seating and incredible pizza. It was a short walk back to our cars. All of us gave the hike rave reviews for the weather, the route, and the pizza. Members: Steve Adey, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Denise Rubenstein, Tom Rundle, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Whitney Gould.

Ridgeline Trails

December 27, 2018 and January 20, 2019

Various Leaders: Betty Grant (12/27) and David Cooper(1/20)

Hike: 6–8 miles, 1,200–2,000 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: December 27: 3 Members, 2 Nonmembers. January 20: 3 Members, 2 Nonmembers.

Amazon Headwaters / Spencer Butte

January 2–30, 2019

Various Leaders: Denise Rubenstein (1/2), Mike Smith (1/9), Michel King (1/16), David Cooper (1/23), Jorry Rolfe (1/30)

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

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: January 2: 12 Members. January 9: 16 Members, 3 Nonmembers. January 16: 13 Members, 2 Nonmembers. January 23: 12 Members, 2 Nonmembers. January 30: 15 Members, 1 Nonmember.

Mt. Pisgah

January 12–27, 2019

Various Leaders: David Cooper (1/12), Janet Jacobsen (1/19 and 1/27)

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 6 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)



Waiting at a foggy junction.



Brad shows us his pumping skills.

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: January 12 Pisgah Gander-flanking by number: 9 Members, 2 Nonmembers. January 19 Sunset/Moonrise: 10 Members, 2 Nonmembers. January 27: 5 Members, 3 Nonmembers.



**Ski
Trips**

Redtop Mountain

January 13, 2019

Leader & photographer: Harold Thompson

Xski: 9 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

TEN HARDY SKIERS, FIVE ON AT (ALPINE TOURING) GEAR, and five on Telemark gear, left Crescent Lake Sno-Park at 9:40 AM heading for the slopes of Redtop Mountain. Skiers were on the summit in three hours for lunch under blue skies with perfect views all around. Then the downhill fun began, taking the north open slopes through a foot of blissful powder in conditions that a skier can normally only wish for. A loop heading first north and then east brought the group to Pretty Lake. Snow conditions deteriorated as the elevation decreased and a steep, heavily forested slope proved challenging. The trail from Pretty Lake back to the sno-park was hard packed and fast, and the end of our nine-mile day was reached before 5:00 PM. Thanks to Dave McAllister for digging an avalanche risk assessment pit before we took to the open slopes. So, what was better: the AT or the Telemark gear? Five votes for AT and five votes for Telemark. Members: Danneille Harris, John Hartman, John Hegg, David



On top of Redtop!

McAllister, Patrick Mucker, Gordon Sayre, Harold Thompson.
Nonmembers: Chrissy Anderson, Larry Winiarski, Eric Anderson.



Snowshoe Trips

Nickerson Loop

January 6, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Daphne James

SShoe: 4 miles, 350 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT SPRINGFIELD IN THE RAIN BUT OUR WISH FOR SNOW was granted when we arrived at the Sno-Park to find twelve to fourteen inches of snow and the snow



Lynn, Marguerite, and Mike breaking trail.

continuing to fall. Halfway into the loop we ran out of blue diamonds and in the areas where there were many downed small trees, we lost the trail. Retracing our steps, we continued up the road to the next trail junction where we should have come out. It didn't matter that it snowed all day and there were no views—everyone had a good time. Members: Linda Anson, Marguerite Cooney, Jane Hackett, Daphne James, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith, Lisa Van Liefde. Nonmembers: Jim Floyd, Kathleen Floyd.

Gold Lake via Marilyn Lakes

January 12, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

SShoe: 7 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

THE SUNNY SKIES AND MUSHY SNOW COVER MADE IT SEEM like spring. We detoured down to Lower and Upper Marilyn Lakes to catch a trail to Gold Lake shelter where it was warm enough to sit on the bridge for lunch. Exceptional conditions motivated us to snowshoe beyond the bridge to work our way to Waldo Lake Road. From there we connected with a trail that led us back to Gold Lake Road. Snowshoeing back up the road is more work than one would think. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Michael Dunne, Jane Hackett, Lisa Van Liefde. Nonmembers: Berri Hsiao, Tami Darden.

Lower Rosary Lake

January 20, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

SShoe: 6 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

THE RAIN CHANGED TO SNOW ONCE WE PASSED THE SALT CREEK TUNNEL arriving at the trailhead about 9:30. Nancy Whitfield took the lead when the leader needed to locate pliers and repair her malfunctioning equipment. She caught up with them at the trail junction to Tate's Trail. It snowed most of the morning with no views of Rosary Rock. After lunch and taking photos, we headed down the trail. With temperatures around 32 degrees, it was a little too wet but still a beautiful winter day. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Jane Hackett, Cindy Rice, Lisa Van Liefde, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Mandy Lund, Paul Winther.

Gold Lake–Maiden Trail–PCT loop

January 21, 2019

Leader: Mike Smith

SShoe: 13.4 miles, 1,400 ft. (Difficult)

FOUR OF US DID THE WHOLE 13.4-MILE LOOP WITH PERFECT WEATHER and broken trail the whole way. We saw nobody going to Maiden Peak Shelter, then we saw several in the shelter and many more coming as we snowshoed south along the Rosary Lakes. There were a few places where the leader elected to 'snow whack,' where the shortest route was the easiest route. We saw all the Rosary Lakes at one viewpoint which I haven't seen before. Good loop, tough hike, great group! Members: Steve Cordon, Lynn Meacham, Daniel Phillips, Mike Smith.



Trail Maintenance

Ribbon Trail

November 24, 2018

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Trl Mnt: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MET AT THE LODGE TO HIKE the Ribbon Trail towards 30th. We met a city staffer, Diane Steeck, to instruct us on how to identify and salvage meadow



Joel, Jane, Matt, Janet and Esme learn more about the plant that needs saving before a road is constructed though its current habitat.

checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*) from along the trail. Additionally, we salvaged goldenbanner (*Thermopsis gracilis*). The salvage project is in anticipation of road construction southwest of the lodge. Members: Joanna Alexander, Jane Beckwith, Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Mike Smith, Pat Soussan.

At the Lodge

Lodge Work Party

January 22, 2019

Leader: David Cooper

PRETTY IMPRESSIVE WHAT A GOOD-SIZED CREW CAN DO! We completed a very thorough cleaning upstairs and down, and some extras too. Pictures were taken to update the visual inventory record. The name tag board was reorganized to reflect the updated active member list. And you should find it easier to maneuver in the table/chair storage room. Members: Mari Baldwin, Denise Bean, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Clara Emlen, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Vern Marsonette, Patty Morrow, Denise Rubenstein, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger.



Ridgeline Trail Maintenance

Ridgeline Trail Maintenance
Last Saturday of the month
9:00AM-12:00

February 23 * March 30 * April 27

JOIN THE OBSIDIANS AND THE EUGENE PARKS & OPEN SPACE to help clean and improve trails. Gloves, shovels, and tools provided.

For details contact Matt Bell: trails@obsidians.org

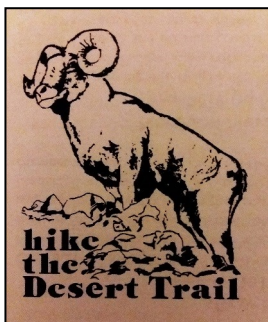


Hendricks Volunteer Events

FRIENDS OF Hendricks Park

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for habitat restoration, trail maintenance and more in the Hendricks Park Forest. Tools, instruction and snacks are provided for these family-friendly events. Mark your calendar for the remaining winter and spring events Mar 9, Apr 27, May 18 and June 1.

For more information or to RSVP contact Christina Bentrup, Hendricks Park Volunteer Coordinator, 510-4636 or cbentrup@eugene-or.gov or visit www.friendsofhendrickspark.org



Desert Trail Association Trips

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HIKING, CAR CAMPING, OR BACKPACKING IN EASTERN OREGON, NEVADA, OR DEATH VALLEY?

The Desert Trails Association offers a variety of desert outings. Obsidian member Dan Chamness lives in Madras and is the secretary/treasurer for their organization. For details contact Dan at chamness@crestviewcable.com.

Wednesday Hike Anniversary

FEBRUARY 27, 2019 WILL MARK THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEDNESDAY AMAZON HEADWATERS/SPENCER BUTTE CONDITIONING HIKE. It will be the 296th trip—all but a few starting at Martin Street Trailhead to the top of the Spencer Butte. As of January 30, 3,156 members and 354 nonmembers have participated. The average number of participants in 2013 was five members per trip and gradually increased to 16.8 members per trip in 2018.

The Wednesday hikes began when May Fogg mentioned to me that she needed a hike during the week to prepare for her El Camino pilgrimage. The rest is history—or rather in the trip reports.

Janet Jacobsen



Bus Trips 2019

THE ANNUAL BUS TRIPS RALLY WILL BE HELD on Sunday, March 3, at the Obsidian Lodge, from 2–4 PM. See details on page 1.

BIRDING IN THE KLAMATH BASIN

March 5–6 (Tues–Wed)

Leaders: Rick Ahrens, Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$195 (\$199 nonmembers)

\$50 deposit due at registration

Balance due February 15, 2019.

Reservations & checks: Judy Adamcyk, 302-8160

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

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST! This interesting and fun trip to view birds in the Klamath Basin is a great winter outing. Local naturalist and fellow Obsidian Rick Ahrens always makes the trip more enjoyable by sharing his vast knowledge of the natural world. Plus he is an expert at sighting and identifying birds. While we can't guarantee just what birds you will see, here are a few highlights from previous trips: snow geese flying in at dusk, turning the ground white and filling the air with sound; eagles on the ice at Klamath Lake and hunting in the snow covered fields; night herons roosting in the trees along the Link River and a large number of goldeneye ducks on the river; hundreds of tundra swans floating on the water, looking like a huge white island; large numbers of ducks, geese, birds of prey and perching birds. Who knows what special sights this year will bring!

Cost of trip includes: transportation in a luxury motor coach with experienced driver, Wednesday lunch at The Black Bear, overnight accommodations with full continental breakfast, and evening soup and cookies at Best Western Olympic Inn Klamath Falls. Bring a sack lunch for Tuesday. Dress warmly; bring your camera, binoculars, and spirit of adventure.

THE OREGON COAST AQUARIUM

April 10 (Wed)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Evelyn Nagy

Cost: \$63 (\$65 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps, 726-0118

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

Online signup is available

THE OREGON COAST AQUARIUM IS THE FOCUS of our early spring trip to the Oregon coast. We'll visit the sea lions, seals, otters, assorted other creatures large and small, and the colorful coast birds beginning their annual breeding plumage. We'll go via Corvallis with a coffee stop at Avery Park. We'll be able to observe some animals during their feeding time. Knowledgeable volunteers are at the otter, seal, sea lion exhibits, and the aviary. They have stories to tell about their creatures and can answer questions. The large gift shop is a shopper's delight. Lunch will be on your own at the Aquarium restaurant. Before leaving Newport we'll drive around the area near the aquarium to see the developing OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center, and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association). We hope to visit the NOAA research vessel as well. Leaving the area we'll return down the coast looking for returning whales swimming north. Ice cream in Florence if we're in the mood.

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

Bus Trip information will also be posted on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org
Contact information: bustrips@obsidians.org
Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Save The Date....

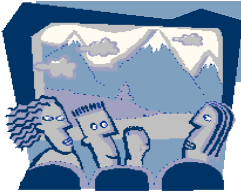
EXPLORING THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

September 23–28 (Mon–Sat)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Judy Phelps

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON THIS TRIP and more Bus Trips in the March *Bulletin*.

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, February 22 at 6:30

Obsidian Summer Camp at Glacier National Park

WE ARE GOING TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK SEPTEMBER 1-7! If you think you may be interested in this adventure, be sure to attend this program. We will discuss the registration process, camp logistics, and show slides of some of the amazing hikes. Additional information is available on our website.



*Hidden Lake from Going-to-the-Sun Road
NPS Photo Gallery*

**Potluck
Friday, February 22, 2019
Obsidian Lodge**

Potluck 6:30 PM Program 7:30 PM

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



*Grinnell Glacier Basin
NPS Photo Gallery*



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 PM

Restoring Riparian Areas in the Upper Willamette

Beavers and the Humans Who Act Like Them

Presented by Elizabeth Goward and Daniel Dietz
McKenzie River Trust



Willow staking

THE AMERICAN WEST IS RENOWNED FOR ITS WILD PLACES. From the Cascade Mountains to the coastline, water has shaped the lives of humans for millennia. However, what if our versions of ‘wild’ places are not so wild? Join McKenzie River Trust as we explore the history of the Willamette floodplain and share how two keystone species—beavers and humans—are helping to reshape floodplain restoration. We will examine projects taking place in the upper Willamette that restore riparian floodplain processes and how working with, and acting like, beavers can help us to become better stewards of the land.



JANUARY BOARD NOTES

January 2, 2019 by Denise Rubenstein

President Lyndell Wilken called the meeting to order. Board members present: Sharon Cutsforth, Dave Cooper, Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, and Dave Hawkins. Others present: Kay Coots, Matt Bell, Wayne Deeter, Steve Cordon, Carla Cooper, Stewart Hoeg and Denise Rubenstein.

The board approved the minutes for December 2018.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg: Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses, the balance sheet and the projected 2019 budget. He offered that even though the market has been volatile, club finances are steady.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): Bus Trips had a very successful and fun year! Seven trips were completed in 2018 with a total of 181 participants, \$522 in fees were collected and forwarded to Obsidians. Our three special events were also well supported: The Bus Rally and *Fossils, Shells and Rocks* events drew approximately 25–35 people each. The Christmas party drew over forty people. For the three special events the Bus Committee forwarded \$126 to the Obsidians. We finish the year with our finances well in the black. We are busy planning 2019 bus trips, with a variety of locations being considered. The Bus Rally will be held March 3.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): 2018 sales totaled \$1,513.38.

Conservation/ ScienceED (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots): The committee sponsored ExploraTalks in 2018 and the topics included Oregon geology, Oregon waterfowl, forest ecology, and the McKenzie River watershed. Tom Rundle led several geology hikes and one ExploraTalk. Jorry Rolfe served this year as the Vice-president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs and attended their winter retreat and annual summer convention. Many thanks to committee members: Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, and Joella Ewing.

Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom): The Obsidians hosted eight potlucks with programs during 2018. Usually 50–55 persons attended most programs, although Bill Sullivan garnered 85 and Susan Conrad, about 125. Much appreciation goes to the co-chair, Emily Rice, and the committee members who set up and clean up each time: Dave Cooper, Esme Greer, Yuan Hopkins, Richard Hughes, Mary Livingston, Toresa Martell, and June Sutterfield.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Overnight trips are very popular; we need more of them! Six very successful extended trips were led in 2018. Big Lake Ski/Snowshoe (Diane Schechter), Newport Beach Camping (Evelyn Nagy), Olallie Lake Kayaking (Emily Rice) California Redwoods (Kathy Randall), Shore Acres Lights (Jennifer Baer), and Mt. Hood Ski/Snowshoe (me). Much appreciation goes to the leaders. Thanks to committee members Diane Schechter, Kathy Randall Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, and Nancy Whitfield for reviewing the proposals and inspiring others to lead.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): The Scherer Room has a new display featuring Darko Sojak's photos of mushrooms. Thanks to Darko and Dorene Steggell for arranging these pieces.

Membership (Diane Schechter): In 2018, the committee

initiated a process for online membership renewal and payment. We had a total of 360 paid renewals. By mail: 274, Online: 64. There were many who attempted to renew by PayPal but were unsuccessful. Members were clearly interested in renewing online and the numbers will increase as we address some of the problem's members encountered. Total membership of the club is 372. We have added new committee members who will be greeters at the potlucks beginning in January to help provide a more welcoming atmosphere for both new members and nonmembers. We also have started following up and contacting new members who indicate on their application that they are interested in volunteering.

Online/Webmaster (Wayne Deeter): The Contacts page on our website has been updated to reflect changes to the Board and Officers as well as Committee Chairs. We are still experiencing problems with the new database system and our photo albums. We have a support ticket submitted to our vendor (DataTrium) regarding this issue.

Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell): In 2018, 34 Obsidians and nine guests volunteered 340.5 hours of work to improve the Ridgeline Trail System,

Winter Trips (Steve Cordon): During the month of December there were 21 completed trips (17 hikes, 3 bike, 1 Xski) and two trip cancellations due to weather. 213 members and 35 non members participated, generating \$235 in trip fees and 150 pairs of socks!

OLD BUSINESS

The following participants were approved for NOLS first aid class: March - Brian Humphries and Laura Osinga, June - Scott Hovis and Jane Hackett, September - Vern Marsonette and Emily Rice, December - Dorene Steggell and Dave Cooper. Alternates are Joel Greer and Denise Bean.

There was a discussion questioning the necessity of having annual committee reports in both October and January. Without having a change in bylaws, the current procedure will remain.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee members for the 2019 committees were approved.

It was determined that the carpooling rate of 9 cents per mile will remain the same for 2019.

Discussion relating to individuals or businesses donating items for potluck door prizes. Excluding speakers, the current policy of Obsidian items only will remain in place.

New membership applications were approved.

Discussion regarding date of the September Board meeting: Since many members will be at summer camp the first week of September, an alternate date will be needed. Please check calendars to determine if September 18 is workable for most.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

The club received a thank you from the Egan Center for our continued support and the donation of 150 pairs socks. They asked if we would be interested in helping with their upcoming Truffle Shuffle.

ADJOURNMENT

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

February

9 Sat	McDowell Creek Falls Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
9 Sat	Salt Creek SShoe M Hovis	731-3412
10 Sun	Mt Fuji Xski D McAllister	954-6490
10 Sun	Pleasant Hill Loop Bike E Hughes	933-5542
10 Sun	South Willamette Trail Hike M Cooper	868-5427
12 Tue	Restoring Riparian Areas.....	ExploraTalk
13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rubenstein.....	248-514-5092
14 Thu	Oregon's Birthday Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
15 Fri	Waldo Archives Visit Hike E Hougardy	206-9532
16 Sat	Ridgeline 10 Miler Hike D Cooper.....	868-5427
17 Sun	Lookout Point to Signal Point Hike M Sojak	799-9199
17 Sun	Brandenburg Shelter SShoe M James	683-7488
17 Sun	Thurston Hills Trail Hike E Bean.....	953-6868
18 Mon	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
18 Mon	Gold Lk-Fuji Shelter-Salt Ck SShoe D Smith	520-488-9569
20 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
22 Fri	Glacier Park Summer Camp	Potluck
23 Sat	Cape Mountain Hike M Greer.....	281-701-0205
23 Sat	Ridgeline Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..	503-844-8829
24 Sun	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
24 Sun	McKenzie View Loop Bike E Hughes	933-5542
27 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452
28 Thu	Odell overview SShoe M Hovis	731-3412

March

2 Sat	Tait's Loop Snowshoe SShoe D Smith.....	520-488-9569
2 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
3 Sun	Wallace Creek to Hills Creek Hike M Bean.....	953-6868

3 Sun	The Bus Rally Bus Cutsforth.....	746-4929
3 Sun	Eugene Mural Walk Hike E Hougardy.....	206-9532
5 Tue	Birding the Klamath Basin Bus Cutsforth	746-4929
6 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon.....	513-3452
9 Sat	Booth Lake Loop Xski D Miller.....	484-4586
9 Sat	Salt Creek SShoe M Hovis	731-3412
13 Wed	Elk Lk XC Ski / Snowshoe Ext Trp M Lindstrom.	683-1409
13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rubenstein.....	248-514-5092
14 Thu	Obsidian Lodge Pi Hike Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
20 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
20 Wed	Mt. Pisgah - Spring Equinox Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
23 Sat	SOLVE Beach Clean-Up Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
27 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rolfe.....	206-9501
28 Thu	Salem Exploration Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
30 Sat	Ridgeline Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..	503-844-8829

April

1 Mon	Basic Climb School 2019 ClbSch Reiter	521-8472
3 Wed	Amazon Headwaters tte Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Marsonette.....	600-5332
10 Wed	The Oregon Coast Aquarium Bus West.....	343-5492
14 Sun	Kalapuya Talking Stones Hike M Hougardy.....	206-9532
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon.....	513-3452
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle	653-0741
27 Sat	Ridgeline Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..	503-844-8829

May

4 Sat	Grand Canyon Bk Pk D Adey	520-9285
16 Thu	HinsdaleRhodieGardens&WildRhodies Bus	Beard 994-2337

BULLETIN CLASSIFIEDS

Nepal 2020

OBSIDIAN MARK HOUGARDY IS LOOKING FOR EIGHT HEARTY TRAVELERS to join an eco-trip to Nepal in October or November of 2020. Mark works for the Red Panda Network (RPN), an organization dedicated to protecting endangered red pandas. RPN offers eco-trips to see these elusive animals and assist with conservation efforts. You must be in good physical shape and comfortable walking 3-7 miles a day. Learn more at: redpandanetwork.org/ecotrips. If curious, email hougardy@gmail.com, so interest can be determined.

Tirol Austria and Süd Tirol Italy 2021

DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE THE TIROLEAN ALPS of Austria and Italy? Obsidians Mark and Christiane Hougardy are planning a 10-12 day walking trip to this majestic region in the late summer or fall of 2021. Mark has made multiple trips to Tirol and Christiane is a native of Innsbruck, but even with these experiences, the trip will be considered exploratory. The itinerary would include exploring Innsbruck and the surrounding area, hiking over the spine of the Alps at 9K feet, and visiting the 5,000 year-old hiker, Ötzi (The Iceman) in Italy. Email: hougardy@gmail.com if interested.

It's not too late to lead a winter trip!

WANT SUGGESTIONS? HERE ARE SOME HIKE THAT HAVE BEEN LED IN THE PAST. Browse *The Report Page* on the Obsidian website.

GO WEST: Hobbit Trail / Heceta Head, Tahkenitch Dunes, Sweet Creek Falls, Kentucky Falls.

GO EAST: Goodman Creek, Trestle Creek Falls, McKenzie River Trail (LTD bus), Row River Trail, Castle Rock, Fall Creek, Shotgun Creek, Horse Rock, Brice Creek.

GO NORTH: Silver Falls State Park, Finley Wildlife Refuge, McDonald Forest.

GO NOT SO FAR: Eugene Wetlands, Skinner Butte, Delta Ponds, Middle Fork Path.

GO UP TO THE SNOW: Potato Hill, Midnight Lake, Salt Creek Falls, Lava Lake.

If you have questions, want more suggestions, need a co-leader or want to submit a trip, contact wintertrips@obsidians.org. If your trip is after March 31 we'll forward it on to Summer Trips.

Submitted by Winter Trips Committee.





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*Little Creek turns the bend and enters the Pacific. Photo by Holger Krentz.
See Yaquina Bay to Yaquina Head trip report on page 6.*

ENJOY the photos in color! ONLINE *Bulletin* at www.obsidians.org