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October 2	Bulletin Deadline
October 14	Board Meeting
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THE DEADLINE for
Bulletin submissions
for the October issue is
October 2.

2020 Obsidian Annual Meeting Canceled Due to COVID-19... But the Business Must Go On!

WHILE THE IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED due to COVID-19, there are necessary tasks that still must be accomplished in October. One is voting for new Board members and the other is presenting the well-deserved awards to members who have distinguished themselves by leading trips or doing something else outstanding.

This year the voting for new Board members will be accomplished via email. You will receive an email in late September with instructions on how to vote for three new Board members. The profiles of the nominees are in this *Bulletin*. Votes must be cast by October 9, 2020 (the day when the in-person meeting would have been held) to count. Our constitution requires a quorum of 25 members, so your vote is important.

The annual awards, committee reports, and the much-anticipated presidential *State of the Obsidians* will be in subsequent *Bulletins*.

Time to Renew!

WE HAVE ENCLOSED THE 2020-21 RENEWAL FORM WITH THIS *BULLETIN*. Renewals are due November 1st. You have two ways to renew:

By mail: Return the enclosed form with your check.

Online: Log onto your account (where you sign up for trips) and complete the information. Payment will be processed through PayPal. There will not be any processing fees to renew online.

Diane Schechter, Membership Chair membership@observians.org

Leaders Needed for Early Fall Hikes

IT HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFERENT SUMMER FOR OBSIDIAN HIKERS, but the best hiking season is yet to come. The mosquitoes are gone and the temperatures are cooler. The beautiful fall colors are already appearing at higher elevations. It's not too late to get permits for the Pamela Lake and Obsidian Limited Entry Areas.

Need ideas for hikes to lead? Here are some suggestions for places to explore: Fawn Lake, Waldo Mountain, Jefferson Park, Divide Lake, Rigdon Lakes, and Marie Lake. How about a section of the PCT? Don't want to drive too far? We missed our usual spring hikes in the Hardesty area, so why not hit those trails now? Need more ideas? Just contact Dave Cooper, Summer Trips Chair at summertrips@observians.org.

Trip and Leader Awards

OBSIDIAN HISTORIAN LENORE MCMANIGAL AND JANET JACOBSEN have contacted twenty members who will receive an award in October. If you would like to check your activity totals, go to the Obsidian webpage and log in. Click on *Trip Reports*. Then choose *Trip Summary* to view your totals. If you have questions contact:

Janet Jacobsen, bjjacobsen@comcast.net

IN MEMORIAM

Birgitte Williams

July 26, 1930–July 22, 2020

BIRGITTE WAS BORN IN DENMARK, took advanced nursing in Chicago where she met her husband, and then made her way to Eugene to work at PeaceHealth. She joined the Obsidians in 1989 and led 29 of her 94 trips. She supported the club in many ways, working with the Winter Trips (cross-country skiing), Entertainment and Summer Camp Committees. She wrote a note to the club a few years ago about what a joy in her life the Obsidians had been and how special her friendships were with Gene Thaxton, Bob Dark Glen Meares, Dorothy Turner, Clare Tucker, Ed Lichtenstein, and Chris Shuraleff.

Birgitte lived in Yachats and was happy to share tea and crumpets at her home after a pleasant day on the Oregon Coast. On other special occasions, she liked to share her Danish traditions of Akvavit and pickled herring.

One of her favorite Obsidian hikes to lead was the beach walk from Yachats to Waldport. She led it the first time April 5, 1995 and wrote: *Walking the Oregon beach from Yachats to Waldport is pure delight at low tide, with breakers cascading, shore birds resting near the streams, the wind behind you and the drifting clouds above. To share that with friends is even better.* On her last Yachats hike April 2005, she wrote in her trip report: *And as always, I felt so grateful for our good fortune being so close to so much beauty, sharing with friends.*

She continued to mentor Obsidians who led the Yachats beach hike with the advice that the best and safest time for the walk was during low tide in the spring. She died in her Yachats home a few days before her 90th birthday. She is survived by three children, two grandchildren, and two step grandchildren.

Editor's Note: A tribute can be found in the online Yachats News at yachatsnews.com/category/obituaries/. Her obituary is in the August 30 issue of The Register-Guard.

BILL ARTHUR

APRIL 30, 1938–AUGUST 7, 2020

BILL WAS BORN IN SPOKANE AND ATTENDED WHITMAN COLLEGE and Fuller Theological Seminary. After retiring from the ministry in Lincoln City in 2007, he moved to Harrisburg where he was active in the community and the local church. He joined the Obsidians in 2010, went on 74 bus trips, and was on the Bus Committee where he served as treasurer. A few years ago he moved to a retirement community in north Eugene.

He loved the companionship of the Obsidians and made many friends who appreciated his smiles and warm greetings. A Duck fan, he loved to wear his Obsidian yellow sweatshirt on bus trips. On overnight bus trips he liked to play games, especially Mexican Train dominoes, with the Beard family and other game-loving Obsidians. Craig Molitor, who was on many bus trips with him, said: *Bill was easygoing and friendly. I felt when Bill was conversing in his slow manner that he was really listening to what the other person had to say and then formed his response with empathy and kindness.*

Bill was predeceased by his wife in 1996. He is survived by his many nieces and nephews who saw him as friend, confidante, and mentor. His committal service was held August 21 at Springfield Memorial Gardens.

Welcome New Members

Amanda Bell
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Ken Davis
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Board Nominees



Denise Bean

DENISE HAS BEEN AN OBSIDIAN FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS. After a year of learning about the club and participating in many hikes, and with encouragement from others, she began leading hikes. Denise was raised here and spent her childhood hiking, camping, and fishing throughout our national forests. In 2019 Denise was given the *Rookie of the Year Award* at the Obsidian annual meeting. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon and opened her business, Bean Counter Tax Services in Springfield in 1990. Denise has served on many community boards and committees. Her favorite is as an elected board member for Willamalane Parks and Recreation. Recently she has connected Willamalane and the Obsidians hiking club in a mutual agreement for Obsidians to help plan and lead hikes for Willamalane patrons, using the Obsidian name and logo in all marketing promotions. Denise enjoys spending time with husband Michael and

grown children Jacob and Olivia. Her passions are being outdoors, hiking with the Obsidians, cooking, playing her piano, and traveling wherever the wind takes her.



Joel Greer

I RETIRED FROM MY CAREER AS A GEOPHYSICIST and moved to Eugene in April 2016. Two days after arriving, my wife Esme and I attended our first Obsidian event, a Friday evening potluck dinner on Oregon geology. I was hooked! We began hiking with the Obsidians very soon thereafter. We have also enjoyed snowshoeing, numerous bus trips, and the 2019 Summer Camp in Glacier National Park.

My love of the outdoors, hiking, and geology goes back to my childhood. I have hiked many of the *fourteeners* in Colorado, and have also hiked in New Mexico, Texas, Hawaii, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia, and Costa Rica.

I am on the Obsidians Membership and Finance Committees and am honored to be nominated for a position on the Obsidian Board.

Esme and I have a son Sam, who lives in Springfield, a daughter Sarah, who lives in Cambridge, MA, and we live in Eugene with Misty and Dolly, our two Ragdoll cats.



Laura K. Osinga

MY FIRST OUTING WITH THE OBSIDIANS WAS A WILDFLOWER STROLL up Iron Mountain in June 2015. Led by John Cooper, it was a relaxed and meditative experience shared with a group of fellow wildflower lovers who, at times, needed gentle prodding by John for us to take fewer photos and continue moving forward in order to get back to Eugene before midnight. I found it to be a welcome introduction to a club steeped in rugged Oregon hiking and climbing lore.

My second outing, led by Mike Smith, was a more humbling cardio burner up Browder Ridge where I struggled to keep up with participants well into their retirement years. Determined to persevere, I worked on my cardio conditioning, completed Climb School in 2016, and went on to summit many of the major peaks in Oregon, as well as Mt. Whitney and Mt. Adams.

The club's hikes and climbs challenged me both physically and mentally and created many of my highest ranking PNW memories. I am a member of the Finance Committee and am honored to be nominated as a 2021 Board Member.

JULY BOARD NOTES

BOARD MINUTES OBSIDIANS, INC.

July 1, 2020

By Denise Rubenstein

President Maryanne Reiter called the meeting to order in our outdoor setting at the Lodge. Board members present: Dave Cooper, Steve Cordon, Stewart Hoeg, Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, and Kathy Randall. Others present: Denise Rubenstein, Jim Northrop, Carla Cooper, Kay Coots, and Evelyn Nagy.

The Board approved the minutes for June 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg

Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): The last Extended Trip on the schedule has officially been canceled.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had one work party on 6/18 to cut grass and do some weeding. Thanks to Janet Jacobsen and Jim Northrop for helping out.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Steve Johnson's June 10, 2020 photo of the burned 1931 Olallie Mountain Fire Lookout prompted our committee to check trip logs, trip reports, and *Bulletins* to find the date of the first Obsidian trip to Olallie Mountain. Possibly it was July 2, 1966 led by Helen Smith driving on the newly opened East Ford Road on the east side Cougar Dam. Lenore McManigal and family were on the second trip, July 2, 1967. Surprisingly our historian chair and her sons can't remember any details of that trip. Obsidians have led 57 trips to Olallie Mountain since 1975. Olallie was the last remaining lookout in the Three Sisters Wilderness.

Don Allen (Sand Mountain Society) has provided the names of the Obsidians who helped care for the lookout during the thirty-year preservation efforts. He is also trying to locate photos for us. Look for an article in the July *Bulletin*.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): New pads were purchased for the AED.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): In June we completed 29 hikes and two bike rides under the Covid-19 protocols. \$76 in trips fees has been collected and deposited.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding current club activities in the current Covid 19 climate:

- There were 31 trips in June.
- Bike Rides and Urban Hikes are now open to nonmembers.
- Self-regulation on carpooling seems to be working – participants base their transportation on their own comfort level. Trip leaders are mindful of parking requirements at trail-heads.
- Climbs are looking to see if they can safely plan climbs.
- Bike Trips seem to be working fine.
- It might be helpful to put the word out that even though fewer activities are being offered, maintaining membership contributes to the health of the club.

The club sent a letter of support for a Suzanne Arlie grant application.

Discussion as to what the October Annual meeting might look like.

CORRECTION RE: KEVLAR WRAP

See July/Aug *Bulletin* pp. 4-5: *Olallie Lookout: In Memoriam*

THE CAPTION UNDER THE AERIAL PHOTO OF OLALLIE LOOKOUT after the 2017 fire states that the lookout is wrapped with Kevlar. We have since learned that the lookout almost certainly did not get wrapped before the fire.

Don Allen of the Sand Mountain Society caught our error, informing us that protective wrap is silvery in appearance. He sent us the photo [at right], of Sand Mountain Lookout, wrapped in a structure blanket. (The structure blanket is made of layers of aluminum foil and insulation, held together by fire-resistant Kevlar thread.)

It has been challenging to determine the facts about Olallie, because out-of-state teams were brought in to battle the complex of blazes and several local persons have since retired. The [retired] District Archaeologist tells us: "I begged them to wrap [Olallie] when Rebel started but I was told it was too dangerous to put Firefighters up there. I was amazed that it survived given the brush that burned right next to it. We were able to get Hand Lake ski shelter wrapped."

It is probable that the structure blanket that was available to protect Olallie, was instead used to wrap Hand Lake Shelter.



Sand Mountain Lookout

Photographer: Blake Driver

TRIP REPORTS



Climbs

South Sister

August 2, 2020

Leader: Juli McGlinsky

Assistant Leader: Trina Kanewa

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Climb: 12 miles, 4,800 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT A JOY TO SAFELY GET ON A MOUNTAIN with a group of Obsidians, despite COVID. Our enthusiastic and upbeat group of nine hit the trail shortly after 5 AM with impressively few comments about the hour. In no time we were able to drop layers and headlights and enjoy the fact that we had plenty of time to accomplish our goal. The snow had melted so route finding was simple. We were treated to sunshine and a light breeze that kept the temperatures comfortable and provided great photo opportunities all the way to the top! Eric treated us to unforgettable (and heavy) Rice Krispies on the summit and by 12:30 we



began our descent. Passing the icy tarn on the way down proved impossible, and several more foolish members of our party took a polar plunge. Moments later several other members of our party stormed a prominent feature off the trail known as *The Nipple*. Was it pent up COVID energy or just the impressive physique of an Obsidian? I'll never know. We returned to our cars by 4:30 and concluded the adventure. Summited members included Paul Winther, Darko Sojak, Angie Ruzicka, Rebecca Eastwood, Kathy Randall, and Eric Thornton. Ken Davis accompanied our party for an enjoyable distance. Trina Kanewa's co-leadership made everything fun and easy. Everyone contributed their unique positivity to make this a fun and successful trip. Until next time. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Trina Kanewa, Juli McGlinsky, Kathy Randall, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Eric Thornton, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Ken Davis.



Backpacks

Belknap Crater Sunset

August 8, 2020

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Backpack: 9 miles, 1,680 ft. (Difficult)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, WE DROVE FROM EUGENE to the SPT trailhead at McKenzie Pass. From there we backpacked to the base of Belknap Crater (6,300 ft.) in Mount Washington Wilderness. By 8:30 we already had pitched our



tents and then scrambled up the steep loose trail to the top of the cold and very windy Belknap Crater (6,877 ft.). We took shelter from the wind, enjoyed the views, and waited for sunset. Minutes after seeing a great sunset, the temperature dropped even more, so we promptly descended to our base camp. The night was somewhat windy, but Sunday rewarded us with a gorgeous windless sunrise and spectacular views of Mt. Washington Wilderness and Three Sisters Wilderness. After the camp breakfast, we took down our tents and then hiked to nearby Little Belknap Crater for more good views and to check the lava tubes. Then, we backpacked over the rugged lava fields back to HWY 242. Members: Brad Bennett, David Clinger, Darko Sojak.



Hikes

Goodman Creek

June 26, 2020

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 4.6 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED PATTERSON MOUNTAIN HIKE was replaced by Goodman Creek because, after

getting almost to the trailhead, we ran into a large tree across the road. We could neither get around it nor under it. By the time we turned around and made it back to Hwy 58, it was almost 11. Due to the increase in new logging roads and the extensive thinning being done around Patterson Mt., a new trail was selected. Back to Hardesty. We hiked the creek trail up to the bridge but had lunch at the waterfalls. We watched the butterflies and enjoyed the breeze before heading back to the cars. Members: Joanna Alexander, Jane Hackett, Jean Harris, Nancy Hoecker, Diana Wheat.

Sweet Creek Falls

June 28, 2020

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 3 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

TYPICAL OREGON HIKE IN THE MIST. Cool temperature and not a lot of people on the trail. The amount of water in the creek showed off all the waterfalls that occur along the length of the trail. We encountered one downed branch blocking the trail to the upper falls, but this was easy to negotiate. I had not hiked this trail in a couple of years, and I can see that its age and the amount of use it gets is showing. Still a classic Oregon hike. At the end, two went off to lunch in Florence and two went off to try to find the Beaver Creek Trailhead which was not located. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Jane Hackett.

Macduff Mountain

June 28, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 15.6 miles, 3,400 ft. (Difficult)

THIS HIKE WAS A BIT OF AN ADVENTURE as there were a couple of miles of trail none of us had been on before and the



weather prediction called for a wet and cool day. We started the hike in a light drizzle which would last much of the day with occasional glimpses of blue patches in the sky. The trail itself climbed 1,600 feet in about the first two miles before we headed west along Olallie Ridge. Along the ridge top the trail seemed to be going either up or down before reaching the final climb of 600 feet just ½ mile before the summit of Macduff. After a short break for lunch and limited views from the summit, we headed back to our vehicles. This trail is in good condition but sometimes gets bushy, and on this day that meant we all got very wet; however, we were rewarded

with a vast variety of wildflowers and a beautiful forest of rhododendrons and bear grass. My predicted total mileage of 14 miles for the day turned out to be 15.6 miles with an accumulated elevation gain of over 3,400 feet. It's a beautiful trail which I'd like to do again but with better weather. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Lynn Meacham, Michael Myers, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Horsepasture Mountain

July 2, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 7.8 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

THIS IS A HIKE THAT HAS A LOT TO OFFER. It's only 3.5 miles from Saddle Trail 3326 to the summit of Horsepasture Mt. The first 2.2 miles to the Olallie Ridge Trail gains 1,600 feet of elevation for a great getting-in-shape workout. We then got



into the meadows below the summit which were heavily draped in wildflowers including large stands of blooming bear grass, lupine, and paintbrush. On the final approach to the summit, we were rewarded with great views of the Cascades. Since everyone enjoyed the summit so much we spent an entire hour there before descending the trail to our vehicles. After our hike, six of us got together at Takodas Restaurant in Rainbow to top off our rather enjoyable day. Members: Keiko Bryan, Denise Butler, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Steven Johnson, Bill Lowder, Lynn Meacham, Michael Myers, Kathy Randall, David Strutin, Harold Thompson.

Opie Dilldock

July 5, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Joel Greer

Hike: 16 miles, 1,900 ft. (Difficult)

I LIKE TO SCHEDULE THIS TRIP EARLY IN THE SEASON as the leftover winter snow adds another dimension to the already spectacular views and it tends to keep the crowds down on this very popular trail. Our hike had plenty of blue skies, mountain views and snow fields for the eight participants on this trip. We started our hike at the Matthieu Lake Trailhead where we joined the PCT and hiked south eight miles all the way to Opie Dilldock Pass. The weather cooperated with plenty of sunshine, a mild temperature and a constant breeze



which kept the mosquitoes away. Four of us reached our goal of the Collier Glacier Viewpoint with its great views of the North Sister. The remaining four decided that Opie Dilldock Pass was enough. On the hike out we all had some fun by sliding down the numerous snowbanks. After another eight miles on our return hike we arrived back at our trailhead at 5:45. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Denise Rubenstein, Tommy Young.

Scott Mountain

July 8, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Holger Krentz

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

ON THIS EARLY SEASON HIKE UP SCOTT MOUNTAIN we took the little used and occasionally hard to find trail that skirts past both Scott and Hand Lakes before heading up to the summit. After negotiating numerous fallen trees, we were on the trail that approaches Scott Mt. from the north. At around



5,700 feet this already faint trail became difficult to find because of the many patches of snow. We eventually had to give up our search and head directly up to the summit on the steep eastern flank. We enjoyed our lunch and spectacular views from the summit before heading back down the snow-covered path. We continued our loop hike by heading to Tenas Lake where three of our group braved the mild temperatures and mosquitoes to have a brief swim in the lake. After our hike we all met at Takodas in Rainbow for a relaxing din-

ner on their inviting outdoor patio. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott.

UO Campus Tree Walk

July 9, 2020

Leader: Joanna Alexander

Photographer: Evelyn Nagy

Hike: 2 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

A SMALL GROUP HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO GATHER in these



strange times to admire the remarkable trees of the UO campus profited from early summer perfect weather with diffused light. Other random visitors mostly showed eyes and facial masks. A particularly triumphant group of Teacher Ed classmate graduates celebrated with fun photos in front of Lillis Hall, including making patterned photos for an overhead drone to capture. The majestic trees and their amazing stories were shared briefly as we strolled around, mostly in the oldest areas of campus, including the recently unnamed first campus building, the second (Villard) and the third (Collier House). Members: Joanna Alexander, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Janet Whitesides.

Lookout Creek

July 10, 2020

Leader & Photographer: Denise Bean

Hike: 4.2 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

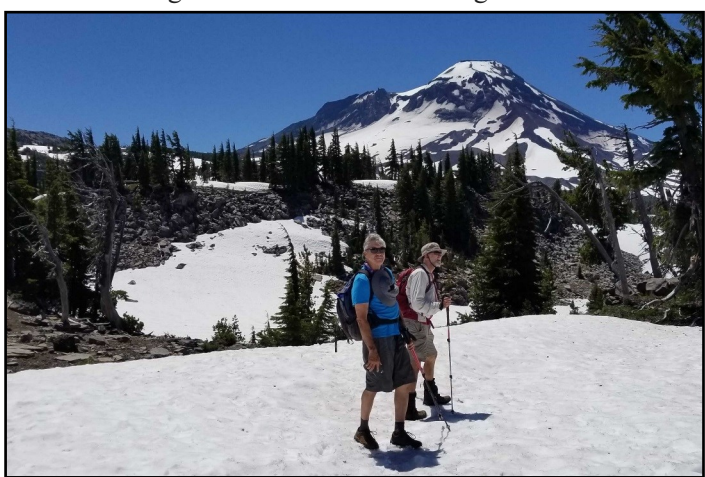
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL OLD FOREST TRAIL! All eight made it 2.65 miles to our lunch spot and then four, lead by Dorothy, turned around and worked their way slowly back while the other four went on to explore the creek and the possibility of crossing. We found it about 0.3 miles later. The log seemed very secure and was fairly wide. We crossed, each using their own technique—hop, skip, jump, slide on rear, or inchworm on hands and feet. We kept going for another 0.3 miles and



found a small easy-to-cross stream. We decided this was a good point to turn around and catch up with the others. I stopped and looked at the map at the kiosk for the experimental forest and saw that we were only about 0.2 miles from the end of the trail where it intersects the gravel road. Very awesome trail. Members: Joanna Alexander, Laura Anderson, Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Kay Coots, Vicky Hanson, Denise Rubenstein, Dorothy van Winkle.

Chambers Lake
July 11, 2020
Leader: Steven Johnson
Photographer: Darko Sojak
Hike: 14.2 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

THIS HIKE HAD TWO SURPRISES FOR ME. The first was that I got twelve people to sign up for a hike that involved over 200 miles of driving for a 14-mile hike through a burned forest.



My second surprise was what a great hike this turned out to be, which I guess explained the first surprise. The close-up views of the Three Sisters and Broken Top were as good as any I've seen from the other trails in the Three Sisters Wilderness area. Add in the beautiful high alpine lakes, meadows, creeks, wildflowers, and early season snowfields and I believe most of my fellow hikers would agree; we had a spectacular day. Our trek involved lots of exposure to the sun going through the 2012 Pole Creek Burn and an occasional hunt for the path through the many snowfields. After our lunch at a very scenic and windy Camp Lake, we headed back over the snowfields to our trailhead. Everyone got together in Sisters

after the hike for a very refreshing dinner at Three Creeks Brewing. Members: Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Darko Sojak, David Strutin.

Three Mile Lake
July 12, 2020
Leader: Jane Hackett
Hike: 7 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

GREAT GROUP AND A GOOD DAY AT THE BEACH. The weather was perfect. A few of us spotted an immature bald eagle making his way north flying just over the breaking waves. I thought Three Mile Lake would have little water at the north end but it was full. We passed several groups on the trail and were surprised at the appropriate mask and trail behavior demonstrated by everyone. The one warning I would give to leaders is about parking at trailheads on the coast. It was packed when we arrived. I was able to put two cars behind me and one just a little on the grass. When we got back there were even more cars parked anywhere they could squeeze in. First time I've seen a Forest Service truck checking for passes. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Jane Hackett, Peg Straub. Nonmembers: Jane Kay, Peter Kay, Paul Kay.

South Cinder Peak
July 14, 2020
Leader: Steven Johnson
Photographer: Daphne James
Hike: 13.4 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

TWELVE PEOPLE SHOWED UP on another beautiful warm day in July to hike up South Cinder Peak. The first two miles of the trail pass through the burn area of the 2003 B&B complex fire. Here the trail is surrounded by dense underbrush, blooming lupines, and many new pine trees coming in to replace this destroyed forest. After Cabot Lake we entered the shade of the forest outside of the burn area. At four miles we passed the beautiful and popular Carl Lake before ascending the ridge to intersect with the PCT. From the PCT it's only a short but steep hike up to the summit of this cinder cone where we all enjoyed our lunch and the views of the



Cascades. We hiked out on the same trail; however, we took the time to stop at Carl Lake so some of us could enjoy a very refreshing swim before heading back to our trailhead. Mem-

bers: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Michael Myers, Mike Nease, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Harold Thompson.

Eagles Rest

July 15, 2020

Leader: Joel Greer

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 5 miles, 1,330 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF EIGHT HIKERS HAD SUNNY SKIES and comfortably warm weather for our shady walk through the forest to the viewpoint at Eagle's Rest where we enjoyed lunch with



nice views including Hardesty Mountain, Mount June, and Spencer Butte. On the way, we stopped briefly at Ash Swale Shelter. The deep shade along the trail was home to ferns, salal, and Oregon grape but relatively few wildflowers; however, we did see some tiger lilies and some yellow swallowtail butterflies. This is a very straightforward and enjoyable nearby hike. Members: Linda Anson, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Nancy Hoecker, Cindy Rice, Peg Straub, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield.

Yapoah Crater Loop

July 18, 2020

Leader: Tom Rundle

Assistant Leader/Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 11 miles, 1,100 ft. (Difficult)

WE COMPLETED AN 11.5-MILE LOOP from Lava Camp Trailhead. We hiked the PCT to South Matthieu Lake and took a



break for snacks and rest. Then onward to Yapoah, an approximately 11,000-year-old cinder cone. We climbed Yapoah and walked around the rim in clear weather and a light breeze. Great views of the Cascade arc from North Sister to Mt. Adams in the north. Back down to the base of the cinder cone for a relaxing lunch in the shade. We returned to South Mathieu Lake and started the back half of the loop down to North Mathieu Lake. During a long break Darko and Angie went swimming while Lisa waded. The leader washed Darko's muddy feet with lake water poured from a water bottle. After a pleasant walk through a recovering burn area and some lovely wetlands, we returned to Lava Camp. One of the pleasant surprises was the almost complete lack of mosquitoes. This was a great crew to hike with and a wonderful day with friends. Members: Holger Krentz, Tom Rundle, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde.

Red Butte

July 18, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Joel Greer

Hike: 12 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

ONE OF THE CHANGES I'VE NOTED THIS YEAR on my hikes are that there are many more people on the trail than in years past. This was especially true on our hike to Red Butte. The trailhead parking area had more vehicles and horse trailers than I've ever seen. On the trail we encountered hikers,



backpackers, and horse packers going both into the area and coming out. At Duffy and Mowich Lakes it seemed that every available campsite had a tent set up. Even on the summit of Red Butte where we had our lunch we had to share the space with others. The day itself was very warm and the mosquitoes were fairly mild. Nevertheless, it was still a great hike with beautiful views followed by a very refreshing swim in Duffy Lake. Members: Denise Bean, Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Denise Rubenstein, David Strutin.

Koosah Falls around Clear Lake

July 20, 2020

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 8.4 miles, 320 ft. (Moderate)

WE ENDED UP WITH SIX CARS and eight participants. We left Springfield and then connected up again in the parking lot of

the McKenzie River Ranger Station. We parked at Koosah Falls and hiked past both waterfalls and around Clear Lake. For a Monday we still passed many people on the trail. We all had masks handy and most others on the trail put their masks on also. When we started hiking, the temperature was 67 degrees. When we finished at 2:30, the temp was 91 degrees. Thank goodness we went counterclockwise around the lake so we hit the sunny side in the morning. By the time it was hot we were back in the shade by the river. No mosquitoes. It was a perfect day. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, David Morris, Nola Nelson, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Dorothy van Winkle.

Campus Walk

July 21, 2020

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2 miles, (Easy)

WE MET IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY for our two-hour walk through the empty campus—except for busy maintenance crews. Kay mapped our route to include the tower and glass etchings at Haywood Field, the Oregon Grape sculpture at the Jane Sanders Stadium, and the mural in progress on the Student Tennis Center. Thanks to everyone who contributed, asked questions, and decided that our last stop should not be the Pioneer Cemetery. Kay then quickly led us to the House of Phineas Gage in the courtyard at Straub Hall. Members: Joanna Alexander, Kay Coots, Patricia Esch, David Hawkins, Anne Hollander, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Jorry Rolfe.

Broken Top Crater

July 22, 2020

Leader/Photographer: Steven Johnson

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

THE HIKE TO THIS 8,000-FOOT-HIGH LAKE nestled in a moraine-rimmed valley just below Broken Top is probably one of the more unique hikes in Oregon. I can't think of any



other place in Oregon where you can find a lake in late July still mostly frozen over in such a beautiful setting. As spectacular as this lake is, it apparently has been given the innocuous title of No-Name Lake. I prefer to call it Broken Top Lake. We began our hike at the Tam McArthur Rim Trailhead from Three Creeks Lake. While the maintained trail ends at the viewpoint on Tam McArthur Rim, a non-maintained trail continues along the rim towards Broken

Hand. While it is possible to scramble around Broken Hand to reach the lake, I've found it's much easier to follow a route that drops below the south side of Broken Hand then head west towards Broken Top to a valley between Broken Hand and Broken Top Lake. From there we followed the creek coming down from the moraine to reach this beautiful lake where our group of 12 had our lunch before heading back on the same route. While not one of the longer hikes we do, it is one of the more tiring due to the high elevation and almost constant sun exposure. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Jorma Meriaho, Jorry Rolfe, Rich Romm, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, David Strutin, Tommy Young.

Grizzly Peak

July 25, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 10.5 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

THE 10-MILE ROUND TRIP HIKE UP GRIZZLY PEAK had several things going for it on this hot summer day. The first was that, unlike our Red Butte hike a week earlier, there was plenty of space to park in the lot. This is due to the fact that this is a limited entry permit area. Also it's one of the few hikes I've taken this summer that does not go through a recent burn area



but instead is almost entirely through a mature and heavily shaded forest next to the rushing Pamela Creek. While the hike to the summit is a taxing 2,700-foot climb, the view of Mt. Jefferson is probably the best close-up view that can be found, making it a pleasant spot to have our lunch. Add in the great swim that most of our group of ten had in Pamela Lake after the summit and it's not surprising that this hike is an ideal destination for anyone looking for a satisfying summer outing. Members: Brad Bennett, Denise Butler, Kathie Carpenter, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Michael Myers, Harold Thompson, Sue Wolling.

Mt. Baldy Sunrise

July 25, 2020

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.5 miles, 950 ft. (Easy)

EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM! Members: Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Annual Beach Barefoot Hike

July 26, 2020

Leader/Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4.7 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

IN PLEASANT, SUNNY 60 DEGREE WEATHER our fast group hiked on the beach at low tide from the North Jetty to the



Sutton Creek estuary. After a long break and a hokey-pokey dance, we returned to the North Jetty which was packed with tourists. Before heading back to 95 degree Eugene, the whole group had take-out lunches at Florence's waterfront. Members: Linda Anson, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Leah Firth, Nancy Giammatteo, Vicky Hanson, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Peg Straub.

Paradise Park

July 28, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Darian Morray

Hike: 13.3 miles, 2,400 ft. (Difficult)

THE HIKE TO PARADISE PARK INVOLVES SOME EXTRA EFFORT over most of our hikes. We started with a three-hour drive to



get to the Timberline Lodge Trailhead. We were then confronted with unexpectedly large crowds of snowboarders, mountain bikers, and hikers at the parking lot. Plus, my usual connecting trail to the PCT has been turned into a popular mountain bike trail. This forced us to occasionally step off the path to share the trail. After finally arriving on the Timberline Trail, we began a 3.5-mile descent into Zig-Zag Canyon followed by a challenging river crossing and a two-mile ascent up to the beautiful Paradise Park. Paradise Park is a large wildflower-draped meadow with spectacular views on the western flank of Mt Hood. We had lunch at the cracked rock which looks a bit like a house-sized egg, then we continued our loop to connect back with the Timberline Trail, through Zig-Zag Canyon again, and back to Timberline Lodge. I think our group of 12 would agree that our 15-hour adventure was well worth the effort. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Mike Nease, Kathy Randall, Angie Ruzicka, David Strutin.

Obsidian Grand Tour

July 31, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 18.5 miles, 2,800 ft. (Difficult)

MY LAST HIKE IN JULY IS ONE OF MY FAVORITES that I call the Obsidian Grand Tour as it includes all the most scenic destinations from the Obsidian Trailhead. Unfortunately, this summer the Forest Service decided to eliminate the short



connector between the Obsidian Trail and Scott Trail that makes our planned loop possible. Instead we were forced to make a one-mile car shuttle and start our hike at the Scott Trailhead. From here we made our way west on the Scott Trail with a photo stop on Four-in-One Cone before reaching the PCT and heading south through the beautiful lupine-filled meadows. After a brief stop at Minnie Scott Springs for water, we made our way to the Collier Glacier Viewpoint for lunch. Following lunch, we continued south on the PCT to Glacier Creek Spring where we again filled our water bottles. From here we followed the climbers trail up to Arrowhead Lake for a refreshing swim before returning to the PCT at Sister Springs and Obsidian Falls. Here we followed the Obsidian Trail back to our trailhead. This was a long all-day hike that has some of the best scenery in the Three Sisters Wilderness. Members: Brad Bennett, Janet Jacobsen, Steven

Johnson, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Jorma Meriaho, Michael Myers, Mike Nease, Rich Romm, Janet Whitesides.

Olallie Mountain

August 3, 2020

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Marguerite Cooney

Hike: 7.6 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

TEN OBSIDIANS ENJOYED A CLEAR SUMMER DAY by hiking to the summit of Olallie Mt. only to find a trail and viewpoint that have vastly changed in the last couple of years. The 2018 Terwilliger Fire has scarred significant portions of the trail and summit including a giant fir tree along the trail that I



always enjoyed visiting. Also, sometime in the last year the old lookout burned, leaving a pile of blackened timbers, melted glass, and rusted metal. While the viewpoint itself is still worthwhile for its extensive views of the Cascades, the now sun-drenched trail has had an explosion of fireweed and bear grass unlike any I've ever seen in Oregon, making this hike a very unique experience. Members: Brad Bennett, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Jean Harris, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Peg Straub, Harold Thompson.

Koosah-Sahalie to Tamolitch/Blue Pool

August 3, 2020

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 10.2 miles, 600 ft. (Difficult)

AS USUAL THE DAY AND TRAIL WERE EXCEPTIONAL. Our McKenzie River is a treasure. This year, even going on a Monday, the trail was busier than usual. It was nice to have a smaller group for social distancing. Members: Denise Bean, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Diana Wheat.

The Twins

August 4, 2020

Leader: Sue Wolling

Photographer: David Lodeesen

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

FIVE OBSIDIANS HEADED UP TOWARD WALDO LAKE to hike the Twins (aka Twin Peaks, for you Hollywood types). We hiked up through a fairly ordinary lodgepole forest, accompanied by enough mosquitoes to make us put on bug repellent, but not so many as to be a problem. The other four continued up a short section of scree to reach a dazzling view of Waldo

Lake below us. The scenery only got better as we proceeded to the first summit of the Twins, then followed the saddle to a



short, steep ascent of the second summit. We enjoyed a long lunch break while taking in the expansive view of Cascade peaks from Jefferson, through all three Sisters and Broken Top, and on to Mount Thielson and Mount Scott (at Crater Lake), along with four large lakes (Waldo, Cultus, Crane Prairie and Davis) and numerous small ones. Co-pilot Dave then led us down a scree slope to loop back to the main trail which offered welcome shade and no afternoon mosquitoes for the hike back. After the end of the official hike, two people added on the optional trip: a swim in Charlton Lake, one of the loveliest lakes around and largely overlooked by the crowds flocking to nearby Waldo. It was well worth driving a few hundred meters on a terribly potholed road for this refreshing finale to a wonderful hike. Members: Joel Greer, David Lodeesen, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Wolling, Karen Yoerger.

Eugene Book Walk

August 6, 2020

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles (Easy)

WE STARTED OUR TWO-HOUR WALK at the Celeste Campbell Community Center where I shared that Celeste was an Obsidian climber in the 1930s. Our route to the Eugene Library and back gave us opportunities to discuss authors with Eugene literary connections: Jerold Williams, Bob Straub, Shannon Applegate, Kate Wilhelm, Lauren Kessler, Ken Kesey, and others. Since our face coverings made it a bit difficult to talk so that everyone could hear, we appreciated the empty city streets—perhaps a result of the steady light rainfall. Our last stop was the Marker of Origin at the Amtrak Station parking area to read the four circular quotations stretching up thirty feet. I especially thank Peg Straub who provided details about her father, Governor Bob Straub and the Willamette River Greenway. Members: Joanna Alexander, Kathie Carpenter, Nikki Frank, Kathy Hoeg, Marian Jacobs, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Jorry Rolfe, Peg Straub.

Dorris Ranch/Clearwater Evening Hike

August 8, 2020

Leader: Evelyn Nagy

Hike: 8 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD A LOVELY SUMMER EVENING WALK with a mild wind and beautiful views. Members: Linda Anson, Marguerite

Cooney, Kay Coots, Gennett Johnson, Sandra Larsen, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Peg Straub.

Rosary Lakes/Diamond Lake Viewpoint

August 10, 2020

Leader: Brad Bennett

Photographer: Lynn Meacham

Hike: 10 miles, 1,494 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED BY MEETING IN THE OAKRIDGE GREENWATERS REST AREA AT 8. From there it was a short drive east on



Hwy 58 to the PCT Trailhead next to the highway maintenance gravel shed. We took the short trail to the PCT, then hiked north up to the lakes. We stopped at the lower lake for a short break before continuing on, passing the middle and upper lakes before hiking up the switchbacks to a great viewpoint looking over five lakes and the valley below. After lunch in the shade and some picture taking, we headed back down the trail. We stopped at the upper lake where Harold Thompson, Mike Nease, Steve Johnson, Diana Wheat, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney and Brad Bennett took a swim. We then moved 40 yards through the trees and jumped into the middle lake for more swimming. We couldn't stop there, so we hiked down to the lower lake and jumped in making it a triple crown. We then put back on our socks and shoes and headed on down the trail, back to the cars. I described this hike as 8.2 miles with 880 feet of gain. It turned out to be 10 miles with 1,494 feet of gain. Luckily for me all enjoyed our final destination named by Steve Johnson as *The Five Lakes Viewpoint*: Crescent, Odell and the three Rosary Lakes. Members: Brad Bennett, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Gennett Johnson, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Mike Nease, Kathy Randall, Harold Thompson, Dorothy van Winkle, Diana Wheat, Karen Yoerger.

Campus Walk

August 13, 2020

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Assistant Leader: Kay Coots

Hike: 2 miles, (Easy)

GINNY, WHO GREW UP NEAR THE CAMPUS, shared personal (The Way It Used To Be) details. Combined with Kay's knowledge from her years working at U of O, our group had a peaceful and informative tour on a very quiet campus. Cell-

phones were useful when we needed to know about: colophones or zebrafish DNA. Who knew where there used to be a trailer court or why a building needed be replaced, and who used to swim in the women's pool in Gerlinger Hall? We especially liked the Wind Fence, the Sundial (1912), the flying ducks on three buildings, and the two sculptures by Ellen Tykeson (Opal Whitely and Luna). A few tried not to notice the weeds in the flower beds, but we did notice the ospreys on their nest on the U of O Law School. The osprey cam is www.law.uoregon.edu/osprey. Members: Kay Coots, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Ginny Reich, Denise Rubenstein, Peg Straub.

Charlton Lake PCT via Twin Peak Trail

August 15, 2020

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 13.1 miles, 1,100 ft. (Difficult)

ESCAPING THE VALLEY HEAT we drove to the Twin Peak Trailhead on the Waldo Lake Road. From there we hiked the Twin Peak Trail to the PCT and then north to sparkly Charlton Lake. Everybody went swimming before enjoying a long lunch break. It was just before 4 when our happy group finished the 13.1-mile trek. Members: Hannah Alverson, Keiko Bryan, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, Bill Lowder, Mike Nease, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Yoran Lake-Lils Lake Loop

August 15, 2020

Leader/Photographer: Brad Bennett

Hike: 12.7 miles, 1,300 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED OUT BY MEETING AT SEHS AT 7:50. After a short howdy doody we were out of there by 8, meeting up again at the Oakridge Greenwaters Rest Area. From there we caravanned to the trailhead. We looked right and then left. Then we safely crossed two sets of railroad tracks. Hiking up the Yoran Lake Trail we made our first rest stop at Karen



Lake. Moving along we quickly came upon Yoran Lake, where we stopped to take pictures with Diamond Peak across the lake. We hiked the lakeshore on our way to bushwhacking our way to Lils Lake. To my surprise we no longer had to bushwhack this section of trail. Someone has cut out the trees on the trail and done a lot of tread work digging out the trail. Reaching Lils Lake, we ate lunch where seven of us enjoyed a refreshing swim. After drying off we hiked north on the

PCT stopping to take a look at Midnight Lake. It was too much for Darian looking at all that water, so he jumped in for a swim making it a two-bagger for him. We continued on completing the 12.5-mile loop back to the car. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Daphne James, Gennett Johnson, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, David Strutin.

Ribbon Trail Hike for Guests

August 22, 2020

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 230 ft. (Easy)

ALL WEARING FACE COVERINGS, four guests joined three members outside the Lodge for introductions and a conversation about liability and the COVID guidelines. It was a pleasant morning for our walk on the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park. Thanks to Peg who answered questions and kept the conversations flowing at the back. After the hike, Mike Smith and I signed membership applications—three guests had already been on a local Obsidian hike. Several asked about easier or moderate walks and/or ones that would fit their work schedule. Also thanks to Mike who stayed at the Lodge during the hike and then, after everyone left, donned gloves and carried the garbage bag to walk back with me on the Ribbon Trail to pick up unsightly mounds of toilet paper. We finished off the Lodge container of hand sanitizer. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Mike Smith, Peg Straub. Nonmembers: Patricia Cleall, Amanda Bell, Elizabeth Block, Diane Davis.

Black Crater

August 23, 2020

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 2,355 ft. (Difficult)

HIKING THE TRAIL THROUGH THE 2017 MILLI FIRE BURN was as expected: dry, dusty, and steep. Thanks to an early start we summited 7,257 ft. Black Crater before 11. The visibility from the top was limited due to the smoke coming from the Green Ridge Fire and several other regional fires. We had the whole mountain to ourselves for a peaceful lunch and conversation. Before returning, our happy group explored this steep-sided shield volcano from a couple of nearby vistas. We agreed that the temperature and light wind were perfect for the Carpenters' song *Top of the World*. After the descent in hot and smoky weather, our group stopped at a restaurant for an early dinner. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Sue Wolling.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte Hikes

Hike: 5.2-6.2 miles, 1,170–1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders:

July 8

Denise Rubenstein: 5 members

Steve Cordon: 4 members

July 15, 2020

Janet Jacobsen: 5 Members

Jorry Rolfe: 7 Members, 1 Nonmember

July 22, 2020

Denise Rubenstein: 3 Members

Gwyneth Iredale: 6 Members, 1 Nonmember

July 29

Gwyneth Iredale: 8 Members

Janet Whitesides: 4 Members, 1 Nonmember

August 5

Denise Rubenstein: 6 Members, 1 Nonmember

Jorry Rolfe: 4 Members, 2 Nonmembers

August 12

Gwyneth Iredale: 8 Members, 1 Nonmember

Jorry Rolfe: 5 Members, 2 Nonmembers

August 19

Angie Ruzicka: 8 Members

August 26

Janet Jacobsen: 8 Members, 1 Nonmember

Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hikes

Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders:

Leader: Tommy Young

August 11: 3 Members

August 18: 4 Members

Leader: Angie Ruzicka

August 25: 4 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Various Leaders:

July 3 (Sunset/Moonrise)

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate): 8 Members

August 2 (Sunset/Moonrise)

Two Leaders:

Carla Cooper: 3.4 miles, 1,030 ft. (Moderate): 8 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 6.4 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate): 8 Members, 1 Nonmember

August 9 (7:30 AM)

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate): 7 Members, 1 Nonmember

August 23 (7:30 AM)

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate): 4 Members

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

September

5 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251	19 Sat	Beach Cleanup with SOLVE Hike E	Sojak 799-9199
8 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	Young 941-780-4156	22 Tue	End of Summer Evening Stroll Hike E	Sojak 799-9199
9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Cordon 513-3452	23 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Lindstrom 683-1409
9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251	23 Wed	52 nd Street/Spencer Butte Hike M	Alexander 808-223-6993
10 Thu	Steens Mountain CarCamp M	Hackett 953-7046	24 Thu	Zena Forest Hike and Mill Tour Hike E	Rolfe 206-9501
12 Sat	Scott Mountain Hike D	Greer 281-701-0205	26 Sat	National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
12 Sat	Ribbon Trail Guest Hike E	Jacobsen 206-1251			
13 Sun	Twin Craters Explora Hike M	Sojak 799-9199	October		
13 Sun	Ribbon Trail Guest Hike E	Jacobsen 206-1251	31 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Rolfe 206-9501	November		
16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Whitesides 919-593-5578	28 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
19 Sat	Mt McLoughlin Climb D	Kanewa 525-1709			

Beach Clean-up with SOLVE

Saturday, September 19

3.3 miles / 50 ft. Easy

Leader: Darko Sojak

FOR MANY YEARS THE OBSIDIANS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SOLVE BEACH CLEANUPS. SOLVE is a statewide nonprofit organization that takes action every day to keep Oregon clean and green. They mobilize over 35,000 volunteers and organize over 1,000 cleanup and restoration projects throughout the state. Please sign up online and join me a few miles north of Florence for a September Beach Clean-up. Dress for weather and wear closed-toe shoes. SOLVE will provide bags and gloves. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves and bags for litter pickup. For more information, contact: darchey@comcast.net

Zena Forest Hike and Tour

Thursday, September 24

Co-leaders: Jorry Rolfe and Kay Coots

KAY COOTS AND I ARE CO-LEADING A DIFFERENT SORT OF ACTIVITY FOR TEN PARTICIPANTS on Thursday, September 24. The trip is to the sustainable, small private Zena Forest, followed by a visit to the Zena Products Mill, which is a hardwood sawmill and millwork operation. Zena Forest Products is a 20-minute drive northwest of Salem. This is a 30-year-old family business whose mission is to save, restore and promote the endangered trees (mostly Oregon white oak, Oregon ash, Western big leaf maple, and Douglas-fir) of the Willamette Valley.

I had the idea for this trip after hearing Zena's owner, Ben Deumling, do a Zoom presentation in an Oregon Wild webinar in mid-July. (You can find it on YouTube.) In his talk entitled *The Future of Sustainable Forestry*, Ben spoke about how they manage their forest to be robust and resilient by experimenting with tree species that do better with changes in our climate. He explored how Zena's practices benefit the ecosystem and provide a sustainable alternative to other forest practices. During the Q&A after the talk, he mentioned that they allowed visitors by appointment. "What a great Obsidian field trip!" I thought.

During our morning at Zena, we will be guided on a walking tour around the woods by Ben's mother Sarah Deumling who oversees management and timber harvest. It will be interesting to hear from her about forestry and conservation, since the forest management goal is to create an ecologically sustainable and economically viable, uneven-aged and mixed-species forest, including all tree, plant, and animal species native to the area. They allow no clear-cutting, no soil compaction and no chemicals. Lunch will be by their pond, followed by a tour of the mill operation. See more at zenaforest.com



NEW BOARD MEMBER

WE HAD A VACANCY ON THE BOARD IN JULY OF THIS YEAR when Steve Cordon resigned. We are grateful to Steve for all the energy and insight he has given the club and the Board. Our new Board member is Denise Rubenstein. Denise joined the Obsidians in June of 2018 and has been our diligent and thorough Secretary since 2019. She has gone on 146 hikes and led 22 trips. This summer Denise was thrilled that she completed the 16-mile Opie Dilldock hike. She also volunteers at Hendricks Park and Owen Rose Garden. The Board thanks Denise for accepting the position on the Board.



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Sunset through lava rock on Belknap Crater - Photo by Brad Bennett (See trip report on page 5)

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