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DAVE PREDEEK AND THE PISGAH NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

Joanna Alexander

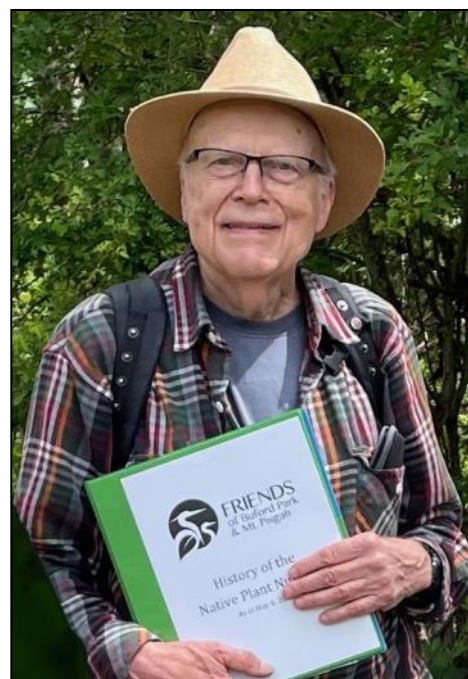
DAVE PREDEEK OPENED ALL THE DOORS OF THE EXTENSIVE NURSERY OPERATION TO fellow Obsidians on a fine, cool May morning. Twenty-six straight years of volunteering have passed since Dave started in 1995, when the Native Plant Nursery occupied only the 25' x 25' former vegetable garden of the Kienzle farmhouse. The visit began in the North Trailhead parking lot, where Dave showed native plants installed by the nursery in planters built by Lane County—deer had browsed on the tips of the young shrubs. We then entered the new winding trail that parallels the river toward the nursery, where Dave pointed out cow parsnips, meadow rue, choke cherry, wild cucumber (beware—fatal if consumed as tea!), fringe cup, snowberry, osoberry, ninebark, Pacific waterleaf, and delphinium finishing their cobalt blue blossoming.

Entering the large field where once loud gatherings wounded the ears of protesting neighbors, Dave pointed out an unusual coyote brush shrub standing alone in the field.

Approaching the nursery, enclosed in a high fence to keep deer out, violet-green swallows and hummingbirds sang and swooped. The fenceposts are topped with swallow boxes. First stop was the greenhouse where seedlings are started. Dave has brought a crop of tiger and Cascade lilies to maturity from seed, requiring five years of nurturing. We next met April, assistant nursery manager, and saw the refrigerated room for storing masses of collected seeds, all organized on shelves. The nursery makes a bit of income from seed and plant sales, but most of its operating expenses are supported by grants and donations.

Mieko Aoki, the nursery director, greeted us as we visited the outdoor beds, arranged in orderly squares, each for a single species, with paths in between. Grasses, sedges, rushes, Oregon sunshine coming into its yellow glory, wild irises, those lilies of Dave's, thick with buds, orange columbine in full array, checkermallow, mule's ears, houndstongue, and many lesser-known natives, including a native plants raspberry, greeted us in the orderly well-tended squares. One area had potted natives ready for pickup in the online spring plant sale, with a few still awaiting buyers.

While you may not have been able to participate in Dave's tour, if you visit the Mt. Pisgah area, you will see the results of his twenty-six years of volunteering. The next time you are there, walking the trails, admiring the blooming balsamroot or noticing the oak savannah where invasive blackberries and scotch broom have been removed, think of Dave Predeek; be grateful that through his and many other volunteers' efforts, this special area is being restored and protected.



Dave Predeek. Photo by Peg Straub

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Shiny Geranium

Joanna Alexander & Kay Coots
Conservation/SciEd Committee

MOST OF US HAVE SEEN THEM. Those that have no idea what they are may think *What a pretty little flower* while those in the know may be thinking *OH NO, shiny geranium!* A native of Eurasia, *Geranium lucidum* (also known as shiny geranium, shining cranesbill, shiny-leaf) has found Western Oregon, and specifically the Willamette Valley, with its shaded areas and wet soils, to be ideal conditions to put down roots.



Shiny Geranium

Shiny geranium reproduces by seed and is pollinated by insects. According to OSU Extension, the plant has become quite invasive in our valley and can quickly carpet a sizable area. The seed pods burst with enough force to propel seeds 20 feet, even without the aid of wind. Seeds are also spread broadly via domestic and wild animals passing through the area, hiker footwear and clothing, and machinery. Once the plant is established it starts displacing other non-woody plants, overwhelming high-quality native habitat.

You can recognize the low-growing annual by its shiny round to kidney-shaped leaves, reddish stems, 5-petaled pink flowers, and seed capsules in the shape of a long, pointy crane's bill. Flowering occurs from April to July with seed maturation and spread generally in late June to early July.

While shiny geranium is easily spread, there are things that we can do to minimize the spread. Avoid walking through areas where you see the plant, or where it is known to grow, and stay on trails. Additionally, clean your footwear, both when entering an area as well as when exiting. If you find small patches in your yard or on your property, hand pull or dig them out prior to seed formation, and dispose of them properly.

For additional information check with the OSU Extension Service.

Dave Predeek and the Pisgah Native Plant Nursery (Continued from page 1)

Background resources:

Most Obsidians may not be acquainted with the native plant nursery and how it contributes to the trail habitats of Mt. Pisgah. The vast area, officially Howard Buford Recreation Area (HBRA or Buford Park) is a Lane County park, but Lane County relies on two nonprofits to perform most of the natural area maintenance. (Nature Conservancy adjacent 1,200 acres near the Willamette River confluence of Middle and Coast forks, is part of the GMPA or Greater Mt. Pisgah Area.

For further information: www.bufordpark.org/about-the-friends/

For Mt. Pisgah history: www.bufordpark.org/about-mt-pisgah/history/

Dave handed out a reprint of an article *The Genesis of Buford Park* from the Spring, 1994 issue of the Native Plant Nursery newsletter *The Rookery* which he helped start (the Buford Park website has copies of the newsletters). It concludes by saying the area is *the most productive bastion of wildlife habitat in the whole Willamette basin.*

1994 Master Plan for the Area:

(Mrs. Kienzle still lived in that house in 1994.)

www.lanecounty.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3585797/File/Government/County%20Departments/Public%20Works/Parks/Large%20Events%20Task%20Force/HBRA%20Master%20Plan%201994.pdf

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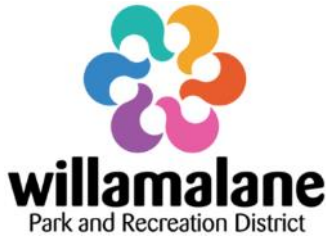
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Willamalane and Obsidian Community Hiking Program

Denise Bean and Maryanne Reiter

LAST SUMMER DENISE BEAN, WHO SERVES AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL ON THE WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND IS ALSO ON THE OBSIDIANS' BOARD, helped facilitate discussions between the two organizations concerning entering into a partnership involving Willamalane's new hiking program. Willamalane wanted to have experienced hike leaders to help plan and lead hikes. In return, the Obsidian hike leaders would promote the Obsidians with the participants. This collaboration will also provide a community marketing opportunity for the Obsidians since the Obsidian name and logo will be included on all marketing materials.

The final Memorandum of Understanding was adopted by the Obsidian Board of Directors and Willamalane's Superintendent in August, 2020. One of the key negotiated points in this understanding is that the Obsidian club and hike leaders and their assistants will be held harmless from all liability.

Planning has been started and will include two hikes a month through October, 2021. These are introductory hikes for the new or moderately experienced hiker. The concept is that if the participants like hiking, they may progress to becoming Obsidian members.

Participants sign up through the Willamalane website in the trips section. The fees are around \$25 and include transportation on Willamalane's buses, a Willamalane staff member who has a current first aid certificate, and an Obsidian hiking expert. Yes, we are part of the full experience.

Two hikes were completed last year, and then the program was shut down due to COVID-19 closures. This year a group of Obsidian hike leaders met in April with Willamalane staff to choose and schedule easy-to-moderate hikes that would be a draw for patrons of Willamalane. A side fact is that almost half of people who sign up for Willamalane programs live in Eugene or surrounding areas of Springfield. We have planned eleven total hikes, from the end of May through October.

We are hoping to have two Obsidians on each hike. We could use two to three additional volunteers. We also want to keep the rate of participation to only two hikes per year for any Obsidian hiking volunteer. There is no trip cost to the volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Denise Bean (your preferred email contact). Prior leading experience is not a prerequisite as each hike already has an experienced leader.

Finally, this is an experiment in community partnerships. The goal of this experiment is to expand Obsidian visibility, provide more outdoor recreation to the community, and hopefully recruit more members and hike leaders to the Obsidians. The Obsidian board will evaluate whether we met our goals and whether the partnership is beneficial to the club at the end of the year.

We are excited by the opportunity to partner with Willamalane and look forward to helping to provide more outdoor recreational hiking to the community. A big thank you to Obsidian volunteers Denise Rubenstein, Lana Lindstrom, Maryanne Reiter, Steve Cordon, Vern Marsonette, Jorry Rolfe, Jim Northrop, Joanna Alexander, and Denise Bean.

BOOK REVIEW

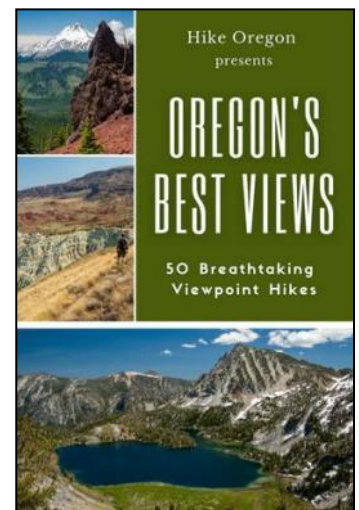
Oregon's Best Views: 50 Breathtaking Viewpoint Hikes

Dave Cooper

DO YOU WANT A HIKE WITH A VIEW? A new book by a local author has plenty of suggestions. Franziska Weinheimer's new guide *Oregon's Best Views: 50 Breathtaking Viewpoint Hikes* presents hikes from around the state. Some are Obsidian standards like Four-In-One Cone and Maxwell Butte. Others range from The Matterhorn in the Willows to Neahkahnie Mountain on the coast. Whatever appeals to you, you'll find maps, driving directions, difficulty ratings, and descriptions of the trails and views that will reward you. You can even scan a QR code so that you can have the map on your phone.

A nice follow-up to the book is a visit to the Hike Oregon website hikeoregon.net/. Many other hikes are listed here. If you want to see what some of these areas are like, check out her YouTube channel: [youtube.com/channel/UCImtR1OX9GvG6vQohRcRoSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCImtR1OX9GvG6vQohRcRoSg)

Get your copy of the book here: hikeoregon.net/.../p185/oregon-best-views.html or you can get it in person at [Black Sun Books](#) in Eugene or at [Oakridge Bike Shop & Willamette Mountain Mercantile](#).





Personal First Aid Kits

Lyndell Wilken, Safety Committee Chair

EVERY PERSON WHO PARTICIPATES IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES. Carrying a first aid kit is a good beginning—but have you ever wondered what should go into a personal kit? The Safety Committee would like to share the following for your consideration and use. All sources that mention First Aid Kits quickly state that First Aid training is necessary to properly and fully use a kit. Training also allows assistance that goes beyond the capabilities of a kit. Each individual should have a kit. The kit should contain some general items and those that fit your specific needs. This kit might be small. Suggested contents are*:

Tylenol, Aspirin, Advil and Benadryl
Personal Meds
Lip Protection
Disinfectant Pads
Insect bite treatment (optional)
Sunblock

Electrolyte powder or tablets
Butterfly strips
Five Band-Aids 1" x 3"
Five Band-Aids 2" x 4"
Protective gloves and CPR mask
Emergency blanket (space)
Safety pins #3

Surgical Tape 2" (paper tape)
Moleskin
Duct tape wrapped on a pencil
Foam Sit Upon (splint material)
Triangular bandage
Rolled elastic bandage 3"

**A list can also be found on the Obsidian website either on the Safety Page (Band-Aid icon) or in the Members Area / Documents and Forms.*



The Devil's Staircase Wilderness

Upcoming hike: June 27, 2021

Jorry Rolfe

MEMBER GORDON SAYRE WILL BE LEADING A HIKE TO THE DARK GROVE IN THE DEVIL'S STAIRCASE WILDERNESS on June 27. Gordon has visited this forest many times with Oregon Wild field coordinator Chandra LeGue, and this excursion will be his first Obsidian-led hike to this area since it was designated a Wilderness in March, 2019.

Located in the heart of the southern Oregon Coast Range, the destination is remote and scenic. Hikers will be participating on a slow and steady hike through a dense and spectacular landscape. The trail, at times an elk trail, passes through thick underbrush of huckleberry, rhododendron, salmon berry, and sword fern. This is habitat for spotted owl, marbled murrelet, bald eagle, black bear, cougar, and other species.

You know that you have arrived at the Dark Grove when you enter a patch of old-growth trees. These woods of Douglas fir, cedar, and western hemlock have never been logged, so these ancient trees are close to 500 years old. This exceptional primary forest, so close to Eugene, remains a significant reservoir for species.

We are grateful that The Devil's Staircase Wilderness is now permanently protected—from a biological perspective as a place that is storing carbon, and for outdoor recreation. Exploring deep within this wilderness is a special and beautiful adventure—one best guided by, and experienced and appreciated with, an Obsidian leader.



*Our destination - the Dark Grove.
Photo by Mark Hougardy, 6/12/2016.*

Editor's note: Read more about the Devil's Staircase in Gordon's article in the April, 2019 issue of the Bulletin:

www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2019_Bulletins/2019_04_Bulletin.pdf

Macduff Mountain 90th Anniversary

Upcoming: June 28, 2021: Macduff Mountain Anniversary Hike
Leader: Steve Johnson
5 Miles, 1,200 ft.

MACDUFF MOUNTAIN AT 5,040 FEET HAS A SPECTACULAR VIEW of the Three Sisters peaks. The trailhead is accessed on gravel roads near Cougar Reservoir.

A Bit of History:

JUNE 28, 1931: 24 OBSIDIANS AND FOREST SERVICE PERSONNEL hiked nine long steep miles to place and dedicate a plaque for Nelson Macduff on Macduff Mountain. The Forest Service furnished a pack horse to carry the bronze plaque and tools to mount it. The plaque read: *Macduff Mountain. Named in honor of Nelson F. Macduff, Supervisor Cascade National Forest. November 1, 1919 to April 4, 1930. "The Mountains Were His Friends" This Plaque Placed by Obsidian Club of Eugene, Oregon June 28, 1931.*

Unfortunately, they placed it on nearby McLennen Mountain. The controversy over the name and the plaque resulted in several *Bulletin* articles, two columns by Doug Newman in the *Register-Guard*, and discussions at the Oregon Geographic Names Board. It took 61 years to set the matter straight—and the solution was convoluted: In 1992, McLennen Mountain was officially renamed Macduff Mountain, Macduff Peak became McLennen [with a corrected spelling] Mountain. The plaque was remounted and rededicated in its original location.



Back row:

Dee Wright, Russell Prairie, Robert Sawyer, Bailey Castelleo, Ted Easton, Bill Parks, Smith Taylor, Magda Sorenson, Cliff Stalsberg, Perry Thompson, Harry Wright.

Middle row:

Louis Waldorf, Percy Brown, Henry Korn, Margaret Thompson-Benston, Hazel Stalsberg, Mabel Currin, Elizabeth McMahon, Florence Ogden-Sims, Hugh Currin, Dot Dotson.

Front row:

Ed Turnbull, Ruth Randall.

Photo taken by Elsie McHoes-Dotson June 28, 1931.

1977: A few Obsidians accompanied Nelson's son and grandson to scatter Nelson and his wife's ashes. Due to time constraints, they didn't make it to the top, so they spread them on a high ridge nearby.



Back row:

Emmy Dale, Hal Busby, Marty Hathaway, Julie Greenawalt (non-member), Rick Ley (Forest Service), Lin Pierce, Bill Loy, Ewart Baldwin, Kathy Riddle, Gene Flint (Forest Service).

Front row:

Doug Newman, Parker Riddle, Clair Cooley, Lois Schreiner (leader), Sharon Ritchie (President).

June 28, 1992.



Left to right:

Rich Romm, Chuck Gibson, Tom Rundle, Janet Jacobsen, Kathy Randall, Steve Johnson, Holger Krentz, Ellen Johnson, Darko Sojak.

June 28, 2015.

June 28, 1992: Eleven Obsidians and Forest Service personnel drove on a recently built logging road to within one mile of Macduff Mountain. The plaque was remounted and rededicated on the renamed mountain.

August 27, 2011: Nelson Macduff's great grandson, Trevor Macduff, scattered his grandmother's ashes on Macduff Mountain. He also left a geocache.

Steve has led this anniversary hike five times. Sign up online.

Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike

Upcoming: Sunday, June 20

THE MT. PISGAH SIGHTING PEDESTAL IS THE PLACE TO BE to celebrate the summer solstice. Janet Jacobsen will be leading her 9th summer solstice trip to the summit. Sunset is at 8:58 PM. Moonrise is at 4:21 PM. Hopefully the skies will be clear! For details about the 3.5-mile hike, sign up online.

Peter Helzer, Bronze Sculptor

Peter has given two presentations at the Obsidian Lodge about the Mt. Pisgah Sighting Pedestal—its construction, installation and features. Symbols that cover the pedestal depict 200 million years of Oregon's geologic history. The bronze relief map on top points out the 360-degree topography surrounding Mt. Pisgah. Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah's 2020 annual newsletter (*The Rookery*) had a feature article by Helzer where he discussed his inspiration for the sculpture and its connections with Ken Kesey. The Dee Wright Observatory and columnar basalt also influenced his vision.

Helzer concluded with these words: *The sighting pedestal was not intended as an artistic statement. I hoped it would serve as an invitation to reflect on the dynamic and ephemeral nature of landscapes through time and space. I still remember Kesey's words when he viewed the pedestal for the first time. He acknowledged that there would be a range of interpretations, then speaking for himself, he said, "It's about the impermanence of life, and the infinity on either side of it."*

Check out these websites to learn more about his work: petehelzer.com
eugenemagazine.com/arts-entertainment/the-whimsical-sculptor



Photo by David Lodeesen, June 20, 2020.

The

MT. PISGAH PEDESTAL

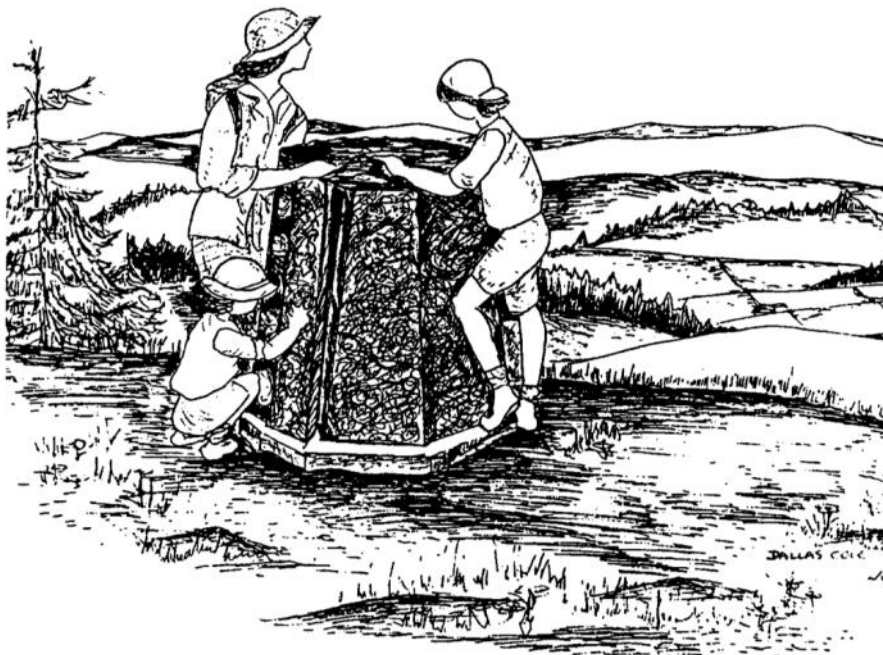
On a recent Sunday, Obsidian artist Dallas Cole sketched a family group studying the bronze sighting pedestal atop Mt. Pisgah, the well-known hiking destination a short way to the east of Eugene.

The uniqueness of this plinth standing on the summit of 1,500-ft Mt. Pisgah, is that it points to more than the geographic features of the Willamette Valley: it gestures back two hundred million years into Oregon's past . . .

The top surface of the 40-inch tall pedestal presents a relief map of the surrounding area, complete with names and elevations of mountains and rivers. The map is supported by three pentagonal columns, the surface of which is richly embellished with bas relief renderings of fossils.

The bottom of the piece begins with images of corals and conodonts representing a time when Oregon was under shallow seas, and progresses upwards depicting fossils of several other ecological phases including tropical, sub-tropical and the more recent temperate climates. Over three hundred species of flora and fauna are represented. The westward-facing panel consists entirely of marine life.

The three columns supporting the map are separated by two slots that provide an intriguing feature of the sculpture.



The slots are oriented toward the northeast and the southeast and are designed to mark the spot where the sun breaks over the Cascade Mountain Range on the mornings of the summer and winter solstices. The 68-degree range from the summer to the winter solstice gives us a sense of how far the earth moves in relation to the sun every six months and provides us with a graphic dimension of "time".

Northwest sculptor Peter Helzer created this unique memorial to Jed Kesey and Loren West, who died in January, 1984 when a van carrying the U. of O. wrestling team crashed in Eastern Washington State. It was erected on Mt. Pisgah in October, 1990.

Above: Adapted from an article by Margaret Beauduy Helzer for the December, 1993 *Bulletin*, then reprinted in January, 2004. Margaret, paleoethnobotanist, is the wife of Peter Helzer, and assisted with the Oregon fossil records on the Sighting Pedestal. Obsidian member Dallas Cole created the sketch for the article and later did the *Obsidian Spirit* mural outside our Lodge. She also did the outdoor bas relief mural, *The Procession*, at the Graduate (Hilton) Hotel.

UPCOMING TRIPS: BACKPACKS & CAR CAMPS

June 15–17 Blacklock Point (Backpack)

SCOTT HOVIS IS LEADING HIS 12TH BACKPACK OF BLACKLOCK POINT to a special remote beach campsite in the Floras Lake State Park for 13 miles of hiking. From this base camp, hikers can explore more remote areas.



*Hiking on the beach. Blacklock Point 2014 trip.
Photo by Lisa Grissell*



Williams Lake. Photo by Darko Sojak, July 2019.

June 30–July 2 Williams Lake (Backpack)

DENISE BEAN WAS ABLE TO SNAG AN OVERNIGHT WILDERNESS PERMIT FOR WILLIAMS LAKE, located right in the middle of the Erma Bell Lakes. It is one of the prettiest small lakes, scenic and swimmable. It has numerous flat areas surrounding the lake for tents and is below the altitude that small campfires are prohibited. Hopefully after all snow is gone but before the mosquitos are a swarm.

July 11–13 Depoe Bay to Newport (Car Camp)

July 25–27 Newport to Waldport (Car Camp)

Aug 1–3 Waldport to Heceta Head (Ext Trip)

MARK HOUGARDY PLANS TO LEAD SEVERAL SECTIONS ON THE OREGON COAST TRAIL (OCT) exploring Oregon's dynamic edge, a resource-rich environment that has attracted explorers for centuries and into today. Enjoy nature, walk on open sands, investigate tidepools, and cross iconic bridges.



*Viewpoint on Heceta Head.
Photo by David Lodeesen, October 2017.*



*Elk Meadow—planned 2021 1st day hike.
Photo by Daphne James.*

August 9–August 11 Exploring Mt. Hood (Car Camp)

LEADER DAPHNE JAMES PLANS THREE HIKES WHILE CAMPING AT STILL CREEK CAMPGROUND in Mt. Hood National Forest not far from the town of Government Camp. Hikes include Elk Meadows (6 miles), challenging Elk Cove trail (11 miles), Lost Lake (3.4 miles) with a swim, and ice cream at the Lodge. This is Daphne's third trip to explore trails around the tallest peak in Oregon.

September 12–14 Scott Mountain Loop Trail (Backpack)

DENISE BEAN IS LEADING ONE OF HER FAVORITE HIKES TO INCLUDE CAMPING AT TENAS LAKE. What a beautiful lake, easy for swimming and with many established camp sites surrounding the lake. She hopes to camp at the main lake and take days to explore the Tenas Lake trail and hike up to Scott Mountain.



*The last swimmer coming out of Tenas Lake.
Photo by Dave Lodeesen, Aug 2019.*

Sign up online for these trips
at www.obsidians.org.

TRIP REPORTS



Bike Trips

Three Bridges Mother's Day
May 9, 2021
Leader: Darko Sojak
Bike: 13 miles, 270 ft. (Easy)

OUR WIDE-SMILING GROUP ENJOYED A MOTHER'S DAY RIDE on the rural roads between Lowell, Unity and Pengra covered bridges. Thanks to John for sweeping. Members:



Obsidians at Pengra Covered Bridge. Photo by Laura Anderson.

Joanna Alexander, John Anderson, Laura E Anderson, Steve Cordon, Gwyneth Iredale, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Non-members: Michelle Cordon.



Climbs

Diamond Peak
May 1, 2021
Leader: Trina Kanewa
Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 ft. (Difficult)



She who calms the wind (Trina Kanewa). Photo by Michael Myers.

THE FORECAST PREDICTED POSSIBLE MORNING SNOW, with sunny skies and calm winds by 11 AM. We started about one half mile from the Pioneer Gulch trailhead



Along the Summit Ridge. Photo by Maryanne Reiter.

because of the snow-covered road. It was lightly raining and overcast when we left the cars and headed towards the mountain. The group was hopeful for the sun predicted for later in the morning. We hit snow-covered trail roughly a mile into the climb. As we got closer to tree line, it began to



Michael Meyers glissading. Photo by Juli McGlinsky.

lightly snow. As we neared the top of the ridge, the snow was firm and a bit icy, so we got to put on the crampons that we had packed, rather than just take them for a trip up the mountain. We were all happy to have packed them! Just after stopping to crampon up, Mother Nature decided to show us a little bit of everything! We had high winds, blowing snow, and pockets of blue sky, all at the same time. Luckily, that was short lived, and we all reached the summit at 1:00. We had a fun run-in with a few other Obsidian members just prior to getting to the summit, so we all celebrated our successes as we ate lunch, got our glissading pants on, and got ready for the fun part. The glissade was a blast. Everyone loved it, and we all got back to the cars safely at 5 PM. Members: Tami Darden, Juli McGlinsky, Michael Myers, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmember: Jim Conaghan.



Hikes

Mountaineering Conditioning

April 28, 2021

Leader: Jennifer Marlow

Hike: 6 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A TRAINING HIKE! Our group started up Trail 1 at Mount Pisgah beneath clear blue skies. We completed two summits with participants carrying varying amounts of extra training weight. Our group moved at a brisk pace and enjoyed wonderful views of the surrounding valley along the way. All participants completed both summit trips. Members: Tami Darden, Trina Kanewa, Jennifer Marlow, Maryanne Reiter, Doug Sandburg, Kerry Willhite. Nonmembers: Theo Davis.

Middle Fork of the Willamette River

April 30, 2021

Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 10 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A LOVELY SPRING DAY FOR OUR HIKE ALONG THE MIDDLE FORK of the Willamette River. From just beyond



The group starts across Spring Butte Creek.

Hills Creek Reservoir near Sand Prairie Campground, the Middle Fork Trail runs over 30 miles past Chuckles Spring and all the way to the headwaters of the Willamette River at Timpanogas Lake. We accessed the trail at Road 2127 and planned to hike 10.4 miles out and back to Road 2134. Popular for family camping, this area is typically bustling with activity during the hot summer months. But on a weekday morning in April, the Middle Fork Trail is serene. Although the river was billed as the main attraction, participants were delighted to also discover their favorite wildflowers, including calypso orchids, yellow wood violets, and fawn lilies. The only challenge of the day was an exceedingly cold, knee-high creek crossing two miles into the hike. As you would expect, Obsidians were up to the challenge, taking off their shoes and rolling up their pants to hop across. After 4.7 miles we came to a detour that would have added mileage and taken us away



Crossing Indian Creek—Dave lends a hand to Daphne.

from the river. We opted to find a fine lunch and turn-around point. The highlight of the afternoon was a break to ‘smell the roses’, feel the gentle breeze, and experience the flow of the rushing water. Our arrival scared away a bald eagle, but after settling in, we were honored to have a pair of wood ducks join us for a spell. One car had an added adventure on the drive home when a five-foot long piece of plastic under the bumper mysteriously broke and was hanging below the car. But nothing fazes Obsidians: we are resourceful, cooperative and always have our 10 essentials stashed away in our packs. So, with group effort, we were able to tie up the bumper for a cautious drive home. Members: Leah Firth, Elizabeth Grant, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Jean Harris, David Hawkins, Daphne James, Lana Lindstrom, Terry Nelson, Jorry Rolfe, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield.

North Bank Habitat Area

May 1, 2021

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

THE NORTH BANK HABITAT IS A 10-SQUARE-MILE PRESERVE (ranch) overlooking the North Umpqua River near Roseburg. It was a comfortable temperature to enjoy hiking the open, rolling hills that provided 360-degree, panoramic views of the North Fork of the Umpqua River and the surrounding foothills. We took our time to enjoy the madrone trees with their



Janet inside the madrone tree.

dense drooping clusters of white flowers. The hillsides were filled with purple and white iris that seemed to compete for space with impressive clumps of poison oak. A vibrant pink flower, Hooker's catchfly, was an unexpected show stopper. Marguerite led a short detour on the Thistle Trail to see the spectacular grove of huge madrone trees. We visited there with hikers from the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club. That is why the parking lot was filled with cars! We left Eugene at 7:45 AM and completed the hike around 2:30 PM.



'First' lunch break..

Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Rich Romm, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: George Ambrosini.

Dead Mountain

May 2, 2021

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 11.3 miles, 2,787 ft. (Difficult)

ACCOMPANIED BY STEADY, LIGHT RAIN, WE HIKE Dead Mountain Trail #3566, only occasionally interrupted by swarms of mountain bikers rushing down the steep trail. The



*Lunchtime atop Dead Mountain.
Jonathan Jost and Doug Sandburg.*

switch-backing trail is framed by a variety of wildflowers, dogwood and fragrant conifers. We reached the top at 12:30 PM, when the sun shone on Oakridge below us and on the nearby mountains. After a total of 11.3 miles with a serious elevation change, our enduring group returned to the sun-bathed trailhead at 3:30 PM. Members: Jonathan Jost, Barbara Orsi, Linda Parks, Angie Ruzicka, Doug Sandburg, Gordon Sayre, Darko Sojak.

Silver Falls

May 3, 2021

Leader & Photographer: Steven Johnson

Hike: 8 miles, 950 ft. (Moderate)

AN EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE WITH 12 OBSIDIAN MEMBERS got us to the south parking lot of Silver Falls State Park and on the 8-mile loop trail before 9 AM. Our record dry



Denise and Lynn going down ravine to Abiqua Falls.

spring didn't diminish the beauty of the ten falls we viewed along the trail. Even tiny Frenchie Falls was active, giving us a total of 11 waterfalls for our excursion through Silver Falls Park. We finished the loop by 1:30 PM, when four of our group headed back to Eugene and the remaining eight



Abiqua Falls.

continued on to Abiqua Falls. After a 30-mile, convoluted drive along country backroads, we passed the town of Scotts Mills, and still had to negotiate a very steep and rough 2.5-mile dirt road to arrive at the trailhead. The Abiqua Falls area is owned by the Mt. Angel Abbey. The trail is a quarter-mile scramble down a steep ravine to Abiqua Creek, then another



Jorry at Lower South Falls.

quarter-mile, fairly level walk upstream to the falls. Our hike to the falls was assisted by ropes placed along the steeper parts of the trail, but still involved crawling over and under logs and large rocks. Abiqua Falls is situated in a large amphitheater of hexagonal basalt columns, making it one of Oregon’s most unique and beautiful waterfalls. We followed up our adventure with dinner at a restaurant in Salem, where we

were unanimous in our vote that Abiqua Falls was the most beautiful waterfall of the dozen we saw that day. Members: Denise Bean, Ben Brown, Sharon Bruns, Whitney Gould, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott.

Hendricks Park

May 4, 2021

Leader: Denise Rubenstein

Hike: 2 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

REALLY LOVELY STROLL THROUGH THE GARDENS—so much in bloom. We closely examined and counted the stamens in both azaleas and rhododendrons to learn the difference between them. We noted that the ‘freckles’ of color are always on the top of the blossom, and they provide a roadmap for the visiting pollinators. We had two first-timers in the group and one member of over 20 years! Members: Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Yuan Hopkins, Linda Parks, Ruth Romoser, Denise Rubenstein. Nonmembers: Jerry Pergamit, Glenna Dunaway, Charles Dunaway.

Castle Rock via King Castle Trail

May 7, 2021

Leader: Karen Yoerger

Assistant Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 11.4 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

SEVEN OF US DEPARTED FROM SPRINGFIELD AT 8:00 AM, in a light rain. The group maintained their good cheer throughout the day while we encountered an Oregon variety of



Trail #4326. Photo by Darko Sojak.

weather conditions. But what a wonderful trail! We noted the plank bridge built by the Scorpion Crew of the Cascade Volunteers a few years ago that lifted us out of the mud. The trail climbed a well-graded path through deep and quiet woods of Douglas fir and western hemlock. Wildflowers in bloom included calypso orchid, yellow violet, strawberry, vanilla leaf, bleeding heart, Oregon grape and dogwood. Others promised to put on a good show later: rattlesnake plantain, pipsissewa, queen's cup, and white-veined wintergreen. After four miles, we crossed the road that leads to the upper trailhead and began our switch-backing climb up to the summit. The view was limited and lunch was short due to a cold wind and an approaching cloud; we counted five snowflakes and packed up. After inspecting a second viewpoint, we headed down the trail, passing through more light rain, a bit of sleet, and a



We could see Takoda's Restaurant from the top so we ordered lunch to be delivered. Angie, Kate, Karen, Darko, Holger, and Doug. Photo by Janet Jacobsen.

few sunbreaks. Darko was happy to find two morel mushrooms. We met our first mountain-bikers mid-afternoon, and again back at the trailhead. While stopped near Finn Rock on the return drive, we watched a flock of bright red and yellow western tanagers foraging in the bigleaf maples along the river. Back in Springfield at 4:40 PM. (Leave plenty of extra driving time for McKenzie Highway trips this summer. We had three delays each direction, for a total of 45 minutes). Members: Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Angie Ruzicka, Doug Sandburg, Kate Shapiro, Darko Sojak, Karen Yoerger.

Shotgun Creek Loop

May 8, 2021

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 5.5 miles, 670 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A SUNNY, BUT CHILLY, MORNING. The new meeting place for car-pooling worked great. Only one hiker had been on the trail before. We did the loop counterclockwise, which has a gentler uphill grade. The trail was in great condition. All had a good time. Members: Joanna Alexander, Denise Bean, Donna Bloomfield, Kay Coats, Whitney Gould, Nancy Hoecker, Gwyneth Iredale, Wanda Meck, Jorry Rolfé, Lisa Van Liefde.

Santiam Wagon Road / House Rock

May 9, 2021

Leader: David Cooper

Assistant Leader & Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 5.2 miles, 840 ft. (Easy)

GLAD THAT WE HAD A RELATIVELY EARLY START. Walked for over a mile on this lush green trail before overtaking three people. Also noticed tracks of what was probably a



Dave Morris stepped down to get the best shot of the falls.

small cougar. A few muddy spots, but the trail was in good shape and had recently been cleared of some downed trees. We explored the House Rock cave and then went on to view the falls. On our return to the cars, we met more people and wondered where they had parked. Along the shoulder of the highway was the only place for these late starters. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Caralynn Judy, Henry Judy, Lauren Judy, David Morris.

Mt. Pisgah Native Plant Nursery

May 10, 2021

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Assistant Leader: Dave Predeek

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Hike: 2 miles, (Easy)

Reporter: Joanna Alexander



A bed of brilliant Oregon sunshine.

SEE TRIP REPORT ON PAGE 1. Members: Joanna Alexander, Margaret Essenberg, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Pat Soussan.

May 24 , 2021

Leader: Clara Emlen

Assistant Leader: Dave Predeek

Photographer: Peg Straub

DAVE PREDEEK AGREED TO LEAD THE NATIVE PLANT NURSERY TOUR AGAIN since there were so many on the wait list for the previous tour. He correctly predicted that the Cascade lily and several yellow flowers would be in bloom. It was a wonderful walk from the north parking lot along the somewhat new path through the woods (rather than the road). Dave pointed out many plants and shared historical information as we ambled along. Black-headed grosbeaks were singing in



Paintbrush amid Oregon sunshine.



Clara's group.

the treetops. We thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated Dave's informative walk. For more information about his guided tours of the nursery, refer to the May 10th Pisgah Native Nursery report on the front page. Members: Clara Emlen, Nancy Hoecker, Barbara Orsi, Dave Predeek, Karla Rusow, Peg Straub. Nonmembers: Carol Babcock.

Sawtooth Trail to Mt. Hardesty

May 15, 2021

Leader: Joel Greer

Hike: 8.4 miles, 2,550 ft. (Difficult)

WE ENJOYED WARM, SUNNY WEATHER FOR THE HIKE from just west of Mount June to the summit of Hardesty Mountain via Sawtooth Ridge. Fairy slipper orchids were plentiful, and



*Hiking along Sawtooth Ridge. Many ups and downs.
Photo by Joel Greer.*

we also saw paintbrush, flowering currant, chocolate lily, trillium, a few monkey flowers, and several other flowers that we couldn't identify. We took a break next to Sawtooth Rock and ate lunch at the summit of Hardesty Mountain. The flat rocks and concrete pillars from the long-gone fire lookout



Chocolate lily. Photo by Esme Greer.

provided comfortable seating for lunch. Along the way, out and back, we had views of Mount June, Bohemia Mountain, Lookout Point Reservoir, Mt. Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, and the Three Sisters. Eleven Obsidian hikers enjoyed the up-and-down elevation profile of this hike, and it was a good workout. Members: Jan Anselmo, Marguerite Cooney, James



*Along Sawtooth trail with Mt. June in background.
Photo by Joel Greer.*



*Angie and Darko with balsamroot.
Photo by Lynn Meacham.*



*Lunch atop Hardesty Mountain.
Photo by Jan Anselmo.*



*Vanilla leaf.
Photo by Darko Sojak.*



*Wild ginger (Asarum).
Photo by Darko Sojak.*

Dinn, Mike Fleck, Whitney Gould, Elizabeth Grant, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe.

Cloverpatch Trail
May 16, 2021
Leader: Darko Sojak
Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

SOME BAD ROADS AND A REMOTE TRAILHEAD GUARANTEED A QUIET DAY. On the solid trail through the very lush forest, we came across only two groups of mountain bikers. A small waterfall, spectacular old growth conifers, and an unbelievable diversity of wildflowers enriched today's 8-mile hike. Besides plenty of oxalis and poison oak, we enjoyed white and blue irises, western columbine, wild cucumber, blue and yellow violets, western houndstongue, blue dicks, larkspur, vanilla leaf, Oregon native western bleeding heart, skunk cabbage, baby blue eyes, trillium, arrowleaf balsamroot, Oregon grape, Columbia lily, wild ginger, blue lupine, wood



*Obsidians near huge tree.
Photo by Lynn Meacham.*

strawberry, paintbrush, cat's ear lily, salmonberry blossoms, wild pea, calypso orchids and more. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Gwyneth Iredale, Daphne James, Lynn Meacham, Angie Ruzicka, Kate Shapiro, Darko Sojak, Karen Yoerger.

Three Mile Lake

May 16, 2021

Leader: **Becky Lipton**

Hike: **7 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)**

A LOVELY HIKE THROUGH A LOW COASTAL SAND DUNE ECOSYSTEM, then along the beach, and then to a fresh-water lake. We hiked back through high dunes and forest ecosystems. We enjoyed interesting and unusual beach formations today during a very low tide, and a sea lion was basking on the sand as we approached. Extreme dryness was observed on the trails and in the forest ecosystem; the sand was so dry that it was groaning under our feet. Members: Becky Lipton, Karla Rusow.

Marys Peak

May 21, 2021

Leader & Photographer: **Janet Jacobsen**

Hike: **10 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)**

WE LEFT TARGET ON WEST 11th AVE. AT 8:15 and were at the North Ridge Trailhead at the end of Woods Creek Road



Karen Yoerger takes a closer at the paintbrush and phlox on the rock walls near the summit.

by 9:15. The trail switchbacks through a dense forest carpeted with oxalis, gaining 2,000 feet in 4.2 miles, to the observation point parking lot. From there to the summit, the flowers stole the show—avalanche lilies, violets, larkspur, paintbrush, and phlox. It was their first hike to Marys Peak for four of our group, and they said it would not be the last. Even though clouds obscured the mountain views, we (especially the leader) all agreed it was a wonderful day. Members: Whitney Gould, Janet Jacobsen, Margot McDonnell, Barbara Orsi, Jorry Rolfe, Doug Sandburg, Karen Yoerger.

Amazon Headwaters / Spencer Butte Hikes

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

Various Leaders

Lana Lindstrom: 4/28 15 Members, 1 Nonmember

Karen Yoerger: 5/5 11 Members

Jorry Rolfe: 5/12 13 Members

David Cooper: 5/26 13 Members

Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: **8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)**

Leader: **Tommy Young**, 4/27 9 Members, 5/4 7 Members, 5/11 6 Members, 5/18 6 Members

52nd Street / Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: **5.2 miles, 1,150 ft. (Moderate)**

Leader: **Joanna Alexander**, 5/5 5 Members, 1 Nonmember, 5/13 6 Members, 1 Nonmember, 5/20 3 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: **4.5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)**

Leader: **Janet Jacobsen**, 4/25 5 Members



*Western columbine along Pisgah Trail 4.
Photographer Darko Sojak*



Car
Camp

Oregon Coast Trail: Baker Beach to North Jetty

May 15, 2021

Leader: **Mark Hougardy**

Car Camp: **7 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)**

WIND! OUR HIKE ALONG BAKER BEACH WAS BEAUTIFUL, IF A BIT WINDY. The wind did create numerous little sand sculptures that provided endless fascination. Later, venturing to the group campsite next to the creek at Sutton Campground, we set up our tents and rested a bit. In the late afternoon, we enjoyed a walk through the woods to the Holman Day Use Area for a view of the dunes. In the evening, the wind quieted and we enjoyed a campfire and saw the stars. The next morning, we car-shuttled between the North Jetty (Siuslaw River at Florence) and Heceta Beach County Park. Our beach walk was north to Sutton Creek, then south to the North Jetty. Returning to the Heceta Beach County Park parking area, we saw the send-off for Shawn Cheshire, a blind athlete who is biking 3,800 miles to the Atlantic Ocean in Virginia (shawncheshire.org/). Members: Keiko Bryan, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Fumiyo Tao.



Trail Maintenance

Summit Steps & Brushing

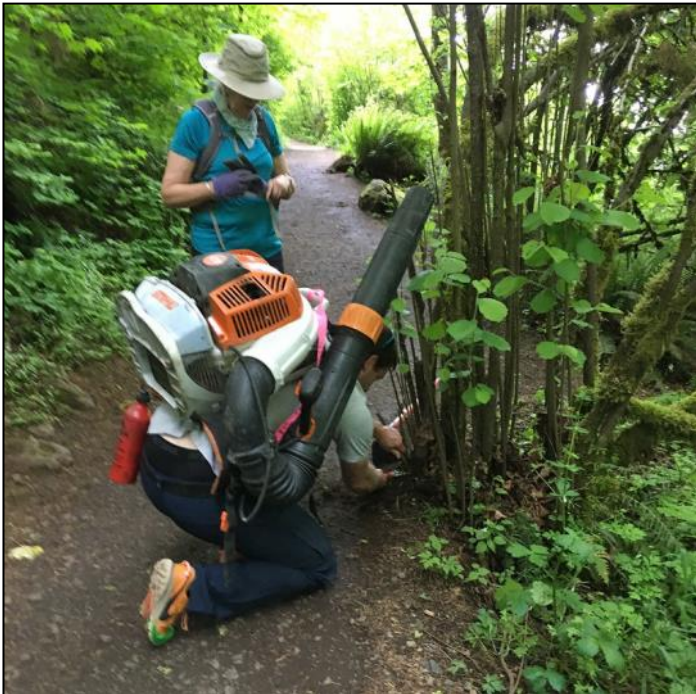
May 26, 2021

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

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

FOR THE FIRST WEDNESDAY EVENING OUTING OF OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE, we hiked up Spencer Butte to clean the summit steps. We carried garden hoes, flat-bladed shovels, a broom, and a backpack leaf blower. Using the shovels and hoes, Janet, Jorry, and Dan made short work of breaking



Matt is carrying the blower that will make cleaning the summit much easier for Jorry, Dan, and Janet. He explains to Jorry where to cut a hazelnut branch.

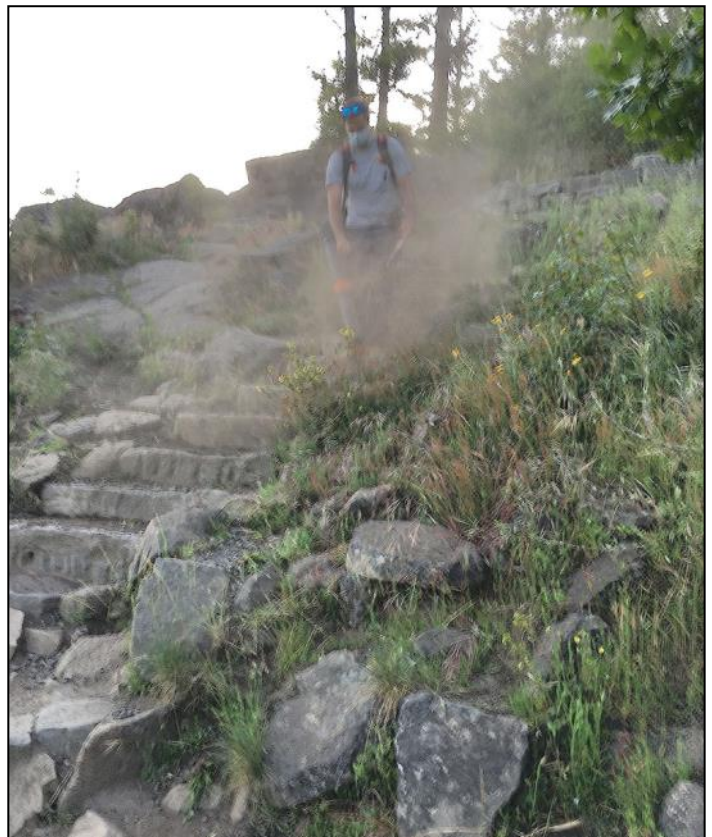


Jorry with a smile on the last steps! Over 120 steps!



Jorry and Dan worked down from the top to dig out debris, gravel. Matt is behind with the blowers.

up the hard-packed dirt and grit from the steps. We used the leaf blower to ‘sweep’ the stairs clean. After the last couple of overcast days, we enjoyed clear sky, sun, and views of the snow-covered Three Sisters while we worked. Clara, as always, cleaned the trailhead steps perfectly. Members: Matt Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe.



Matt wearing a mask while blowing the debris. Matt's kids might not recognize his face when he gets home.



Work Party

Obsidian Grounds

May 22, 2021

Leader: John Jacobsen

WorkParty: (Moderate)

IN THE TRIP REPORT FOR THE APRIL 1ST GROUNDS WORK PARTY, I wrote, “Wow, it is amazing what a dozen folks can do in three hours!” You know what? Fifteen folks can do even more! We mowed everything in sight, including the parking area and the defensible spaces above and to the south of the Lodge; cleared and leveled the disturbed area along the new chain link fence; cleaned all the disturbed areas from the brush hog work a couple of weeks ago; weeded, cleaned and mulched planting beds; removed some grass from the checkermallow reserves to give them a little breathing room; and last, but most definitely not least, we removed the old entry drive gate, thanks to Brad Bennett’s and Jim Dinn’s incredible efforts and problem solving. Thanks to Janet for refreshments. Thanks to all for the hard work and pleasant social interaction. Members: Brad Bennett, David Cooper, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Gwyneth Iredale, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Meg Kieran, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Linda Parks, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan.

Below:

A relaxed and sunny break on the patio for the grounds clean-up crew on May 22.

Photo by Darko Sojak.



Lodge & Grounds Cleanup

May 27, 2021

Leader: David Cooper

Assistant Leader: John Jacobsen

Work Party: (Moderate)

WHAT A CREW! After such a long period of inactivity at the Lodge, what could there be to clean? Plenty. Dust and cobwebs for a start. We divided into area groups and got after it. From ceilings to floors, behind bookcases, counters, and windows (inside and out), everything got a thorough cleaning in preparation for upcoming events. As we had hoped, there was a big group of volunteers and the Lodge grounds got some extra care. Mowing, pruning, mulching, and even some demolition were the tasks taken on. That’s right, demolition: the old woodshed behind the Lodge is gone. Many thanks to the crew of 18 volunteers. Your work is much appreciated! Members: Joanna Alexander, Jan Anselmo, Ben Brown, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Jane Hackett, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Vern Marsonette, June Miller, Evelyn Nagy, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Karen Yoerger.



*Right:
Break time under cover
for 18 volunteers
working outside and inside
on May 27.
(It was raining.)
Photo by Janet Jacobsen*

MAY BOARD NOTES

May 5, 2021

By Dave Cooper

President Maryanne Reiter called the Zoom meeting to order. Board members present: Denise Bean, Dave Cooper, Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Jorry Rolfe, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Evelyn Nagy, Matt Bell, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, Stewart Hoeg, Kay Coots, Diane Schechter, Helen Martz, Darko Sojak, Angie Ruzicka, Carla Cooper, Randy Sinnott, John Jacobsen, Laura Anderson, Janet Jacobsen.

The Board approved the minutes for April, 2021.

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

Bus Trips (Jim Northrop): Given the higher cost of motel rooms in the week before Labor Day weekend, and the decision of the CDC that passengers wear masks on planes, trains, and buses through September 13, the Bus Committee is undecided on going forward with the August 31 bus trip. We may decide to postpone the Hood River trip until next year. No decision has been made.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee kicked off the 2021 Season with a climb of Diamond Peak on May 2 led by Trina Kanewa.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): 4/23 Work Party Hauled my DR to the Lodge, and along with Jim Northrop pushing the Club's lawnmower, we finished a long overdue mowing of the Obsidian grounds' tall grass prairie. Thanks to Jim for helping. **Fence update: 330-foot 3-strand T-Post fence** estimated cost proposed to Board: \$200–\$300, final cost of materials: \$180. **185-foot, 6-foot high, black chain link fence and 14-foot entry:** Final cost for Sam Tracer's work: \$1,000. Final cost for Highland Tree Service work: \$750. Final cost for CG Fence's installation of fence and gate: \$6,700. Estimating the fence projects costs was a moving target as we kept changing our thoughts on the best approach. In the end we requested, and the Board approved: up to \$3,000 for wire boundary fence and clearing for chain link fence along 29th. Final cost: \$1,930.23 (\$180.23+ \$1000 + \$750) and up to \$7,000 for chain link fence along 29th. Final Cost: \$6,700. In total, up to \$10,000 was approved for the two fence projects and to date we have spent \$8,630.23. I anticipate spending another \$400–\$500 for walk-on bark to dress up the area along the chain link fence before we plant the area this fall. While the main reason for installing the chain link fence along the front of our property is security of the Lodge, cleaning out that area and replanting along the fence will really improve the aesthetics of the Obsidian grounds as seen from 29th Avenue. (*Editor's Note: See the May Bulletin for a more comprehensive description of the project and photos.*)

Membership (Diane Schechter): One new member, Jody Boyles, for approval. Total membership is 408.

Online/Webmaster (Wayne Deeter): Steve contacted Datatrium regarding the errors we have been getting when accessing the Obsidian database that they host. They suggested they would be willing to move our database to a less busy

server. This has been done, with Steve and John making the needed changes on our end. This seems to be working much better now. Steve has made changes to the look of the main web site.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): First Aid kit locations were checked to see if they are all accounted for in their temporary locations during the COVID emergency. AED batteries checked.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): April was a good month. We had 29 trips, including two stewardship outings. When all is reconciled, the income from trips fees should be about \$270. There is a new theme in summer trips that has generated some enthusiasm. The Eugene to PCT trail was officially opened in 1994 but was never fully completed and not all segments of the trail are connected. However, some members are planning bike rides to fill in those gaps. Summer Trips intends to offer a variety of outings so people can have the chance to do all segments of the Eugene to Crest system. Watch for E2C in trip names on the schedule.

Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell): There was one outing this past month in Spencer Butte Park to clear drainage, add steps to the West Trail, and pick up litter. We all enjoyed the weather and blooming flowers during this outing.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed current changes from the CDC and Oregon Health Authority regarding vaccinated people, masks, and social distancing. Our COVID protocols will be edited to reflect these changes.

Denise Bean reviewed the understanding we have with Willamalane. She has solicited leaders to accompany the park district on several trips. Willamalane releases these leaders and the Obsidians from all liability. This partnership will be reviewed to assure that it is mutually beneficial.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Presentation: President Reiter facilitated the presentation of the Strategic Plan process, overarching goals, and strategies formed by the committee. The general membership will be invited to attend the June Board meeting to hear this presentation. Whether it will be in person, on Zoom, or a combination is still to be determined.

Stewardship Committee Formation: One outcome of the strategic planning process is the formation of a new committee. Motions were presented and approved to form the committee and accept the proposed bylaws, with Jorry Rolfe and Darko Sojak as co-chairs and Matt Bell, Dave Cooper, Jim Northrop, Angie Ruzicka, and Lyndell Wilken as members. If anyone else would like to serve on this committee, they may contact one of the co-chairs. The current Trails committee will be absorbed by this new committee. Lana Lindstrom presented a motion to add David Hawkins to the Summer Camp account at Oregon Community Credit Union. The Board approved the motion.

New Member approval: Jody Boyles.

ADJOURNMENT

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OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

June

8 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	Young 941-780-4156
9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Gould 510-368-8941
12 Sat	E2C Lookout Reservoir / Winberry Ridge Hike M	Cooper 868-5427
13 Sun	E2C Alpine Trail Mid-Section Hike D	Sojak 799-9199
14 Mon	Newport Bayfront / Beach Hike Hike E	Nagy 514-4110
15 Tue	Blacklock Point BkPk M	Hovis 731-3412
16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Morray 953-5679
16 Wed	Wild Iris Ridge w/added loop Hike M	Van Liefde 949-677-1379
16 Wed	South Sister Climb D	Reiter 521-8472
17 Thu	U of O Campus Walk Hike E	Alexander 458-209-7798
18 Fri	Mt Thielsen Climb D	Hansen 360-852-2041
18 Fri	Iron Mountain Hike M	Brown 214-930-6394
19 Sat	Middle Sister Climb D	Willhite 406-570-4514
20 Sun	Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
20 Sun	E2C Aubrey Mountain Loop Hike M	Sojak 799-9199
21 Mon	Belknap Crater Hike D	Bean 953-6868
22 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	Young 941-780-4156
23 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Straub 514-7298
23 Wed	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
25 Fri	Mt Adams Climb D	Reiter 521-8472
25 Fri	Browder Ridge Hike M	Yoerger 510-2832
27 Sun	Devil's Staircase / Dark Grove Hike D	Sayre 515-9450
28 Mon	Macduff Mountain Hike M	Johnson 520-2470
30 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
30 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	M Moore 520-6946
30 Wed	Mt Pisgah Hike E	Van Liefde 949-677-1379
30 Wed	Williams Lake Backpack BkPk M	Bean 953-6868

July

1 Thu	Horsepasture Mountain Hike E	Johnson 520-2470
3 Sat	Berry Creek & beach, cleanup WrkPrty E	Sojak 799-9199
7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Smith 520-488-9569
8 Thu	Olallie Mountain Hike M	Johnson 520-2470
11 Sun	OCT: Depoe Bay to Newport CarCmp M	Hougary 206-9532

12 Mon	Three Fingred Jack Loop Hike	Johnson 520-2470
14 Wed	Fox Hollow to Spencer Butte Hike M	Van Liefde 949-677-1379
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Rubenstein 248-514-5092
15 Thu	Oregon Dunes Hike	Hovis 731-3412
17 Sat	Buck Bridge to Trail Bridge Reservoir Hike D	Bean 953-6868
19 Mon	Chambers Lake Hike	Johnson 520-2470
21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters M	Rolfe 206-9501
23 Fri	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise (long) Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
25 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot Hike Hike E	Sojak 799-9199
25 Sun	OCT: Newport to Waldport CarCmp M	Hougary 206-9532
28 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Gould 510-368-8941

August

1 Sun	OCT: Waldport to Heceta Head ExtTrp M	Hougary 206-9532
4 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Miller 808-282-5201
9 Mon	Exploring Mt. Hood hike/camp CarCmp D	James 683-7488
11 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Rubenstein 248-514-5092
12 Thu	Matthieu Lakes / Yapoah Crater Hike M	Yoerger 510-2832
17 Tue	Hunts Cove Hike D	Cooper 868-5427
18 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Rolfe 206-9501
21 Sat	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise (long) Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
23 Mon	Marion Lake and Mountain Hike D	Bean 953-6868
25 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
25 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Miller 808-282-5201

September

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Smith 520-488-9569
8 Wed	Tam McArthur Rim Hike M	Cooper 868-5427
12 Sun	Tenas Lakes BkPk M	Bean 953-6868
18 Sat	Mt McLoughlin Climb D	Kanewa 525-1709
19 Sun	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise (long) Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
20 Mon	U of O Campus Walk Hike E	Alexander 458-209-7798
25 Sat	National Public Lands Day TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION about our activities, visit the Obsidian website: obsidians.org
If you plan to join Obsidian trips, be prepared to abide by our protocols: [COVID-19 Protocols](#)

Welcome
New Member!

Jim Conaghan
Eugene, 97405



Ridgeline Tie Trail closed for resurfacing on weekdays.

EUGENE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SEASONAL STAFF HAVE BEEN PREPARING THE TIE TRAIL for a private contractor to start resurfacing the trail in June and July. The Tie Trail connects the Fox Hollow to 52nd and Willamette section of the Ridgeline Trail to the Meadow Junction before the last half mile to the Spencer Butte summit. The Tie Trail portion will be closed Monday–Friday, 7 AM–4 PM while the crew is working, but will be open outside of those times. The trail section between Fox Hollow and the 52nd and Willamette trailhead will remain open.

Matt Bell, Trail Maintenance Chair

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Appendix: New Stewardship Committee Bylaws

A committee of three or more members that shall take charge of Obsidian planning and promoting participation in stewardship activities. The Committee shall be responsible for the following tasks:

1. Preparing a schedule of stewardship activities.
2. Maintaining a list of active stewardship partners (government agencies and nonprofit organizations), contacts and agreements.
3. Coordinating activities with partners (to jointly engage in stewardship activities).
4. Providing and publishing guidelines for project leaders and participants.
5. Cooperating with the Safety Committee, with a view toward making the projects as safe as possible.
6. Collecting Project Reports and Signup Sheets.
7. Forwarding the Project Reports to the Publications Committee and the Signup Sheets to the Historian.
8. The Chair shall report on Committee activities at the Annual Meeting and make reports at the monthly Board meetings.



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