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## Dates to Remember

October 13	Board Meeting
October 19	Zoom ExploraTalk
October 29	Bulletin Deadline
November 3	Board Meeting

**Remember: It is time to renew your membership!**



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## Summer Camp 2022

*Sue Wolling*

**S**UMMER HAS JUST ENDED, BUT PLANS ARE ALREADY IN THE WORKS for next year’s Summer Camp—so mark your calendars!

Summer Camp 2022 will take place Sunday, July 31–Saturday, August 6. It will be based at Cascade Peaks RV Park, between Randle and Packwood, Washington. Hiking opportunities abound! Mount Rainier National Park and Goat Rocks Wilderness Area are both close by, and it’s only a little farther to explore Mount St. Helens or Mount Adams.



Whether you plan to stay in a tent, RV, or motel, mark your calendars now for Summer Camp 2022. Watch upcoming *Bulletins* for more information. Registration will begin in early March.

## Annual Meetings, Past & Present

*Janet Jacobsen*

**YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED BY WHAT YOU LEARN ABOUT THE OBSIDIANS** when reading the *Bulletins* in the online archive. For instance, in the 1940s and 1950s, at the annual meetings, members were told to elect six men and three women to the Board each year. A dinner or potluck was held with the meeting. One year, a gong was used to keep the committee reports short. The meetings were held in October in various places around Eugene and Springfield until our Lodge was completed in 1961. At that time, members donated \$5 for each of the 100 metal chairs. In 2005, while the entryway reconstruction was in process, the Obsidians gathered for the Annual Meeting at the EWEB Training Center. Last year, because of COVID, the 2020 Meeting was canceled.

This year, on Friday, October 8, we watched the meeting on Zoom from comfortable chairs at home. The annual committee reports and president’s address will be included in the November *Bulletin*. This year’s trip and leader award recipients are highlighted in the current *Bulletin*, beginning on page 4. The award emblems will be distributed during hikes and club activities, or mailed. Congratulations to all those who earned an award!

With luck, next year we will be meeting in person again, enjoying an ice cream social beforehand, and wishing we had a more comfortable chair.

### Annual Meeting Locations Over the Years

- \* 1937 & 1938 River Road Community House
- \* 1939 & 1940 Anchorage (dinner was 75 cents)
- \* 1941 Fairmount Presbyterian Hall (dinner was 65 cents)
- \* 1942 Episcopal Parish Hall (dinner was 85 cents)
- \* 1943 River Road Women’s Club House (A potluck since dinners were expensive)
- \* 1944 Episcopal Church Parish Hall
- \* 1945 Fairmount Presbyterian Church
- \* 1948 & 1949 Four Oaks Grange Hall
- \* 1950 Veteran’s Memorial Hall
- \* 1951 Mary’s Episcopal Hall
- \* 1952–1957 Willamalane Memorial Building (765 A street)
- \* 1958 & 1959 Eugene Garden Club (1645 High St.)
- \* 1960 Water Board building (58-minute meeting for plans to build a clubhouse)
- \* 1961 The new Obsidian Lodge

# IN MEMORIAM

**Rex Stevens**

**May 21, 1924–August 8, 2021**

**A**FTER ATTENDING THE 1963 SUMMER CAMP Rex, his wife Shirley, and their four children joined the Obsidians. He went on twenty-seven climbs with the club and led fourteen, which included five of Mt. St. Helens before it erupted. His 1976 trip report captures the challenges for pre-eruption climbers: *Just below the Dogs Head we turned west across a small snow field which indicated we needed crampons and ropes to proceed. We headed directly into the Ice Fall of Forsyth Glacier. Our first crossing included a nice "little" jump across a crevasse. This was just a warmup. We encountered a mass of ice blocks and crevasses which taxed the leader to find a route that would go. We chopped steps up two ice walls after a pressure climb out of an ice chimney. Time consuming but great fun. Climbing proficiency of the group was good as no one had trouble with the stretch, corners, etc. (You should have been there!) The balance of the climb was a traverse through the remaining crevasses to the standard Lizard Route and ugh! - up the mountain.*

At the 2006 Open House for the Obsidian Lodge renovation, Rex was one of two who stood when it was asked if anyone was present who also had volunteered to build the Lodge in the 1960s. He sent these notes after the open house: *...Clarence Landes and I did a lot of work on re-routing the roads and creating parking. I was still in the equipment business and would bring a loader/backhoe to the site. We helped build the McLaughlin (climbing) wall and all manner of other projects. ... It was great fun knowing it was in memory of my climbing partners... the great joys of taking our family to Summer Camps, the activities of the Climbing Committee, and sometimes leader and Board member....* He concluded his notes with a closing of: *Don't step on the rope.*

After retirement, Jim and Shirley joined the Peace Corps and spent two years in the Philippines. They are buried at the Gillespie Butte Historic Cemetery in Eugene.

*Editor's note: A complete obituary can be found in the September 19, 2021 issue of The Register Guard*

## Remembering Ron Robinson

**R**ON ROBINSON, WHO STARTED THE SCORPIONS ABOUT 16 YEARS AGO, died September 23, 2021. He began his volunteer work with the Forest Service removing downed trees, rocks, and brush to make trails accessible. Eventually the group of volunteers became known as the Scorpions. Though not an Obsidians member, after the 2016 ice storm Ron brought his chain saw to help our grounds crew clear out downed trees at the Obsidian Lodge. Obsidians, especially those who volunteered with Ron, recognize the countless hours of service he gave to improve the trails that he loved.



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# SEPTEMBER BOARD NOTES

September 1, 2021

## From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein

President Maryanne Reiter called the outdoor meeting to order. Board members present: Denise Bean, Dave Cooper, Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Kay Coots, David Atkin, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Lana Lindstrom, Stewart Hoeg, and Carla Cooper.

The Board approved the minutes for July 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):** With the recent surge of COVID-19 cases, plans for a Fall Color Bus Trip to Odell Lake Lodge are presently on hold.

**Conservation/SciEd (Kay Coots and Angie Ruzicka):** The CSE committee met in July and planned a fall schedule of ExploraTalks centered on wildfires. At the time we planned two talks at the Lodge and one Zoom. We are now working on changing the anticipated Lodge presentations to possible Zoom presentations. Additionally, the committee plans to organize a group of Obsidians interested in reading and discussing Timothy Egan's *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America*. Angie has prepared an article for the September *Bulletin* announcing this activity. Discussed having a walk on UO campus showcasing sustainability efforts by the UO. This is scheduled for September 14.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** Four members of the Finance Committee met with our new insurance company representative at the Lodge to review our coverage. Committee members Sue Zeni and Laura Osinga audited the Treasurer for 2020. Worked with US Bank to add an Obsidian credit card, reviewed our Vanguard account, and will recommend to the Board an updating of the club members who will be authorized to transact on the account.

**Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** All the trips from the June *Bulletin* have been recorded. The Historian Committee provided information for Chuck Reul's In Memoriam for the July *Bulletin*. He was a member from 1990–2008. Norm Benton's niece gave his slides and newspaper clippings to Maryanne. Bert Ewing is scanning those materials as well as Lloyd Plaisted's slides to add to the archives.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Work Party July 8:** A small work party did a big job with the last mowing of the summer before things got too dry to do it safely. Thanks to Janet Jacobsen, Vern Marsonette, and Jim Northrop for helping. Donation: Thanks to Obsidian member Valerie Metcalfe for donating several yards of bark-o-mulch to us for use on the grounds. Thanks to Jim Northrop for helping load, haul, and unload the mulch and to Dave Cooper for helping unload.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** This year, online renewals and payments will not be available because the website and database management is in transition. This information will be included in the *Bulletin* article about renewals.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** Steps were taken to notify trip

leaders that Obsidian first aid kits will no longer be checked out starting October 1. An article has been submitted to the *Bulletin* encouraging all members to carry their own first aid kit. Once COVID diminishes, efforts to host a first aid kit assembly meeting at the Lodge will begin. Some first aid supplies will be available for free.

**Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak):** On July 3, Darko Sojak led a beach cleanup at Florence's North Jetty where 14 people picked up 51 lbs. of trash.

**Summer Trips (Dave Cooper):** For August we had 27 trips. The participation numbers were 205 members and 16 non-members. The fees collected totaled \$300. The fire closures above Oakridge have made our efforts to offer trips on all portions of the Eugene to Crest Trail system improbable at best. We will have to settle for Eugene to Westfir this year. Obtaining permits for the Central Cascades Wilderness areas hasn't been a problem. Leaders have been able to get permits in the rolling 7-day window by getting online at 7:00 AM. We need more leaders to offer trips into the permitted areas. Contact Summer Trips if you have questions about the permit process.

## OLD BUSINESS

Update on COVID Protocol by Dave Cooper. The club is maintaining state guidelines—wear a mask, or stay 6 feet apart and keep a mask handy. Even though the new protocols apply to all, regardless of vaccination status, leaders and drivers may ask participants about their vaccination status.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Stewart advised the Board that the signature authorizations for the club's Vanguard account have remained unchanged since the account was opened in 2006. The current list of signers is woefully out-of-date and should be updated. Stewart recommended that the list of authorized individuals be revised to include the continuation of Nelson Stewart Hoeg, club Treasurer, and the addition of two new signers, Finance Committee and Board member David Hawkins and Finance Committee and Board member Laura Osinga. The club approved the motion to revise the signer list.
- The club's tax status change was discussed. At the July meeting the Board voted to retain the services of lawyer David Atkin who specializes in working with nonprofits. Denise Bean introduced Mr. Atkin and he outlined the process and the timeline, the effects on the club, and answered any remaining questions. The club can apply to the IRS in about a month and begin functioning as a 501(c)3 nonprofit at that time. The whole process should take about 8–9 months.
- 2020 General Fund Internal Audit results. One of the tasks of the Obsidian Finance Committee is to periodically audit the accounting of the General, Bus, Summer Camp, and Extended Trip Funds. For calendar year 2020, Laura Osinga and Sue Zeni met with Stewart Hoeg on August 24, 2021, to audit the General Fund.

The results showed that Stewart is doing an *excellent* job as Treasurer. We're lucky to have him, and hopefully he will

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# 2021 Awards

Carla Cooper and Janet Jacobsen



**JANE HACKETT 200 LEADER AWARD.**

A member since 1978 and President in 1991, Jane has led 7 climbs, 34 Eel Creek hikes, 53 snow trips, and has recently led hiking/car camping trips to her favorite places in eastern Oregon. She has led 230 of her 574 trips. Scouting for new trips to share with Obsidians is always on Jane's schedule.

*Photographer: Esme Greer*



**DAVE COOPER 100 LEADER AWARD.**

Dave, the Winter and Summer Trips Chair, Lodge Chair, and Board member, actually has time to hike and lead trips. A hip and a knee replacement in 2020 did not slow him down. His trail clearing work with the Scorpions also helps keep the trails accessible for us all.

*Photographer: Carla Cooper*



**DARKO SOJAK 100 LEADER AND 400 TRIPS AWARDS.**

Where's Darko? Leading, hiking, taking photos, and poring over maps to offer so many off the beaten track adventures. Find him on a sunrise hike, a moonlight walk or walking barefoot on the beach. Committed to leading beach cleanups and other work parties, Darko is a natural fit for co-chair of the new Stewardship Committee.

*Photographer: Angie Ruzicka*



**LANA LINDSTROM 100 LEADER AWARD.** A member since 1999, Lana has led 28 extended trips, 6 summer camps, 6 water trips, 9 snow trips and a lot of hikes. She continues to be inspired and motivated to develop new ideas for trips and summer camps.

*Photographer: Nancy White*



**JOANNA ALEXANDER 25 LEADER AND 100 TRIPS AWARDS.** Is there a first out of the gate award? Joining the club in 2018, Joanna not only signed on for trips, but at full tilt, started leading. On her campus wanderabouts, Joanna loves to share her joy of the unique plants, trees, and landscaping. It is not surprising that she is a member of the Sci/Ed Committee.

*Photographer: Pat Soussan*

**SHARON CUTSFORTH 25**

**LEADER AWARD.** Sharon's bus trips were not to be missed. Sharon went on her first bus trip in 2004 and became the Bus Chair in 2015. She led bus trips, bus rallies, and unofficially, was the co-leader for every bus trip. Her scouting and attention to detail made for phenomenal trips such as the Southwest National Parks and Exploring the Olympic Peninsula.

*Photographer: John Jacobsen*



**ELIZABETH GRANT 25 LEADER**

**AWARD.** Soon after Elizabeth moved to Eugene from Maine with many outdoor skills, she joined the Obsidians in 2011 and led her first trip in 2013. Obsidian Loop, Silver Falls, and Blanton to Spencer Butte are among her favorite hikes.

*Photographer: Lynn Meacham*



**DENISE BEAN 25 LEADER**

**AWARD.** Nine months after joining the Obsidians, Denise led her first trip to Thurston Hills September 30, 2018. Not wasting any time, she continues to lead popular local, mountain, lake, and river hikes as well as serving on the Obsidians Board. The first day the McKenzie Highway was open, Denise led a trip to Belknap Crater.

*Photographer: Carla Cooper*





**TOMMY YOUNG 25 LEADER AND 300 TRIPS AWARDS.** Exploring tide pools, hiking mountain or desert trails, or backpacking to Blacklock Point, Tommy has been an enthusiastic member since he joined in 2013. A regular Wednesday morning hiker, Tommy recently started leading the Tuesday sunrise Blanton to Spencer Butte hikes.  
*Photographer: Jan Pylar*



**CAROLINE MOORE 300 TRIPS AWARD.** Caroline has been a regular Wednesday morning Spencer Butte hiker since her first hike April 2, 2014. Involved with Willamette Farm and Food Coalition, Caroline keeps us updated on how to keep local food in our pantries.  
*Photographer: Tommy Young*



**NANCY WHITFIELD 300 TRIPS AWARD.** Besides hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, kayaking, work parties, and summer camps, Nancy has participated in over 25 extended trips and car camps since she joined in 2004. She led a Redwoods extended trip and hopes to go on many more.  
*Photographer: Carla Cooper*



**HOLGER KRENTZ 300 TRIPS AWARD.** Why do hikers carry cameras? Holger knows—starting at the trail-head he helps us relive and enjoy the majestic scenery, the small treasures along the trail, and the camaraderie. Since he joined in 2012, Holger has quietly chronicled his hikes, bus trips, summer camps, extended trips and snowshoeing in the Obsidians online gallery.  
*Photographer: Randy Sinnott*



**KATHIE CARPENTER 200 TRIPS AWARD.** Kathie makes time from her work to hike, snowshoe, beach walk, and attend summer camp. It was typical of Kathy on the first trip (Bingo Lake) she led to write: *This was a lovely, enjoyable and delicious hike with a great group of hikers, who not only helped me out with all the logistics of being a first-time leader...*

*Photographer: Esme Greer*



**HILARY FISHER 200 TRIPS AWARD.** Hilary and her hardwood walking stick are familiar and pleasant company even on the coldest Wednesday morning hikes. Some of us are very glad that we learned about her rechargeable handwarmer.

*Photographer: Janet Jacobsen*



**NANCY HOECKER 200 TRIPS AWARD.** When she joined in 2016, Nancy started with the Wednesday morning Spencer Butte hikes and soon added beach and mountain hikes, work parties, and summer camp. An avid gardener and book reader, Nancy also finds time to travel and participate in Earthworks and other volunteer conservation projects.

*Photographer: Janet Jacobsen*



**LYNN MEACHAM 200 TRIPS AWARD.** Hikes, extended trips, backpacks, snowshoeing, and five summer camps—it is crystal clear that Lynn likes the challenge of longer hikes. Since she joined in 2010, Lynn has put on the miles and is often the first one on the summit. Does she ever wear out her hiking boots?

*Photographer: Steve Johnson*





**DENISE RUBENSTEIN 200 TRIPS AWARD.** As secretary and member of the Board, how did Denise squeeze in another 100 trips this past year? Her enthusiasm is unlimited. Denise leads walks at Hendricks Parks where she volunteers.

*Photographer: Lisa van Liefde*



**SUE WOLLING 200 TRIPS AWARD.** See Speedy Sue ski, bicycle, and hike. Now retired, Sue's adventures include biking in Alaska and backpacking at Goat Rocks in Washington.

*Photographer: Dave Lodeesen*



**EVELYN NAGY 200 TRIPS AWARD.** Evelyn's long list of trips includes hikes, summer camps, extended trips, and snow outings. What she likes best are the beach walks at super low tides and finding the best place to view a king tide. She is Entertainment co-chair and hopes to see all of you at a future potluck.

*Photographer: Janet Jacobsen*



**RANDY SINNOTT 200 TRIPS AWARD.** Randy joined in 2009, attended climb school, and then climbed Middle & South Sister, Mt. Washington, Mt. Whitney, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Shasta. He has a myriad of interests. What does Randy take for his trips? Binocs (birding), a paddle (kayaking), cross country skis, ice ax (climbs), hiking boots, a tent, and a swimsuit.

*Photographer: Darko Sojak*





**CARLA LYON 100 TRIPS AWARD.** When Carla joined the Wednesday hikers in November, 2014, she said she was a fair weather hiker. Surely it rained on one of her 198 Spencer Butte hikes? Neither snow, rain, nor heat stops Carla from mailing the membership packets to new members.

*Photographer: Janet Jacobsen*



**LYNDA CHRISTIANSEN 100 TRIPS AWARD.** A member since 1992, Lynda has brightened up hiking trails both here and abroad. Lynda also recently “adopted” Bobby Lake as a Cascade Volunteer.

*Photographer: Mark Hougardy*



**JOEL AND ESME GREER 100 TRIP AWARDS.** Was there even one trip that Esme and Joel did not enjoy? They joined in July 2016 and with enthusiasm began exploring Oregon on hikes and bus trips.

*Photographer: Kathy Randall*



**GWYNETH IREDALE 100 TRIPS AWARD.** Gwyneth’s list begins with the Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte and other hikes that fit well with her work schedule. Gwyneth is always looking out for others on the trail.

*Photographer: Carla Cooper*



**HELEN MARTZ 100 TRIPS AWARD.** Our member from Scotland has also led extended trips to the Columbia Gorge and Opal Creek, and even a bakery crawl. It is not a surprise that Helen quotes John Muir in her trip report: "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."  
*Photographer: Pat Soussan*



**RICH ROMM 100 TRIPS AWARD.** Rich completed his 100<sup>th</sup> trip on the recent Obsidian Grand Tour that included Opie Dilldock Pass. Since he joined in 1994, Rich has hiked Opie Dilldock at least ten times and led it five times in spite of the worst weather, snow, fog, cold, wind, and no views.  
*Photographer: Steve Johnson*



**ANGIE RUZICKA 100 TRIPS AWARD.** With much energy and in the process of retiring, Angie has gone on 170+ trips since she joined in December, 2018. An early riser, she has led four Blanton Ridge sunrise hikes. She also serves as co-chair of the Sci/Ed Committee and writes articles for the *Bulletin*.  
*Photographer: Esme Greer*



**PEG STRAUB 100 TRIPS AWARD.** When Peg joined in March 2019, she became a regular Spencer Butte and Pisgah hiker. Observant and curious, Peg was the first to notice the unusual golden snow fleas on the Spencer Butte steps. Ask Peg about gardening, recycling, or her love of tide-pools.  
*Photographer: Janet Jacobsen*



# Rookie Leader of the Year



**KAREN YOERGER ROOKIE LEADER OF THE YEAR.** After starting to lead urban hikes, Karen soon added trips focused on wildflowers, then took on mountain hikes like Castle Rock and Browder Ridge. She scouts the trails so she knows what lies ahead and can keep her group informed. When poor weather discouraged an already rescheduled special permit trip, Karen substituted a local hike to explore Black Oak Basin not too far from the Lodge. We appreciate this new leader's competence, flexibility, and initiative!

*Photographer: Esme Greer*

## Fall Hikes

*Brenda Kameenui*



**H**AVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW YOU CAN GIVE BACK TO THE **OBSIDIANS**, the club of friendly people who love the outdoors as you do? One easy way is to lead a hike. You might start with a short, nearby hike that you know well, or one you can scout with relative ease. Do it once, and you'll be ready to lead again.

Leaders should consider the following when leading a hike:

Carry a first-aid kit and 10 essentials.

Select a sweep for the tail end of your hikers. (I ask hikers to always make sure they can see or hear the person behind them, or wait until they can.)

Have hikers stop at all junctions in the trail to wait for others.

Whether it's your first or third time out as a leader, you might enjoy an easy local autumn hike. You will make Obsidian enthusiasts very happy.

**Sweet Creek Falls Trailhead, Sweet Creek Road, Mapleton:** Sweet Creek Falls, Siuslaw National Forest. Just 46 miles from Eugene, you'll find multiple waterfalls, large maple trees, and splendid color along the trail.

**Dorris Ranch in Springfield:** Walk this historic hazelnut orchard along the riverfront as a loop at Dorris Ranch or hike or bike the Middle Fork Path that connects Dorris Ranch and Clearwater Park along the Willamette River.

**Peavy Arboretum at Oregon State University:** Grounds include walking paths featuring trees native to the Pacific Northwest and from other parts of the world.

**Finley Wildlife Refuge:** Off Hwy. 99W—a beautiful place to hike and spot native wildlife in protected habitat.



## TRIP REPORTS



### Backpacks

#### Perseid Meteor Shower Overnight

August 11, 2021

Leader: Russ Davies

Backpack: 7 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

**W**ITH SMOKE IN THE AIR FROM LOCAL FIRES and 100+ temperatures in Eugene, an intrepid crew of eight wandered up to the north side of Waldo Lake to camp by a no name lake between Waldo and Lower Rigdon Lake on Trail 3555. There was some doubt if the smoke would clear, but it eventually did for some prime star-gazing. There were a handful of amazing streaks of light seen, but you had to be patient for them. With the exception of an occasional plane, the quiet seemed nearly absolute. Skies remained clear in the morning and we got to see Waldo Lake, which had been shrouded in smoke the day before. The final course for breakfast, which was provided by Russ, was a blueberry parfait with hand whipped cream! Thanks to Kathy for assisting with the whipping. We left our backpacks behind and did a 5-mile loop around Rigdon Butte with daypacks. There were many lakes with suitable campsites for future trips. Upon returning to camp, we could see the winds had shifted and smoke was beginning to work its way across Waldo Lake. By the time we hiked the two miles back to the parking lot in near 90-degree heat, the smoke had covered the lake again, but not enough to discourage us from a quick, refreshing dip in Waldo Lake. Members: Donna Bloomfield, Russ Davies, Michael Myers, Linda Parks, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Diana Wheat. Nonmembers: Martin Lisk.

#### Three Sisters PCT Section Hike

September 12, 2021

Leader & Photographer: Russ Davies

Backpack: 25 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

**AFTER SCANNING SMOKE ALERTS AND TRIPCHECK CAMERAS** on the morning of September 12, 2021, trip leader Russ Davies and assistant-leader-by-default Andy McIvor decided *What the heck*, and headed to the hills. This was scheduled to be a three-day romp on the Pacific Crest Trail from Devils Lake to Hwy. 242, but with hazy skies and only two people, it turned into a one-car trip. Magically, beyond Willamette Pass, the skies cleared for the duration of the trip, so bottled oxygen was not required. Granted it was Sunday afternoon, but clearly the new permit system is having its intended affect. There was no line of cars parked on Cascade Lakes Highway, and the parking lots at Devils Lake and Green Lakes were only modestly full. Parking was easy. The permit checkers were out: Forest Service volunteers checked us at the trailhead and rangers checked later at Green Lakes. By group consensus, we changed the route to a circumnavigation of South Sister. Mileage increased, as did leg aches. The hike to Green Lakes was the usual pleasant experience along Fall Creek, and we were shocked to see only four others in the usually busy Green Lakes campground. After a late lunch, we

pushed on to Park Meadow, where we set up camp near a babbling brook. The meadow delighted with fall golden bunchgrass, and the full view of Broken Top was broken only by the equally spectacular visage of a crumbling South Sister. Although only a 10-mile day, we settled in early for a 12-hour nap. The next day, after unfreezing the water bottles for coffee and oatmeal, we were mildly alarmed to be following Green Lakes trail north and east of our destination, the saddle between Middle and South Sisters. And it was downhill, which meant that when we finally gained the proper direction at the Camp Lake trail junction, we had a long uphill. This was through the ghost forest of an old burn, repopulating with many new 3–4 ft. trees. The forest returneth, but slowly. We took a break at Soap Creek, a raging green-gray stream carrying to the sea the minerals and sediments of Middle Sister. We wanted to get to Chambers Lakes, on the other side the saddle at 7,400 ft., so pushed past Camp Lake for the full 11.5-mile slogfest. The lakes are at low ebb, reflecting the miniscule size of the remaining glaciers. We were hiking right through the end of the glacier epoch, hurried out the door by the hottest summer in Oregon's history. We camped in a large bowl containing the remnants of a lake, with giant rock slides coming off Middle Sister to our north, and South Sister to our south. As water boiled for supper, the half-moon rose over the flanks of Lady South. It felt just like the Galen Rowell book, *In the Throne Room of the Mountain Gods*. On the final day, beautiful weather and blue skies continued to grace us as we went through some of the prettiest alpine heather and meadow to the PCT. We swung south through mature forest into another large old burn, this one through old growth. The trees seemed no less stately for their black-and-white final years, particularly enhanced by fields of blue fireweed. Fireweed is now shedding its fluffy seeds. With the sunlight slanting just so, it was like walking through a dream-scape of fairy lint on its way to the Country Fair. Our last leg was across the Sisters version of the Plains of Abraham, under the sun, as the trail stretched a mile before us. We half expected a camel caravan to pass in the distance. Then down through the forest and along the highway back to the Pius when, after 13.5 miles, it was nice to make some yardage while sitting. Low elevation: 5,428 ft. High elevation: 7,500 ft. Distance 35 miles. Members: Russ Davies, Andrew McIvor.



*Green Lake and the South Sister.*





## Bike Trips

### Harrisburg Country Loop

August 29, 2021

Leader: Darko Sojak

Bike: 30.5 miles, 384 ft. (Moderate)

**WE HAD SUNSHINE AND PLENTY OF HEADWIND** on today's 30.5-mile, quiet Harrisburg Country Loop bike ride. Members: Leah Firth, Whitney Gould, Richard Hughes, Gwyneth Iredale, Lana Lindstrom, Jessica Moll, Terry Nelson, Angie Ruzicka, Dale Schaper, Darko Sojak, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Meredith Anderson.



## Climbs

### Mt. Washington

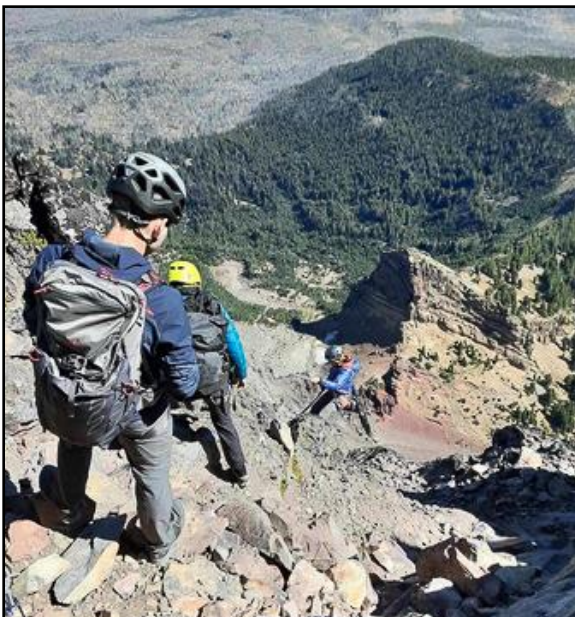
September 15, 2021

Leader: Marci Hansen

Assistant Leader & Photographer: Maryanne Reiter

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

**THE MID-WEEK CLIMB OF MOUNT WASHINGTON** BEGAN AT 6 AM at the trailhead. We headed off under clear skies and quickly gained the ridge, where the wind and moisture were blowing in from the westside. Once we got to the start of the climb, the clouds and blowing fog subsided, but the wind persisted. We efficiently got up and down the mountain, being the only climbing party that day. Once off the rock, we scree-skied down the mountain and were back to the trailhead before 5 PM, happy for a less than 11-hour day. Members: Michael Dunne, Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Joshua Arreola, Scott Ludford.



*Marci setting up the first rappel on Washington.*



## Hikes

### Brice Creek

August 21, 2021

Leader: Kathie Carpenter

Hike: 10.8 miles, 1,880 ft. (Difficult)

**BRICE CREEK IS A REAL TREASURE; IT'S AN EASY DRIVE FROM EUGENE;** lushly landscaped with moss, ferns and spectacular big ol' trees; and it offers enough entry points and side trails that you can make your hike long or short, easy or challenging. (It can be crowded though.) We hiked southeast from Cedar Creek Campground in a lollypop-shaped path—assuming lollypops are triangular—that took us behind Upper Trestle Creek Falls down to Champion Creek, and back along Brice Creek for a bracing swim in a 43-degree pool. The wildlife highlight was an amazing flash of blue that turned out to be a juvenile skink, and the lunch highlight was Mi's freshly-picked cherry tomatoes. It was also fun to see numerous locals out panning for gold in the creek. We were glad that we took the loop clockwise rather than counter clockwise, as is usually recommended, because the Trestle Creek Falls trail from Brice Creek up to the falls was steep and heavily eroded in places, and would have been treacherous to descend. The portion of the trail from the falls to Champion Creek was much easier to go down. The signage on these trails is pretty confusing—at least to me—so I recommend that you use a good map or app instead. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Janet Jacobsen, Kathy Randall, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Mi Zhao.

### University of Oregon Campus

#### Design & Architecture

August 26, 2021

Leader: Helen Martz

Assistant Leader: Kay Coots

Hike: 2 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

**RETIRED UO CAMPUS PLANNER FRED TEPPER PROVIDED TWELVE OF US INTERESTING AND UNIQUE INFORMATION** regarding the UO campus design and buildings. The walk took us from the original campus building through the decades to some of the most recently constructed buildings, with discussion as to how the design and layout was created and how the original design changed through the years. Many thanks to Fred for sharing his time and knowledge about the UO campus! Members: Kay Coots, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Kathy Hoeg, Yuan Hopkins, Lana Lindstrom, Lisa Marks, Helen Martz, Wally Miller, Evelyn Nagy. Nonmembers: Carol Ipsen.

### The Wife

August 27, 2021

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 10 miles, 1,700 ft. (Difficult)

**THIS WAS A GREAT DAY FOR A HIKE.** We had mild temperatures, partly cloudy skies, no mosquitoes, and amazingly smoke-free views of the Cascades from the summit of The

Wife. After our ten-mile hike, some of us stopped at the Elk Lake Resort for a very relaxing drink and dinner from their beautiful patio overlooking Elk Lake. Members: Kathie Carpenter, David Cooper, Marti Gerdes, Whitney Gould, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Barbara Orsi, Angie Ruzicka, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra.



*Middle and South Sister.*

### **Opie Dilldock**

**August 31, 2021**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Hike: 16 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)**

A COOL MORNING WITH CLEAR SKIES GREETED THE TEN OBSIDIANS on this hike to Opie Dilldock Pass. We started at the Lava Camp Lake Trailhead and followed the PCT, making a stop at Yapoah Crater to run to the top, and at Collier Glacier viewpoint for lunch. On the return we stopped at North Matthieu Lake for a quick swim before heading back to our vehicles. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marti Gerdes, Whitney Gould, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Jean Harris, Steven Johnson, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall, Mi Zhao.

### **Marys Peak**

**September 5, 2021**

**Leader: Lisa Van Liefde**

**Hike: 8.5 miles, 2,044 ft. (Moderate)**

DUE TO HIGH SMOKE LEVELS NEAR VIVIAN LAKE, the trip was changed to Marys Peak, the East Ridge Trail. We began at Conner's Camp and hiked via the Tie Trail to the peak where all enjoyed clear views and beautiful weather while eating lunch. The original plan was for 6.1 miles and 1,560 ft. elevation gain, but after lunch, we all decided to add the Summit Loop at the top, for a total trail length of 8.5 miles and 2,044 gain. A wonderful group and gorgeous day. Many stopped in Monroe afterwards for refreshments. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Emily Rice, Gwyneth Iredale, Valerie Metcalfe, Barbara Orsi, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Wolling.

### **Broken Top Crater**

**September 9, 2021**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Photographer: Esme Greer**

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

THE HIKE TO NO NAME LAKE, NEXT TO BROKEN TOP, is one of Oregon's most spectacular hikes. It offers sweeping views from Tam McArthur Rim of the Cascades, Three Creeks

Lake, and the surrounding countryside, plus No Name Lake is one of Oregon's most beautiful high alpine lakes. A group of seven Obsidians took on this challenging cross-country hike in spite of the predicted heavy smoke. We did miss out on any views of the Cascades, however we made it to our goal of No Name Lake. Members: Brad Bennett, Kathie Carpenter, Whitney Gould, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson.



*No Name Lake and Broken Top.*

### **Black Oak Basin Explora**

**September 10, 2021**

**Leader: Karen Yoerger**

**Hike: 4 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)**

THE ORIGINALLY PLANNED MATTHIEU LAKES HIKE was re-purposed to a Black Oak Basin Explora Hike after only two of us remained signed up for the Matthieu Lakes hike. We had both been to Matthieu Lakes recently and, since the weather forecast for McKenzie Pass included rain and wind, we opted to substitute this local hike. Black Oak Basin is one of the City of Eugene's newer acquisitions. It is named Bloomberg Park on the Ridgeline Trail Map and is near Coryell Ridge and Moon Mountain. The access is from the west end of Bloomberg Road. The old road and trails had been brushed to keep the blackberries at bay, which made for easy walking. There were many fine old black and white oak trees. Lots of pale blue chicory and some yellow moth mullein were still blooming by the road. The area was recommended by a birder, but we only saw a few birds: spotted towhee, scrub jay, black-capped chickadee, bushtit, wren-tit, song sparrow, and a northern flicker feather. There is little signage and, after wandering the area in two general loops, we found ourselves a few hundred yards down the road from our car at a Coryell Park trailhead. Dorothy van Winkle was the Assistant Leader today. All in all, it was a pleasant two-hour walk on a cloudy fall day, and worth another visit. Members: Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger.

### **Obsidian Lodge/Agate St. Loop**

**September 11, 2021**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 4.5 miles, 450 ft. (Easy)**

**DID PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR THE SWIFTS OR FOR THE ICE CREAM?** Gathering at an open space at Washburne Park at



5:30 PM, our loop included the Masonic Cemetery, Ribbon Trail, the new Lodge fence, and Hendricks Park. While waiting by the bathroom, Rick spotted the swifts flying above the park and gave an informative overview. We made a swift descent to the playground in back of Prince Puckler's just in time for our planned 7:30 viewing of the Vaux's swifts circling and diving into the Agate Hall chimney. It was a balmy evening, perfect for viewing and waiting in a long line for ice cream or other nearby treats. Later Rick talked with Barbara Coombs, who counted about 8,700 birds and said that now was the peak of the migration in Eugene. Rick suggested that if you want to view other chimneys on the West Coast, check out this site: [www.vauxhappening.org/na-sb-2020.html](http://www.vauxhappening.org/na-sb-2020.html) Our phone flashlights were helpful in walking back on uneven sidewalks to our cars. Members: Rick Ahrens, Carol Babcock, Marguerite Cooney, Hilary Fisher, Richard Hughes, Gwyneth Iredale, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, Lynn Meacham, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: George Ambrosini.

## University of Oregon Sustainability Walk

September 14, 2021

Leader: Kay Coots

Hike: 3 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)

THE CONSERVATION, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE ARRANGED FOR 14 OBSIDIANS to be one of the first groups privy to the UO's new sustainability tour. Steve Mital, UO Sustainability Director, provided insight into several current sustainability efforts pursued by university students, faculty, and staff. We learned about UO commuting strategies, recycling efforts, stormwater protection, water conservation and energy saving efforts. We also learned that this is the first of a series of three tours created to showcase UO sustainability efforts. Plans are already in the works for taking the additional two tours! Members: Joanna Alexander, Mari Baldwin, Patricia Cleall, Kay Coots, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Sheridan Gates, Nancy Giammatteo, Nancy Hoecker, Kathy Hoeg, Lisa Marks, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Peg Straub.

## Fuji Mountain

September 15, 2021

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

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

THE HIKE BEGAN FROM THE WALDO ROAD FUJI MT. TRAILHEAD and headed to Birthday Lake where we stopped to drink, eat a snack, and enjoy the green water of the lake and the blue sky above. Temperatures were moderate which made the uphill trek of 2,200 ft. to Fuji Mt. comfortable. Fortunately, the smoke where we were hiking was not a problem, but as we gazed down on Waldo Lake from the top of the mountain, our view of the lake was obscured by smoke hanging at the lower elevations. The surrounding Cascade peaks were not visible either. Despite our limited view, we enjoyed the sunshine and green expanse of trees surrounding Fuji Mt. A stop at Verde Lake on the return trip gave everyone a chance to get rested for the final three miles back to the cars. A good time was had by all and it was great to take several hikers to the top that had never been there before. Hopefully they can return in the future to catch the beautiful view of Waldo Lake on a clear day. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, June Miller, Michael Myers, Lyndell Wilken, Karen Yoerger, Tommy Young.

## Wild Iris Ridge Evening Loop

September 15, 2021

Leader: Lisa Van Liefde

Hike: 4.4 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

LOVELY AFTER-WORK HIKE WITH HAPPY PARTICIPANTS! The trail brush has been cleared, so it was easy to find the upper loop trail this time. A bit early for sunset—will try again to catch it next time. Members: Donna Bloomfield, Jennifer Crim, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Lisa Van Liefde.

## E2C Elijah Bristow State Park

September 17, 2021

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 8 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THIS WAS A NEW TRAIL TO MOST OF THE GROUP. We started at the picnic area and headed northeast toward the river and dam. The trail was well-maintained and had great stretches along the river and through lush green canopy. Once we reached the dam, we had to scout to find the trail up to the top of the dam. We took a break in the shade at the top. On the way back we explored several different loops. The fearless leader had to turn around twice due to spur choices that went nowhere. A perfect Friday afternoon hike. Members: Denise Bean, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Whitney Gould, Nola Nelson, Elizabeth Koch, Vern Marsonette, Judith Moman, Jerry Pergamit, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield.

## Vivian Lake

September 19, 2021

Leader & Photographer: Lisa Van Liefde

Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,745 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN ENTHUSIASTIC HIKERS WERE READY TO BRAVE THE COLD AND RAIN TODAY. It was cold, but happily, there was very little rain. This hike has so much to offer in addition to Vivian Lake—three waterfalls: Salt Creek, Fall Creek, and Diamond Falls. Most of the group had not been to these before. At Vivian, we encountered just a hint of snow on the ground, and much more was sticking to the mountain above the lake! It was too cold to hang out for very long, so we warmed up by hiking down. We took the left trail via Diamond Falls, passed several viewpoints and returned to the cars. All agreed, a very nice day! Members: Gwyneth Iredale, Barbara Orsi, David Strutin, Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Wolling, Mi Zhao. Nonmembers: Mike Graham.



## Rosary Lakes

September 21, 2021

Leader: Jean Harris

Hike: 12 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY AT ROSARY LAKES and beyond with clear skies, plants and soil recently rained on, snow on Diamond Peak, great views, and three lakes to swim in. This group of four agreed to go farther up the trail, changing our mileage to 12 instead of 9 miles. This provided views south to snow covered Mt. Scott on the Crater rim and pointy Thielson. The air was refreshing with a gentle breeze and low 70s. Three hikers enjoyed a refreshing dip in the beautiful Lower Rosary Lake. Kathie enjoyed a dip in all three lakes. We left with curiosity to return and explore more of the area. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Jean Harris, Barbara Orsi, Paul Winther.

## Rigdon Lakes

September 22, 2021

Leader: Karen Yoerger

Assistant Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Hike: 8 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WERE SO MANY GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS HIKE that it is hard to mention all of them. The congenial group and enjoyable conversation really made for a wonderful day! The weather included a good mix of sun, clouds, light breeze, and minimal smoke. We had good views of Diamond Peak and Waldo Lake from the trail, of Upper Rigdon Lake from our snack spot, and of Kiwa Lake from our lunch on a rocky point. One person enjoyed wading in the lake after lunch. The group deftly maneuvered over and around some large logs on the lakes portion of the trail. On the return trail, we were amazed by the sudden plunge back into the forest at the boundary of the old burn. We enjoyed talking about the history of the area and explored the outlet to Waldo Lake that is the start of the North Fork Middle Fork of the Willamette River. We inspected fireweed seed pods and drying pearly everlasting flowers. Trees and shrubs included mountain hemlock, lodgepole pine, fir, golden chinquapin and willow. A highlight of the trip near Kiwa Lake was the great horned owl that flushed from a perch overhead and landed in a nearby snag, well within our view. No woodpeckers this day, but there was at least one pair of mountain bluebirds. And did I mention the wonderful group of hikers? Thanks to all for a great day! Members: Marti Gerdes, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Elizabeth Koch, Barbara Orsi, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Al Pakalniskis, Diana Gleason.

## Waldo Lake Full Loop

September 26, 2021

Leader: Darko Sojak

Assistant Leader: Lubos Hubata-Vacek

Hike: 22 miles, 1,600 ft. (Difficult)

COMPLETING THE JIM WEAVER (WALDO LAKE) TRAIL was one goal on my 2021 bucket list. Waldo Lake is a large, pure, deep blue, natural alpine lake in the Cascade Mountains north of Hwy. 58. Today, with a great group of Obsidians friends, we finished the 22-mile loop, averaging 3.4 moving miles per hour. We started at Shadow Bay and hiked clockwise, sharing the west-side trail with two dozen mountain bikers and a handful of backpackers. Just before noon, we stopped for a

brief lunch at a sunny northwest peninsula with a great view of Oregon's second deepest lake. After the lunch, we continued all northwest to the source of the North Fork Middle Fork Willamette River, and then east through the 1996 Charlton fire to the North Waldo Campground. On the last stretch of Trail 3590, between North Shore and Shadow Bay, we met only one long-distance runner, a couple of mountain bikers, and one person on an electric unicycle. At the end of the trail, Esme and Joel hosted a tailgate refreshment picnic. Thanks to all for a great day! Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Mike Graham.

## Amazon Headwaters/Fox Hollow/Spencer Butte/Mt. Baldy Hikes

Hikes: 3.5–8.5 miles, 630–1,900 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

Various Leaders

June Miller, Lana Lindstrom: 8/25 10 Members

Mike Smith: 9/1 8 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Lisa Van Liefde: 9/1 10 Members, 1 Nonmember

Whitney Gould: 9/4 11 Members, 9/22 13 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Randy Sinnott: 9/8 10 Members

Jorry Rolfe: 9/15 7 Members, 1 Nonmember

Whitney Gould: 9/22 13 Members, 2 Nonmembers

## Blanton Ridge Hike

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

Leader, Tommy Young: 8/24 4 Members, 8/31 4 Members, 9/7 6 Members, 9/14 4 Members, 1 Nonmember, 9/21 4 Members, 1 Nonmember

## Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hikes: 3.3–6.5 miles, 300–1,600 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Janet Jacobsen: 9/3 1 Member, 1 Nonmember, 9/19 12 Members, 1 Nonmember, 9/24 3 Members, 1 Nonmember

Darko Sojak: 9/11 2 Members

Denise Bean: 9/12 4 Members

David Cooper: 9/13 4 Members



## Stewardship

## Rosary Lakes Cleanup—Love A Lake

September 13, 2021

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Assistant Leader: Jan Anselmo

Photographer: Lana Lindstrom

Work Party: 7 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

THE FIRST OBSIDIAN STEWARDSHIP HIKE INTO ROSARY LAKES to clean campsites, trail and shorelines was a big success. The weather was excellent with blue smoke-free skies and sparkling green lakes. The goal of the hike was to



clean fire rings and all surrounding areas. The group hiked up to Middle Rosary Lake for lunch with a view of Pulpit Rock. Lyndell gave an introduction to the *Love A Lake* program that is being offered by the Cascade Volunteers. Participants were encouraged to think about adopting their own lake. The Obsidians will be adopting a lake in the future as well. Tin cans, a fishing rod, paper, and miscellaneous junk were carried out. Everyone felt good about the experience and learned that it is up to volunteers to keep our forest lakes pristine by reducing human impact. Members: Jan Anselmo, Lana Lindstrom, Barbara Orsi, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Chris Shuraleff, Meg Stewart Smith, Lyndell Wilken.



*The mountain ash was stunning!*

## National Public Lands Day

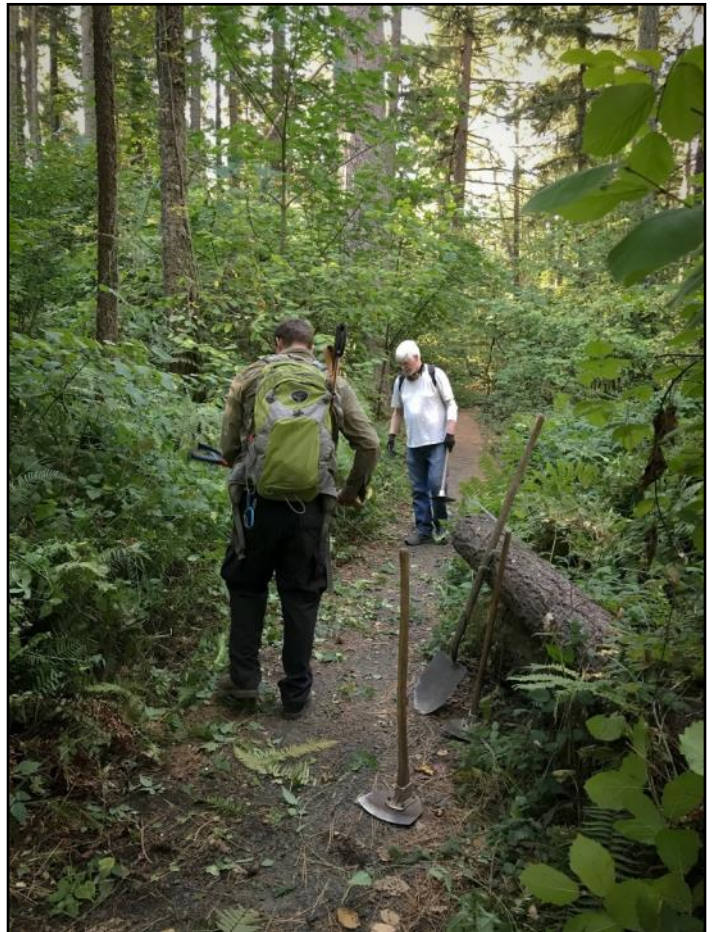
September 25, 2021

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

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

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS SET OUT FROM THE WILLAMETTE AND 52<sup>ND</sup> TRAILHEAD. We broke into two groups with Helen and Clara heading to the Spencer Butte trailhead to clean the steps, which they did immaculately. The remainder of our group headed up the Ridgeline Trail to cut back brush from the trailsides, and to clear drainage. We made short work of our day's tasks, returning to the trailhead to enjoy Janet's chocolate zucchini bread. Members: Matt Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan.



*Matt and Dan clearing brush along the Spencer Butte Trail.*

## Berry Creek & Beach Cleanup

September 25, 2021

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Work Party: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

SEVEN NIMBLE OBSIDIANS CLEANED THE AREA between Berry Creek and Lily Lake, followed by a cleanup of a large cranberry meadow between Berry Creek and the Baker Beach trail. Due to the COVID-related understaffing of the Forest Service, we were asked not to leave trash at Baker Beach. Bags with 66 lbs. of trash were strapped on the roof of the leader's car and transported for disposal at the Heceta Beach SOLVE station. Part of the group stopped at Chen's Family Dish for a tasty meal. Members: Sharon Duncan, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Barbara Orsi, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Mike Graham.



*Nancy found a large rope.*



*(Board Notes continued from page 3)*

be willing to continue in this position for a while longer! Quicken makes it very easy to split transactions among various committees and subsequently trace those transactions back to support documentation. In summary, we believe that good accounting practices are being followed by the Treasurer. Much thanks to Stewart for all the work he does and to all the Obsidians who have financial transactions and provide excellent supporting documentation.

• Updates from Strategic Planning task groups

**Leader Task Force:** Lana reported that this group has met only once so far but has already surpassed the original goal of increasing the number of leaders by 10%. This group is doing great work.

**Website and Database Task Force:** Marci has formed a small group that will meet soon and Request for Proposals will be sent out.

**Stewardship:** Jorry reports that great progress is being made and events are already happening—beach cleanup with Darko; Lyndell is sponsoring the first *Love a Lake* event at Rosary Lakes.

Another Strategic Planning Meeting will be scheduled after the Annual Meeting in October.

• Summer Camp 2022. Lana Lindstrom requested Board approval for the following Summer Camp members: Steve Johnson, Camp Boss, Sue Wolling, Dave Hawkins, Lynn Stearney, Angie Ruzicka, and Lana Lindstrom, Chair. The plan is to stay at Cascade Peaks RV Park and hike at Rainier National Park, Goat Rocks Wilderness, and in the St Helens area. There is not a contract with the RV park at this time. The proposed dates: July 31–August 6, 2022. The motion was approved.

• The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 8 and plans were made. It will be a Zoom meeting at 6:30 from Denise Bean’s office. Voting for next year’s officers will be done by a show of hands, awards will be given like last year, and a full list will appear in the *Bulletin*. A mass email will go out explaining how the meeting will work, along with the Zoom connection. A few prizes will be offered to attendees throughout the meeting.

• Club membership stands at 427 with the following new members approved: Carol Babcock, Susan Calhoun, Jerry Pergamit, Kim Davidson-Ruby, Tinker Flom, Lindsay Urquhart, Frank Webster, Judy Webster, Mi Zhao.

ADJOURNMENT

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## Welcome Back!

*Lenore McManigal*

*Historian Committee Chair*



*Rick on Canyon Creek Meadows hike. Photo by Janet Jacobsen.*

**T**HE OLD HANDWRITTEN LOG SHEETS WERE RETRIEVED from the inactive notebooks stored at my house to update trip numbers for two recently reinstated members. Charla Eubanks first joined in 1960 when she was thirteen years old. Charla did 70 trips, including 35 climbs, and led five climbs while a junior member. Rick McManigal was seven years old when he joined in 1963. He did 67 trips, including 25 climbs and led six climbs, most when he was a junior member. Both received their Three and Ten Peak patches. Perhaps they still have them.



*Charla on Brice Creek hike. Photo by Jean Harris.*



# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

## October

3 Sun Twin Craters Explora Hike **M** .....Sojak 799-9199  
3 Sun C.Tucker Memorial 4 in 1 Cone Hike **D** ..Smith 520-488-9569  
6 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Cooper 868-5427  
13 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** .....Miller 808-282-5201  
20 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** .....Morray 953-5679  
23 Sat North Bank Restoration Project Work Party ...Sojak 799-9199  
27 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
30 Sat Ridgeline Trail Maintenance **M** ..... Bell 503-884-88299  
9 Sat Green Lakes Hike **D**..... Carpenter 505-2370  
9 Sat NW Eugene Country Roads Loop Bike **M**.....Sojak 799-9199  
12 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**.Young 941-780-4156  
13 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**.....Miller 808-282-5201  
16 Sat West Metolius River Trail Hike **M** ..... Carpenter 505-2370  
19 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**.Young 941-780-4156  
20 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**.....Morray 953-5679  
20 Wed Maiden Peak Hike **D** .....Harris 953-0268

23 Sat North Bank Restoration Work Party **E** ..... Sojak 799-9199  
24 Sun Koosah Falls to Clear Lake Hike **M** .....Carpenter 505-2370  
26 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M** Young 941-780-4156  
27 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
30 Sat Summit Steps Trail Maintenance **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829  
30 Sat Mt Yoran- Halloween Costume Climb **D** .....Reiter 521-8472

## November

3 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** .....Smith 520-488-9569  
7 Sun McKenzie River Trust Work Party ..... Sojak 799-9199  
15 Mon Coburg Ridge Preserve Hike **M**..... Rolfe 206-9501  
27 Sat Ridgeline Trail Maintenance **M** ..... Bell 503-884-8829

## December

1 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** .....Smith 520-488-9569  
8 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Yoerger 510-2832

**FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION about our activities, visit the Obsidian website: [obsidians.org](http://obsidians.org)**



Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 PM

## Conserving Whitebark Pine During a Time of Climate Change

**Hannah Alverson  
Fire Ecologist,  
BLM**



**E**XPLORATALKS RESUME! Join us on Tuesday, October 19 for a Zoom ExploraTalk at 6:30 PM. Obsidian member Hannah Alverson, Fire Ecologist with the Bureau of Land Management in Salmon, ID, will discuss conserving whitebark pine during a time of climate change.

Sign up online to see details and receive an email with a Zoom link.

Questions? Email Angie Ruzicka at [angie.ruzicka@gmail.com](mailto:angie.ruzicka@gmail.com)



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*Socially distanced lunch on Marys Peak. See the Marys Peak trip report on p. 14. Photo by Lisa Van Liefde.*

ENJOY the photos in color!  
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