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July 11	Members vote via Zoom

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AMANDA AND HER BRIDGE: A MEMORABLE PASSAGE

Jorry Rolfe

ON MAY 21 A SMALL GROUP OF OBSIDIANS AND GUESTS MADE THEIR WAY TO THE STATUE OF AMANDA, the blind Coos woman who was forcibly removed from her home in 1864, and marched to Yachats. We were there to witness the formal dedication of the new (third) bridge over Amanda Creek across from her statue. It took six years to complete the 142-foot steel suspension structure and cost \$434,000. The bridge dedication was part of the whole weekend of events with the theme, *Bridging Cultures & Healing Hearts*.

The Amanda Bridge now connects the two sides of the Amanda Trail, which is a section of the Oregon Coast Trail, and emerged as a lasting symbol that day. So many people—sponsors and supporters; volunteers and citizens; Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw, and Alsea People; and US and state government employees—worked together for this moment to happen. They had come not only to commemorate the lost lives and the brutality perpetuated on the march and at the Alsea sub-agency prison camp (1859–1875), but also to acknowledge, honor, and strengthen their connections forged through this project.



The new suspension bridge. Photo by Whitney Gould.

Besides the new bridge there are now several benches installed to form the Amanda Gathering Area, a beautiful spot for ceremonies and groups of up to 120 people.

One person that day who received the warmest admiration was Joanne Kittel. As a psychotherapist newly arrived in Yachats in the 1990s, over time she recognized the historical trauma and truths of the tribes who lived in the central Oregon coast region.

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Welcome New Members!

Gary Lape
Eugene, OR 97405

Eva Mogart
Eugene, OR 97405

Annette Pfautz
Eugene, OR 97405

(Amanda and Her Bridge: continued from page 1)

But first, she and her husband, having purchased land on the hillside near Cape Perpetua, decided to designate their entire property as a conservation easement to preserve and protect their natural setting into perpetuity, and they donated a public hiking trail in collaboration with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. But Joanne did not stop there! She persistently researched, then wrote and made presentations on the history of the central Oregon coast First Nation peoples, and their forced march and internment during the 1850s.



*Amanda Gathering Area. Photo by Janet Jacobsen.
The bridge is visible in the background.*



Amanda Statue. Photo by Whitney Gould.

Over the years, she has opened the minds and hearts of many through her research, while collaborating, in particular, with tribal members from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Working with many organizations and partners, she has endeavored to achieve recognition of the Ya'Xaik people who lived in this area for thousands of years. She was the one responsible for naming the Amanda Trail and Amanda Creek.

Through Joanne's work over the years, the Tribes and the community have worked together on projects like the Amanda Bridge. As we witnessed on May 21, relationships have become strong and respectful. As a result Yachats is now seen by the Tribes in a more positive light.

Editor's note: For additional interesting reading about the Amanda Trail Bridge read the article published in the Yachats News on February 10, 2022: yachatsnews.com/six-years-in-the-planning-and-making-142-foot-suspension-bridge-on-amanda-trail-near-yachats-will-be-complete-this-month/.

Also: See the Amanda Trail trip report on page 10 of this Bulletin.

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Diane Schechter

THE MEMBER TASK GROUP WAS SET UP AS PART OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS to look at declining membership, barriers to joining, benefits of membership, and better serving our community. The Board recently approved the following recommendations by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Bylaw changes

The recommendation to change the membership requirement needs approval by the membership at a general membership meeting.

A special general membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 11 at 7 PM via Zoom. All members who have an email address will receive the link.

New Membership Requirement: *Encourage membership by eliminating the requirement for three activities, signature of two members and board approval.*

The membership of the Obsidians is declining and this change is being recommended as an important factor in reversing this trend. The current requirements were seen as a significant barrier to joining. The changes will allow anyone who has an interest in the outdoor activities we offer to join by paying the annual dues. It is an important change to ensure that we have a vibrant and thriving membership in the future. If approved at the special meeting, this change will begin immediately thereafter.

Policy and Procedure Changes

The following changes have been approved by the Board, and are scheduled to be implemented in the coming months.

Member Benefits: *Include free trips and climbs as a benefit for members. Eliminate the daily fee assessed for bus trips and multi-day trips. (Trips include activities such as hikes, bike rides, snowshoeing and boating. Multi-day trips include activities such as backpacking and car camping.)*

This change is a way to offer an additional benefit to becoming a member.

Nonmembers will continue to pay for trips and climbs, and be assessed a daily fee for bus trips and multi day trips. This will begin on October 1.

Online Changes: *Expand online options to include online payment options for dues, renewals, donations, and other activities throughout the year. Make new member and re-*

newal forms available in a fillable format on the website. Continue printed forms and payment by check for those members who prefer that.

These changes will make it easy for members to join or renew online. We are seeing an increasing number of members who no longer use checks and don't have a printer. We should be ready to begin this by the renewal period in September.

Member Categories: *Change nonmember category to guest and discontinue the use of nonmember category. Registration will indicate G instead of N.*

This is a minor change to make the Obsidians more welcoming to the community. Currently we use both guest and non-member and this will make our language consistent. This will begin after the general membership meeting in October.

Member and Guest Benefits: *Offer free potlucks and ExploraTalks to both members and guests.*

Free potlucks and ExploraTalks will make it easier and more welcoming to both members and guests. This will begin immediately.

Priority Registration: *Modify priority registration for activities with high demand (summer camp, climb school and extended trips.)*

Adjust priority registration to address the pending change for new members. Priority registration will be given to those who have been a member at least 60 days prior to registration date for those activities. This will begin pending approval regarding membership requirements at the special membership meeting.

Member Dues: *Raise dues \$5 per year to \$35.*

Our membership dues have not increased in 16 years. The increase will help offset free activities for members and free potlucks and ExploraTalks for everyone. Members with limited income will continue to have the option of paying reduced dues. This increase will begin with the next renewal period in September.

Vote to Change Membership Requirements

AS EXPLAINED IN THE ARTICLE ABOVE, we are seeking to reduce the barriers to becoming an Obsidian member by eliminating some of the current requirements to join.

In order to implement the changes, we will need a vote of support by the greater Obsidian membership. We will send out an email with more information on the vote by June 11.

Our plan is to have a special membership meeting on July 11 at 7 PM via Zoom.

If you have questions or comments prior to the meeting, please email Diane Schechter, chair of the Membership Committee at dsp053@gmail.com or Maryanne Reiter, President, Obsidian Executive Board at mreiter1959@gmail.com.



IT'S OFFICIAL !

501c3 Status Approved

GREAT NEWS EVERYONE—THE OBSIDIANS ARE NOW A 501c3 EDUCATION/CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION! While the change focuses the Obsidians more on education, it will not fundamentally change our operations or activities from hikes, to climbs, to ExploraTalks.

Being an education/charitable organization is consistent with our stewardship activities and our outreach and service to the community. Other benefits include that we can partner with other 501c3 organizations and apply for grants and other community funds. The Obsidians will no longer need to limit rental income for the Lodge or other nonmember income. Finally, the change in tax status allows people to receive a tax deduction for charitable donations, and the Obsidians' taxes will likely be reduced or eliminated. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this change happen, especially the membership who showed their support by voting for it.

Maryanne Reiter, President, Obsidian Board of Directors

Personal Emergency Beacons

John Hegg, Obsidian Safety Committee

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN THE BACKCOUNTRY TO LOSE CELL SERVICE AND YOU DON'T NEED TO ENGAGE IN EXTREME SPORTS TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY. If you venture into the outdoors you may want to consider a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) or a Satellite Messenger that can send SOS signals as to your location anywhere on earth. These portable battery-powered devices are equipped with a GPS receiver that, when a button is pushed, will send a distress signal, along with your geographic location, through a satellite network to a dispatch center that will contact the nearest search and rescue team.

Personal Locator Beacon

PLBs are simple electronic devices to send a strong one-way emergency distress (SOS) signal with GPS coordinates anywhere in the world. To accomplish this, PLBs access a comprehensive network of military satellites throughout the world, backed by national and international governments. Since this is supported by the military, there is no charge to use the service. Online registration of the device with NOAA is required.

Two highly rated PLBs from ACR are the ResQLink and the rescueME PLB1.

ACR: www.acrartex.com/product-category/outdoor/

Satellite Messengers

Satellite Messengers send distress signals (SOS) to a private commercial rescue center operated by third party satellite network providers. In addition to the SOS function, satellite messengers can provide one or two-way communication in the form of text messages. Along with two-way messaging, different models offer additional features such as GPS maps, real-time tracking, weather reports, and more. Registration of the unit is through a paid subscription plan based on the features of the device.

Some highly rated Satellite Messengers are the Garmin inReach series, the SPOT and a newcomer, the ZOLEO Communicator.

Garmin (Mini, Explorer): www.garmin.com/en-US/c/outdoor-recreation/handheld-hiking-gps/

SPOT: www.findmespot.com/en-us/

ZOLEO Communicator: www.zoleo.com/en-us/satellite-communicator



An assortment of personal beacons.

Summary

The whole purpose of an emergency beacon is to enable rescuers to quickly find survivors through accurate GPS coordinates. Choosing a device need not be mystifying, but product features do change frequently. If you are new to the world of emergency beacon devices it would be best to check with a local retailer that specializes in outdoor equipment.

Look at a Personal Locator Beacon if you don't want to pay regular subscription fees and need a powerful SOS device for emergencies only. But if you want the added ability to send messages or your location to friends and family, then look toward a Satellite Messenger, knowing that a subscription fee is required.

Climb School 2022

Maryanne Reiter, Climbs Chair

THE OBSIDIAN/EUGENE MOUNTAIN RESCUE CLIMB SCHOOL 2022 WAS A GREAT CAUSE TO CELEBRATE AFTER A TWO-YEAR HIATUS due to COVID-19. We had a class of 24 students, most of whom had signed up in 2020 only to have the class canceled that year and the next. Classes began April 4 and consisted of two classroom sessions at the Lodge, one session at the Willamalane climbing wall at the Bob Keefer Center, and then two outdoor sessions.

On the first night in the Lodge, all the students and volunteers were excited to be tying knots and learning about climbing safety, techniques, gear, and nutrition. The evening at the Willamalane climbing wall was a way for the students to learn basic climbing and belaying skills before hitting the real rock.

On the following Sunday, the students met at the Columns at Skinner Butte to put those new skills to the test, as well as to learn new ones. It was a cold, rainy day for the practice, but the class of 2022 persevered through the conditions to learn several rock climbing skills including traveling on a fixed line, rappelling, climbing, anchor building, and more. They also had an important mountaineering experience of seeing how well their rain gear worked before going out into the mountains.

For their outdoor snow skills day, the brave class of 2022 got to experience full-on mountain weather conditions with deep snow, high winds, and moderate avalanche danger. When we got to the practice site on the side of Hayrick Butte we had to move the skills stations down into the trees, out of an abundance of caution for the high winds and elevated avalanche conditions. Even with the less than optimal conditions for the outdoor practice days, the students and the volunteers managed to have a great time.



Dana Rosen practices ascending a fixed line at the Columns. Photo by Maryanne Reiter.



Snow Skills Day: the class and volunteers at Hayrick Butte. Photo by Trina Kanewa.

Obsidians Volunteer for the Love Your Lake Program

THE OBSIDIANS CLUB HAS ADOPTED NOTCH AND DIVIDE LAKES IN THE DIAMOND PEAK WILDERNESS, and will be organizing Stewardship hikes this coming summer and fall to clean up the shorelines and campsites. The Willamette National Forest is launching this program in hopes of getting volunteers to adopt a lake of their choosing in order to keep lakes free of trash. The Obsidians will be at the forefront of this program as it rolls out. There are numerous Obsidians who have already volunteered who will begin as soon as the snow melts.

The lake adopters may be leading Obsidian stewardship hikes in to their lake when help is needed. So far, those Obsidians participating are Lynda Christiansen, Diantha Hull, Sue Wolling, Meg Stewart Smith, Jan Anselmo, John Hegg, Chris Shuraleff, and Lyndell Wilken. If you are interested in adopting your own lake there is a training session on Sunday June 12 at 1 PM near the McKenzie Ranger District. You can sign up for this program at the cascadevolvs.org web site. Or, contact Lyndell Wilken at lyndellwilken@gmail.com or 343-3080. We can help you choose a lake if you do not have one in mind.



*Cleaning out the fire rings at Rosary Lakes.
Photo by Jean Snuggs.*

*Lyndell Wilken, Obsidian Stewardship Committee
Cascade Volunteer Love A Lake Coordinator: cascadevolvs.org*

TRIP REPORTS



Hikes

**Lyle Cherry Orchard Trail
April 28, 2022**

Leader: Buzz Blumm

Hike: 5.2 miles, 1,260 ft. (Moderate)

THREE OF US MADE THIS HIKE ON THE WASHINGTON SIDE OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE. We were on the trail at 10:20 AM. After about a quarter of a mile, we broke out into



Charming old sign. Photo by Joanna Alexander.



*Buzz Blumm, Joanna Alexander, Mitch Temple.
Photo by Buzz Blumm.*

the open for almost all of the rest of the way with grand views to the east and west on the mighty Columbia. We watched barges and windsurfers on the river, and trains on both the

Oregon and Washington tracks. I've done 20 hikes in the Gorge, including both sides of the river, and this one is my favorite! Members: Joanna Alexander, Buzz Blumm, Mitch Temple.

E2C North Winberry Divide

May 1, 2022

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Ane McKee

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

NICE TRIP UP THE WINBERRY TIE TRAIL to the E2C (Eugene-to-Crest) Winberry Trail and east over to FS 5823. We had lunch about a mile west of there in a nice grassy area. Some of us hiked down the same way. The rest of us hiked down on the road, a nice break from some of the muddiness we had encountered. There was nothing exciting but I think everyone had a pleasant day. It was nice to see how a trail has been rescued, refurbished, and connected with E2C. It is going to



Perfect weather for the hike. Barbara Orsi, Liz Cooney, Marguerite Cooney, Jorry Rolfe, Whitney Gould and Mike Smith coming up the trail.

be worked on again this week! Members: Liz Cooney, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Robert Eriksen, Whitney Gould, Ane McKee, June Miller, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Orsi, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Chris Lantz.

Fitton Green

May 3, 2022

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

EIGHT OBSIDIANS AND SIX GUESTS MADE THEIR WAY TO FITTON GREEN NATURAL AREA outside of Corvallis. This area is adjoined by the Crestmont and Bald Hill Farm land trusts,



Camas and railroad bridge over Marys River.

making for a beautiful combination of oak savannah, a path along the Marys River, and views of the Cascades. Although it was a very pleasant hiking day, high clouds covered the top part of Marys Peak to the west and the tallest Cascade peaks to the east. Everyone was inspired to return to this enchanting area so close to Eugene. The combination of paths covered with hard-packed small gravel, and well-maintained old farming roads provided a comfortable hiking surface. Informative map boards at the main intersections guided hikers to the many choices of pathways. Our six-mile hike traced a figure eight and included 900 ft. of elevation gain on rolling hills. There were open grassy meadows that added variety to the forest trees with excellent views to the west, east, and south. The drive to Panorama Drive trailhead from Eugene takes only 1:10, and one can choose beautiful routes like Peoria Road. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Sandy Gill, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, John Hegg, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Peter Eberhardt, Jean Stover, Diane Longcore, Trisha Crinkley, Diana Gardner, Rich Hayes.

Silver Falls / Abiqua Falls

May 4, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 9.5 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

HIKES DURING THIS WET SPRING ARE A GAMBLE BECAUSE OF THE UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER. However, our hike to Silver Falls on Star Wars Day paid off. We had great weather and the recent rains filled Silver Creek to capacity, making the falls the most scenic and loudest that I've experienced in a long time. After our visit to Silver Falls, four of us continued on to Abiqua Falls, a spectacular waterfall just outside the town of Scotts Mills. Before heading home, we had dinner in Silverton. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Denise Rubenstein, Mitch Temple.

Sutton Mountain

May 4, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Randy Sinnott

Assistant Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

RECENT RAINS HAD GREENED UP MUCH OF THIS NORMALLY ARID PART OF OREGON. Nine hikers were fortunate to have a sunny, nearly windless day on our hike to the summit of Sutton Mountain. The trail followed an old Jeep track through several switchbacks, at first climbing between stately junipers, and then emerging into meadows of bunchgrass as we



Russ Davies on bridge to nowhere.

neared the summit ridge. Wildflowers were in bloom and, although showy, most were stunted versions of the larkspur, phlox and lupine varieties that we would expect in the wetter meadows of the Cascades. Raptors were not abundant although we had looks at a prairie falcon and ravens. The most interesting botanical specimens were the hedgehog cacti, bursting in bright pink blossoms that didn't appear until the summit ridge was gained. Sutton Mountain is reputedly the farthest north that they range. Visible from the summit were Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Adams. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have submitted proposals to give Sutton Mountain monument status, so that it will be around for many future generations to enjoy. Members: Russ Davies, Caroline Moore, Evelyn Nagy, Linda Parks, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger.



Hedgehog cactus blooming.

Mill Creek Wilderness Trail

May 5, 2022

Leader: Randy Sinnott

Assistant Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Hike: 3.2 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

THE PLANNED PAT'S CABIN HIKE WAS CHANGED TO MILL CREEK WILDERNESS TRAIL near Prineville. To reach Pat's Cabin trailhead, one first had to cross Bridge Creek. Ironically, the bridge no longer spans the creek, but rests uselessly on the bank. Forging the creek was out of the question as it was waist deep and cold. Thank the beavers for this as their dams were everywhere, altering the streamflow in a positive fashion. Instead, several participants agreed to hike Mill Creek trail. Mill Creek was high as well, due to April rainfall in the Ochocos. We managed 3.2 miles round-trip and were impressed by the beauty of the ponderosa-forested canyon. This would be a good early summer hike for wildflowers and more fordable stream crossings. Also, Wild Cat Campground, where the trail begins, appears to be a well-managed Forest Service gem that could be a good base for some local hikes. Members: Joanna Alexander, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Evelyn Nagy, Linda Parks, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Karen Yoerger.

Hendricks Park, Beat the Rush

May 7, 2022

Leader: Denise Rubenstein

Hike: 2 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

WE DID INDEED BEAT THE RUSH AND THE COLORS AND SCENTS WERE SPECTACULAR. We had four lovely guests, two of whom were on their first Obsidian hike, and one who had never been to Hendricks Park. Members: Sharon Duncan, Vicky Hanson, Yuan Hopkins, Gwyneth Iredale, Denise Rubenstein, Barbara Schomaker. Nonmembers: Debra Messinger, Michael Heidelberg, Suzanne Gottschalk, Karen Gaffney.

Salmon Creek Mother's Day

May 8, 2022

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 1,550 ft. (Moderate)

OUR EIGHT-MILE MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY TURNED OUT TO BE A GREAT ADVENTURE. The cloudy day cleared, so we enjoyed an abundance of wildflowers on a sunny day. The rocky gorge of swollen, thundering Salmon Creek was beautiful. Everyone relished the greenery. Then, beginning in the middle of our lunch, the weather brought persistent hail. We crossed a dozen slippery trail bridges, waded boggy skunk cabbage drainages, and slid muddy slopes until we reached the railroad bridge. Crossing the railroad span over the wild Salmon Creek rapids was big fun for our undaunted group of eight. Soaked, tired, and happy. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Linda Parks, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Annette Pfautz, Annie Chan.

Pisgah Native Plant Nursery

May 9, 2022

Leader: Dave Predeek

Hike: 1 mile, (Easy)

THE FRIENDS OF BUFORD PARK (FBP) WERE ORGANIZED IN 1989 TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS IN THE MT. PISGAH AREA. To implement the many restoration projects, a small native plant nursery was established at Mt. Pisgah next to the historic Kienzle House. In 1998, a new

location was selected not far from the old nursery. The nursery has since been expanded to more than two acres. Our tour began at the North Trailhead parking area. After introductions, we followed a trail through the woods to the nursery, identifying trailside plants along the way. At the nursery we stopped at many of the species plots, especially those now in flower. There are more than 50 species of plants grown here for seed harvest. Some of the seeds are used by FBP at Mt. Pisgah for various restoration projects. Other organizations also buy some of the harvest. Species now in bloom include many yellow-flowering plants: *Lomatium*, balsamroot, tarweed, and *Thermopsis* (a lupine-like plant in the pea family). The purple flowers of the *Delphinium* were especially showy. We stopped at the nursery office where bags of seed are in cold storage and records are kept. Mieko Aoki, the nursery manager, and Jared Tarr, the volunteer organizer, answered questions. From here we walked to the Kienzle House and returned to the parking area. Members: Patricia Cleall, Clara Emlen, Kathy Hoeg, Vicki Levine, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, Dave Predeek.

Mountaineering Conditioning

May 10, 2022

Leader: Jennifer Marlow

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

WHAT A WONDERFUL EVENING FOR A TRAINING HIKE! We completed two laps up to the Mt. Pisgah summit beneath a beautiful spring sky. We made it back to the parking lot just before dark and were treated to a bright pink sunset to finish our hike. Members: Shannon Clawson, Jennifer Marlow, Jodi Wiktorowski. Nonmembers: Carly Schmidt.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

May 14, 2022

Leader: Jim Northrop

Assistant Leader: Lynda Christiansen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THREE GUESTS JOINED EIGHT OBSIDIANS FOR A GET ACQUAINTED HIKE ON THE RIBBON TRAIL from the Lodge to Hendricks Park and back. We split into a faster group and a slower group, with the guests opting for a faster pace. The two groups stayed in contact by using the Obsidians' two-way radios. Future hike leaders might want to try out the radios. The rhododendrons were at their peak in the park. The rain held off. All in all, a great introductory hike for potential new members. Members: Lynda Christiansen, David Cooper, Alan Curtis, Robert Eriksen, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Sam Tracer, Melanie Weir. Nonmembers: Bruce Moser, Suzanne Hanlon, Karen Gaffney.

Shale Ridge

May 16, 2022

Leader: Gordon Sayre

Photographer: Ane McKee

Hike: 8 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP DROVE THROUGH SOME RAIN ON THE WAY TO THE OFFICE COVERED BRIDGE, but it was not raining at the trailhead, 30 miles up the Aufderheide Drive. Because of the rainy spring that we have enjoyed, the challenge of the hike was crossing the creeks that flow across the forest floor around some of the tallest trees in the Cascades. A few preferred log-walking, while most in the group were content to wade through the water with trekking poles for balance. A remarkable grove of red cedars is found where the North Fork



As we continued, we finally realized it was futile to keep our feet dry. Lorraine Cuevas, Lynn Meacham and Dave Cooper ford the stream.

Middle Fork comes out of its gorge from Waldo Lake, and makes several channels through a jumble of old logs and former channels. At this point we turned around, as a couple of folks fell through fragile branches near a log bridge. Fortunately, there were no injuries. After four hours we returned to the trailhead. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Lorraine Cuevas, Jean Harris, John Hartman, Ane McKee, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Gordon Sayre.

PacificSource Hike

May 19, 2022

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS TURNING TOWARD THE MISERABLE SIDE, but when the big van of people from PacificSource arrived the rain had stopped. We enjoyed fair weather during their time with us. We ended up having only eight visitors for our hikes. We explained that there are 24 miles of trails to choose from at Buford Park / Mt. Pisgah and asked how many wanted to go to the top. That quickly split the group into the summit-seekers and the lowlanders. Two Obsidians worked to keep up with those going to the top. Age range may have made the difference. The other group spent their time along the river and going through the many arboretum trails. While the numbers were less than expected, we had a good time visiting with the PacificSource group. It was fun to share what our local area has to offer. Pointing out the views from the summit or admiring the camas in bloom reminds us of what a special area we have at our doorstep. Special thanks to the Obsidians who took the time to come out and host these folks on the trails. Members: Joanna Alexander, David Cooper, David Hawkins, Sandra Larsen, Ginny Reich, Jorry Rolfe.

Marys Peak North Trail

May 20, 2022

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Assistant Leader: Paul Winther

Hike: 10 miles, 2,100 ft. (Moderate)

THE ONLY OBSTACLE WAS A FALLEN TREE ACROSS WOODS CREEK ROAD a few miles from the trailhead—all of us quickly hopped out of our cars to lift and push it to the side. On the trail we were thankful that unknown, hard-working persons had recently cleared the 42-plus logs in many cuts and pieces, and made it possible for us to continue. Otherwise, there was no way we could have scrambled through the *Pick-up Sticks* pileups on the steep slopes and switchbacks. We were also

happy that our third reschedule of the hike had resulted in favorable weather conditions. It was a sunny, 44 degrees with no wind for our lunch. Jonathan's sandwich from Great Harvest was informally voted the most enticing! The yellow glacier lilies that are just beginning to carpet the hillside near the parking lot suggest that another Marys Peak hike needs to be on the schedule. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Jonathan Jost, June Miller, Paul Winther, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Jim Gore.

Amanda Trail

May 21, 2022

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Assistant Leader: Whitney Gould

Hike: 7 miles, 1,032 ft. (Moderate)

INSTEAD OF HIKING THE LENGTH OF THE AMANDA TRAIL, WE HIKED THE 804 TRAIL and visited the Gerdemann Botanical Reserve and the Ya'Xaik Trail. Then we made our way to the statue of Amanda and the new bridge over Amanda Creek. We attended the early afternoon event at that site, entitled *Bridging Cultures, Healing Hearts: the Amanda Trail Bridge Dedication*. This is the third bridge; it will last much longer since it is a strong, steel suspension bridge. The ceremony was conducted by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Sponsors and supporters attended—sitting on new benches installed between the Amanda statue and the bridge. Several VIPs from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, the Siuslaw National Forest, Yachats, Lincoln County, and View the Future (a local non-profit) spoke from the bridge. The ceremony may soon be viewed on YouTube. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Whitney Gould, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Debra Messinger, Annette Pfautz, Steven Baker.

Horse Rock Ridge

May 24, 2022

Leader: Emily Rice

Photographer: Ane McKee

Hike: 3 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT: WARM, NO RAIN, HIGH CLOUDS. Only a few other hikers. The old road to the meadows was lined with calypso orchids. The meadows were full of yellow monkeyflowers and patches of larkspur, shooting stars, paintbrush, fawn lilies, blue-eyed Mary, and death camas.



The group: Kay Coots, Emily Rice, Donna Bloomfield, Sue Wolling, Lana Lindstrom, Linda Parks, Ane McKee, Charmaine Reh.

The trail was dry but, due to the uneven tread, we were glad that we had hiking poles. Members: Donna Bloomfield, Kay Coots, Lana Lindstrom, Ane McKee, Linda Parks, Emily Rice, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Charmaine Reh.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes

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

Various Leaders

June Miller: 5/4 5 Members, 1 Nonmember

Denise Rubenstein: 5/11 9 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Ane McKee: 5/18 14 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Mike Smith, Nancy Hoecker: 5/25 9 Members

Blanton Ridge Hikes

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

Leader, Tommy Young: 5/3 3 Members, 5/10 6 Members,

5/17 3 Members, 5/24 2 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 1.0–5.5 miles, 0–1,000 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Janet Jacobsen: 5/1 2 Members

Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe: 5/15 15 Members, 3 Nonmembers

Denise Bean: 5/20 8 Members

David Hawkins, Lana Lindstrom: 5/20 7 Members



Climbs

Middle Sister

May 21, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: 18 miles, 5,300 ft. (Difficult)

THE ORIGINAL LEADER OF THE CLIMB WAS UNABLE TO GO DUE TO AN INJURY THE MORNING OF THE CLIMB, so the Assistant Leader, Maryanne, took over. The remaining three of us hiked in Saturday AM. The trail from Pole Creek can be challenging to follow in spots due to the blowdown of fire-



Kevin and Bill on Middle.

killed trees. Once we got out of the trees we were rewarded by amazing mountain views. We found a dry, high camp and were happy that we didn't have to camp on snow. We woke up at 4:30 AM and hiked up the mountain to the saddle between Middle and North. The reports from the day before indicated that the summit pitch was *bullet ice*, meaning extremely hard ice. We went up a ways and decided that it was too icy to climb and descend safely. Even though we did not summit, we still enjoyed perfect weather and fantastic views of the Three Sisters. Members: Bill Lowder, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Kevin Jones.



Byways By Bus

Thompson's Mills, Mt. Angel, Oregon Garden
May 24, 2022
Leader: Jim Northrop
Photographer: Sharon Zoellner
Bus Trip

RANGER RYE (LIKE THE BREAD) AND RANGER TOM GREETED 29 OBSIDIANS AND GUESTS AT THOMPSON'S MILLS STATE HERITAGE SITE outside of Shedd, Oregon. After touring the only remaining water-powered mill in Oregon,



Snack break near the silos at Thompson's Mills.

we invited the rangers and volunteer docents to join us for coffee and treats. Then it was off to Mt. Angel Abbey for a tour of the hilltop museum, church, and library. After a hearty lunch featuring German cuisine at the Mt. Angel Sausage Company, we headed to the Oregon Garden in Silverton.

After a tram tour of the twenty-some specialty gardens, we separated to visit our favorite gardens. For tree expert Alan Curtis, that was the Conifer Garden with approximately 800 varieties of conifers, many of which Alan knew without reading the name tags. Our new bus driver, Paul, returned us to Eugene right on time. It felt good to see old friends—and to make new ones—after more than two years without an Obsidians bus trip. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Mari Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Jan Beckwith, Patricia Cleall, Lorraine Cuevas, Alan Curtis, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Judy Garwood, Sandy Gill, David Hawkins, Kathy Hoeg, Yuan Hopkins, Sandra Larsen, Vicki Levine, Verlean McCoy, Jim Northrop, Barbara Orsi, Ken Parramore, Ginny Reich, Barbara Schomaker, Peg Straub. Nonmembers: Cheryl Leair, Sharon Zoellner, John Zoellner.



Stewardship

McKenzie River Trust Stewardship
May 7, 2022
Leader: Darko Sojak & Photographer
Work Party: 2 miles, 20 ft. (Easy)

DUE TO ALMOST HISTORIC, HEAVY RAINS, WE WERE UNABLE TO REACH *OBSIDIAN CORNER*, a 2.5-acre plot that was recently adopted by the Obsidians. Alluring Green Island



Charlie removing blackberry roots.

is, right now, a real island. We left our vehicles on the access road and hiked a third of a mile to higher ground. There we worked on blackberry removal on the edge of the swollen Mill Slough. Despite heavy clouds, we managed to stay dry—well, almost dry. Thank you, all. Members: Charles Ashmore, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Holger Krentz, Meghan Mahoney, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield.



Wasp nest.

Ridgeline Bridge Repair

April 30, 2022

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Trail Maintenance: 1 mile, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MET AT THE FOX HOLLOW TRAILHEAD PARKING LOT FOR OUR LAST PROJECT WITH DEVERTON COCHRANE of Parks and Open Space. We carried tools and pre-cut lumber up the trail to replace one set of handrails on each of the two bridges along the Ridgeline Trail below the Raptor Center. We first removed the existing handrails and carried them back down to the truck. Our work was greatly aided by the battery-powered impact drivers and drills. We next attached the posts for the rails using lag bolts, requiring us to reach up underneath the bridge. The last step was to attach the new handrails. The new posts and rails are cedar and will hopefully outlast the bridges. We look forward to replacing the other handrails during one of our next outings. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Jennifer Crim, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Toni Muller, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan.



Matt's son, Nathaniel, is enthusiastic about helping carry up tools.



A portion of the rail showing a rotten section.



All the posts are in place on this section.



Clara, Dave and Jennifer start demolishing the railings.



Deverton Cochrane of Eugene Parks and Open Space will be moving from this area. He has supervised Obsidian Ridgeline Trail maintenance projects since July 2015. We thank him for patiently and safely showing Obsidians how to use trail tools for grubbing, brushing, digging, chopping, raking, pounding, measuring, pruning, drilling, hauling, tamping, removing, weeding, transplanting, and building—always with a smile.

MAY BOARD NOTES

From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein May 5, 2022

President Maryanne Reiter called the meeting to order. Board members present: Denise Bean, Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Denise Rubenstein, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Kay Coots, Dave Cooper, Stewart Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, and Diane Schechter.

The Board approved the minutes for April 2022.

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 - interim): After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, bus trips will resume on May 24 with a trip to Thompson's Mills, Mt. Angel Abbey, and the Oregon Garden.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee and several other outstanding volunteers put on a fun and informative Climb School this year. It was the first one since 2019. The Climbs Committee is also sponsoring several in-town mountaineering conditioning hikes, to help get ready for the climbing season. The Committee is still working on the list of climbs for 2022.

Conservation/SciEd (Kay Coots and Angie Ruzicka): ExploraTalk scheduled for May 17 at the Lodge: McKenzie River Trust with update on Finn Rock Reach as well as information about MRT work on Holiday Farm Fire recovery efforts. ExploraTalk scheduled for June 14: McDermitt Creek caldera, and watershed impact from proposed lithium mining.

Entertainment (Evelyn Nagy, Ron and Pam Swisher): The first potluck of the season is planned for Thursday, May 26, and is mainly a social event. No speaker is scheduled. People can register online and bring food to share. Look for the invitation in the May *Bulletin*. Special thanks to Dorothy Van Winkle and Dave Cooper.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): A multi-day rental was just completed. We received \$420. The Lodge Building Committee was polled regarding the priority for major projects. There is a consensus that the deck on the back of the Lodge needs to be fixed. Brian Hamilton has taken some measurements to be able to ascertain the need for permits and define what we would be asking for in seeking bids. Looking at other minor projects and replacing supplies, I would like to have the Lodge budget, now depleted, set to an additional \$600 for this year. Some of this money would be used for restocking toilet paper, paper towels garbage bags, and cleaning supplies. To protect our outer doors, we need to seal around the doors and install thresholds to keep water out. There are some light fixtures on the back of the building that need to be replaced with LED motion lights. The handrails on the east side on the building need to be stained. We may need to buy some paint for touch up work inside the Lodge.

Lodge Grounds (Jim Northrop - interim): The Lodge Grounds Committee held a joint work party with the Lodge Building Committee on April 25. Nine volunteers mowed, weeded, loaded firewood, and positioned car stops. The rubber car stops should help visitors identify parking spaces and the correct angle to park.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Jim Reed of Jasper contacted us about our Club's association with CCC Camp Belknap and the Lodge at White Branch. He is trying to

document things associated with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Oregon-New Deal from the 1930s to 1942 in Oregon. We will be asking Bert Ewing and Rick Ahrens to help us.

Membership (Diane Schechter): New members approved this month are Steve Adams, Natalie Deehan-Clark, and Mitch Temple. Total membership: 417.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The "First Aid Supply Give Away" on April 9 was a big success with approximately 40 leaders upgrading their personal first aid kits. The remaining supplies will be distributed at a future Lodge event. The AED batteries were checked.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): April Stewardship Participation: SOLV beach cleanup on 4/23 with 13 members. April Trail Maintenance Participation: Replaced bridge handrails along the Ridgeline Trail in Spencer Butte Park on 4/30 with 9 members participating. Estimated Total Volunteer Hours: 31.5

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Treasurer Dave Hawkins had a lot to do this past month entering summer camp data from the registration forms and nudging those who didn't follow directions. We have a very long Wait List! We continue to complete the requisite tasks in a timely manner.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): In April we had 25 outings. The participation numbers were 174 members and 32 non-members. Our income was \$223. The month finished off with a couple of trips out of our usual area. Buzz Blumm led the Lyle Cherry Orchard Trail on the Washington side of the Gorge and Mark Hougardy organized a car camp to Tumalo and Cottonwood Canyon State Parks. Over the mountains trips are scheduled in May thanks to Buzz, Randy Sinnott, and Russ Davies. The first in a series of trips on the Eugene to Crest Trail was just completed. More E2C trips on the way.

Winter Trips (Dave Cooper): This year 31 leaders combined to offer 125 outings. There was one bike trip, 3 backpacks, 10 snowshoes, and 6 cross-country ski trips. Income was \$1,202.

OLD BUSINESS

Website updates: The process is still on track with both Theo Glick and Revolution Design. They are currently working on visuals which is good progress, and the end of June is still our target date.

Tax status update: Still on track, the IRS asked for a few more materials and they were supplied.

NEW BUSINESS

Policies and Practices review: Maryanne shared items that resulted from input from Committee Chairs; and Diane Schechter presented recommendations from the Membership Strategic Planning task group.

The Board approved changes to the Policies and Practices.

Bylaw changes: A vote by the general membership will be needed to approve the Bylaw changes. A special membership meeting to address member application changes is tentatively scheduled for July 11 via Zoom.

For a more detailed description of the changes and proposed changes please see the article on page 3 of this *Bulletin*.

COVID guidelines were discussed. The updated policy will be posted on the website.

The Board approved a request to increase the Lodge budget by \$500.

ADJOURNMENT



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7 PM

McDermitt Creek Caldera and Lithium Mining

OBSIDIAN RANDY SINNOTT, WHO IS ALSO AN OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION (ONDA) MEMBER, will report back to us after participating in an ONDA trip to the Trout Creek Mountains, where he will learn about issues associated with the environmental impact of potential McDermitt Creek lithium mining. He will also share what he learns regarding the history and ecology of the McDermitt Creek caldera and watershed.



North end of the caldera on the Oregon side and the Trout Creek Mountains

Photo by Randy Sinnott

SUMMER CAMP & CANCELLATION ETIQUETTE

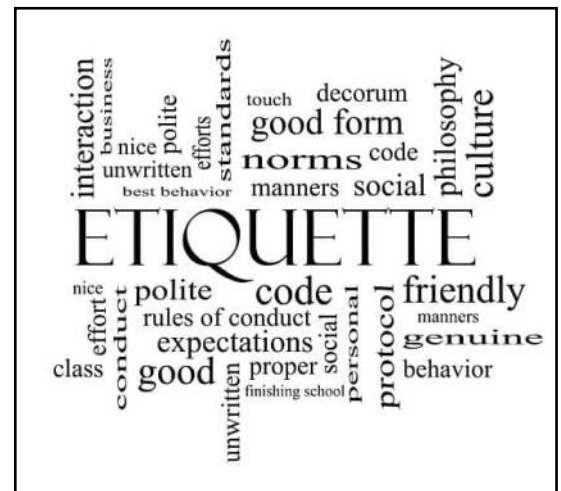
Sue Wolling

ALTHOUGH WE ALL LONG FOR THINGS TO GET BACK TO NORMAL, IF YOU'VE TRIED TO BOOK A TRIP OR MAKE AIRLINE RESERVATIONS, YOU KNOW THAT 2022 IS NOT A NORMAL YEAR—and that's true for Summer Camp, too. Even with 90 spots available, Summer Camp filled within 35 minutes, and there are a record number of people on the Wait List.

With this huge demand for spots on the Summer Camp roster, your Camp Committee is promoting *Cancel Culture*. No, we're not asking you to *cancel* someone who shows up for a hike wearing cotton—but if you've registered for Camp and it becomes apparent that you are not going to be able to attend, please cancel on the Obsidian website as soon as possible. Your early cancellation will help others know where they stand, so they can make plans.

For those of you on the Wait List: If you're well down the list, you might consider making alternate plans. If you decide that you're no longer interested in Summer Camp, please cancel online for Camp, so somebody else can move up the list.

If you are near the top of the Wait List, watch your email—the Camp Fairy will send you an email if you've made it onto the list, and you'll need to submit your payment, registration, and a copy of your COVID vaccination card within five days.



As a reminder, here is the policy for cancellations:

\$35 of the total camp fee is non-refundable for all cancellations.

Registrants who cancel online by June 30 will receive a full refund, less the \$35.

Registrants who cancel online on or after July 1 will not receive a refund unless your vacancy is filled, in which case you will receive a full refund less \$35.

Thanks for your help in making Summer Camp successful!

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

June

5 Sun	Finley Wildlife Refuge Hike E	Hackett 953-7046
7 Tue	Yachats Beach House Weekend CarCmp M	Hovis 731-3412
7 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	Young 941-780-4156
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
9 Thu	Mountaineering Conditioning Hike M	McGlinsky 232-0421
10 Fri	Hager Mountain Hike D	Blumm 228-0217
11 Sat	Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E	Rolfe 206-9501
12 Sun	Mt June Hike M	Jost 520-4841
12 Sun	Todd Lake to Bend Glacier Hike D	Sojak 799-9199
12 Sun	Patterson Mountain Hike E	Hackett 953-7046
13 Mon	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
14 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	Young 941-780-4156
14 Tue	McDermitt Creek Caldera & Lithium Mining	ExploraTalk
15 Wed	Wild Iris Ridge Plus Hike M	Van Liefde 949-677-1379
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Yoerger 510-2832
16 Thu	Low Tide Wanders CarCmp E	Hougaryd 206-9532
19 Sun	Three Mile Lake Hike M	Hackett 953-7046
21 Tue	Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Rubenstein 248-514-5092
26 Sun	Cape Mountain Hike M	Hackett 953-7046
28 Tue	Macduff Mountain Hike D	Johnson 520-2470
28 Tue	Mt. St. Helens Area South CarCmp M	Hougaryd 206-9532
29 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
29 Wed	Pre's Trail Hike E	Van Liefde 949-677-1379
29 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	McKee 554-1364

July

1 Fri	Grizzly Peak Hike D	Johnson 520-2470
3 Sun	Martin Lake Hike D	Johnson 520-2470
4 Mon	Obsidians Butte to Butte Hike E	Sojak 799-9199
6 Wed	Red Butte Hike D	Johnson 520-2470

6 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Rubenstein 248-514-5092
7 Thu	North Umpqua Rafting ExtTrp E	Lindstrom 683-1409
9 Sat	Maxwell Butte Hike D	Johnson 520-2470
9 Sat	Mt Thielsen Climb D	McGlinsky 232-0421
9 Sat	Mt Washington Climb D	Hansen 360-852-2041
12 Tue	Paradise Park Hike D	Johnson 520-2470
12 Tue	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	McKee 554-1364
17 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot Hike Hike E	Sojak 799-9199
20 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Miller 808-282-5201
23 Sat	Three Fingred Jack Climb D	Harris 521-5807
27 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
27 Wed	Goat Rocks Wilderness BkPk D	Lipton 736-7498
27 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Smith 520-488-9569
31 Sun	Rainier Summer Camp SmCmp	Johnson 520-2470

August

3 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Young 941-780-4156
3 Wed	Pinnacle Peak and The Castle D	Hansen 360-852-2041
10 Wed	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Miller 808-282-5201
15 Mon	Exploring Hood 4 th Annual Camp CarCmp D	James 683-7488
22 Mon	Hoh Valley to Blue Glacier BkPk D	Lipton 736-7498
31 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829

September

11 Sun	Six Lakes Loop Hike D	Sojak 799-9199
17 Sat	Beach Clean Up with SOLVE WrkPrty E	Sojak 799-9199
24 Sat	National Public Lands Day TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
24 Sat	Upper Alpine trail hike M	Sojak 799-9199
15 Sat	McKenzie River Trust Stewardship WkPrty E	Sojak 799-9199
29 Sat	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829

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



You Can Do Just One!

Brenda Kame'enui

THE OBSIDIANS CLUB SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE NEW LEADERS IN ORDER TO ATTRACT NEW AND OLD MEMBERS—a good goal for a community minded 501c3 organization. My Obsidian friend Diane offered a brilliant idea to accomplish this goal:

If every Obsidian who is able, or if even one-fourth of 400 members, led a favorite hike *once* a year, the club could sport another 100 hikes. In addition to our stalwart leaders who lead hikes on a regular basis, the boost would bring the bounty of attracting new friends, members, and maybe a new demographic.

Think of a hike or walk you've enjoyed in the last year, or a favorite so familiar you could do it backwards. A few spring and summer nearby gems are:

From William Sullivan's *Central Oregon Cascades* guide:

Goodman Creek	4 miles
Clear Lake	7 miles
Salt Creek Falls	3.4 miles
Koosah-Sahalie Falls Lp.	2.6 miles

From Sullivan's *Oregon Coast & Coast Range* guide:

Sweet Creek Falls	2.2 miles
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Urban hikes:

Ridgeline Trail	Choose a section
Dorris Ranch	Lots of options
Mt. Pisgah	North parking lot trails
Willamette River	Cross the Frohnmayer Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge near UO campus. Follow the Willamette River to Springfield and enjoy coffee on attractive new Main Street.

The possibilities of just *one* hike are endless. I'll do Twin Peaks in the fall!



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*Red pixie-cup lichen. See Salmon Creek Mother's Day Hike trip report on page 8.
Photo by Esme Greer.*

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