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How to Identify Black Bear Tracks

The front foot is short and about 4 to 5 inches wide. The hind foot is long, narrow, measures about 7 inches and resembles that of a human. Claw marks may or may not be visible.



And what if you see one?

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Mar 31	Climb School
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Apr 6	Board Meeting

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Large, Attractive Array of Summer Trips Scheduled

A FASCINATING ARRAY of 169 summer trips -- the most since 1983 -- has been scheduled (see Bulletin insert between Pages 10-11), announced Summer Trips Chairs Sandra Larsen and Margaret Prentice, who are still in the market for more leaders and more hikes.

"We have an increase in bicycle and backpack trips and a great variety of hikes and walks of special interest," says Sandra, "but we could still use more hikes and leaders, particularly in a year when there is no summer camp. And it's important that members realize they can schedule -- and reschedule if necessary -- hikes at any time, even though the 2005 schedule is already in print."

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Membership Learns of Positive Plans for Lodge

TURNING A ROTTEN SITUATION INTO A POSITIVE opportunity, the Obsidian construction committee presented its preferred scenario for lodge renovation at a general membership meeting at the lodge on the evening of March 3rd.

After finding dry rot and having to demolish the lodge entryway, the board of directors and the construction committee embarked upon a series of fact-finding efforts, architectural explorations and membership master planning meetings and discussions to determine the best course of action for the lodge's reconstruction and development.

Although no design decisions were set in concrete and a considerable amount of flexibility allows for variations in both design and time-line downstream in the construction process, the preferred scenarios laid out some pretty clear directions and priorities.

After an introduction by President John Jacobsen, who also gave a brief history of preceding events, the development scenarios and options were presented by Harriet Cherry and Tony Baron of WBGs Architecture & Planning. Using both a slide presentation and wall-mounted elevations and renderings, they offered a three-phase master plan, with only the first phase being considered for immediate adoption.

THE FIRST PHASE (see chart, Page 5) prices out at an estimated \$121,500 and includes the replacement of the entryway, upgrading facilities to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility standards, new entry furnishings, climbing wall repairs and improvements, paint finishes and improvements in lodge heating, insulation and lighting.

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Late News Items

Congratulations to **CHRIS STOCK-DALE**, who became a U.S. citizen on February 25th!

The next Obsidian **trail maintenance** opportunity at Spencer Butte will be Sunday, Mar. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All levels of tasks need to be done, from clipping back brush to pick and shovel work. Everyone is invited! For information, contact **Peter Asai** at 933--3927 or at igneousrok@msn.com.

Mar 2005 - Membership Statistics

Active	451
Associate	37
Honorary	3
Junior	18
Life	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	534

We Lose Our Oldest Member Mary Matilda Gillespie 104

*“**BATTLING DENSE FOG**, falling boulders and a blizzard wind, 35 mountain climbers ascended the ‘notorious’ North Sister... experiencing one of the most dangerous jaunts ever taken by the Eugene Obsidians.”*

Thus began a hair-raising Register-Guard report of a draining, 12-hour assault on North Sister in 1936. One of the 35 climbers – all of whom returned without injury thanks to the expert leadership of Ray Sims – was Mary Gillespie. She had just joined the club and this was only her second activity.

A NATIVE OREGONIAN, Mary was born Dec. 4, 1900, in Walterville to John and Salinda Paxton Fountain. She died on February 5th of age-related causes.

Club Historian Lenore McManigal reports that Mary was quite active with the club until 1944. Her husband, Vincent Gillespie, died in 1945 and she only made a few Obsidian trips after that, but continued to maintain her membership throughout the years.

MARY GILLESPIE was the 43rd Obsidian Princess, becoming Princess Pine Squirrel in 1939. Altogether, she made 3 climbs and 21 trips.

In addition to the Obsidians, Mary belonged to Neighbors of Woodcraft and earlier to the Whiteaker School PTA. Survivors include a daughter, Marjorie Jones of Eugene; a brother, Carrol Fountain of Springfield; four grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. A son, Brian, died in 2002.

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COMING THIS MONTH

From Cyprus to the Pyramids

JOIN US AT THE LODGE on Friday, March 18, for a Mediterranean holiday. Last spring, Obsidians Lana Lindstrom and Richard Hughes spent a month exploring the beautiful island of Cyprus -- a vacation hot spot for European tourists that's practically unknown to most Americans. It's a divided island—Greek on one side and Turkish on the other. Depending on where you eat, the menus sound completely different, but the food is the same. There are lots of hiking and kayak-



ing opportunities and ancient ruins abound.

Using Cyprus as home base, adventurous travelers Richard and Lana also took two mini-cruises -- one to Cairo to see the pyramids and the other to Beirut and Syria. As Americans, they found it very interesting to be in this part of the world at this time.

Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; program, 7:30. Bring your own plate, cup, utensils and a dish to share. Parking is limited. **Fee to cover utilities, etc.: \$1 per person.**

POTLUCKS

MARCH REVIEW

Walking in Italy With Tyler Burgess

By LaRee Beckley

STRETCHING ALONG the northwest coast of Italy, the Portofino Peninsula on the Ligurian Riviera is a beautiful, sun-drenched location where mountains meet the sea and historical cities with ancient art masterpieces. Tyler Burgess welcomed those at the February Potluck to explore this unique area on a walking tour via slides.

She began the program with scenes from Pisa, with its famous leaning bell tower, part of a complex of buildings that also include a baptistery and cathedral; all characterized by their stunningly beautiful white marble walls and inlays.

Then it's across the steep cliffs next to the coastline near Santa Margherita (the home of Christopher Columbus). The trail is steep and challenging. A sturdy chain provides something to hold onto. Learning to stretch one's body out over the edge of the cliff and the water below in order to obtain the needed momentum to pull yourself upward takes some practice.

PICTURESQUE PORTOFINO -- home to many of the rich and famous -- contains casinos, a yacht harbor, unique architecture and wonderful outdoor cafes for people-watching. Vegetables at street markets look tempting enough to squeeze, but the urge should be resisted, as the

locals find this behavior insulting. After touring the ruins and shrines of the Palazzuolo region, Tyler took us to Florence, including the medieval section of the city -- where some restaurants place wine and food out at night for the poor. One wonders how successful this practice would be in Eugene.

Tyler's photos ranged from a replica of Michelangelo's David to a couple of interesting modern men -- one standing on a bridge spanning the Arno wearing a smart-looking blue blazer and bright red shoes and another dressed in a very tiny black Speedo and sandals. Her typical walking tour day begins around 8:30 a.m., with exploring and hiking until late afternoon. A siesta is followed by dinner and perhaps more walking in the evening.

TYLER CONCLUDED with a demonstration on how to pack for a walking tour (she takes only her fanny pack and backpack). Helpful hints included mixing "Off" with sunscreen, keeping your expensive camera in an Altoid can, and stuffing your hiking boots (as you carry them in your backpack) with toiletries and laundry soap. She advises investing in some well cushioned, anti-blister socks. Her backpack also contained light-weight rain pants and jacket, micro-fiber tank top, shirt and pants, a bikini for the Italian beaches (so you won't look over-dressed), a sun/rain hat, one dress, Texas for dress-up, and a cotton t-shirt, doubly used for sleeping in and a conversation starter, depending on the message on the shirt.

Tyler has tours planned for 2005 in Washington, D.C., New York City, England and Ireland. Check her web site for further information:

<http://www.walk-with-me.com/index.html>

BOARD NOTES

March 2, 2005

President John Jacobsen called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Wayne Deeter (vice-president), Mary Croson, Sandra Larsen, Sheila Ward (treasurer) and Jim Duncan (secretary). Also present were Kathy and Stewart Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Liz Reanier, Sharon Ritchie, Ken Kodama, Bill Johnson, Max Brown, Laurie Funkhouser, Andy Jobanek, Rob Castleberry, Marshall Kandell, Doug Nelson, Brian Hamilton and Peter Asai.

A late correction to the January minutes had been approved by an email vote of the board. The minutes of the February board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Sheila Ward): The monthly report for February was distributed. The following bills were approved for payment:

EWEB: \$194.62, Publications (Rose Mary Moffitt): \$15.60, Publications (Postmaster permit): \$100, Publications (Insta-Print)\$689.88, WBGs Architects: \$3,145.00, Administration (Jim Duncan): \$6.45

OLD BUSINESS

Lodge Construction Committee: Brian Hamilton reported the committee met with the architects on Feb. 8 to examine the initial drafts of three schematic design options. The committee subsequently met on three occasions in February to prepare a package for presentation to the general membership. Preliminary construction cost estimates were prepared and a preferred scenario of repairs, renovations and additions was developed. Possible funding options were discussed. A general membership meeting will be held on March 3. WBGs and the committee will present design options and discuss the preferred option, describe the master plan for lodge and property, describe project costs and discuss funding options. Brian and John Jacobsen noted a good turnout for this meeting is important as the committee moves forward.

Annual Meeting: Discussion of changes in the by-laws regarding moving the date of the Annual Meeting was postponed to the April meeting.

Board Meeting Improvements: John opened the floor for suggestions as to how the board could be made more useful in the governance of the club and how to streamline the board meetings. One suggestion called for an expansion of the board's role in reviewing the performance of the club's committees and consultation with the new (or continuing) president in selection of new committee chairs. Other suggestions included devoting one board meeting solely to budget issues; and cutting back on the number of oral committee reports. However, several members felt that having monthly committee reports encouraged attendance and discussion following individual committee reports was useful in generating ideas about committee operations.

NEW BUSINESS

Trip Leader Awards: Sharon Ritchie noted that finding trip leaders is always a challenge and the club should consider ways to recognize dedicated trip leaders. The members concurred this was a worthwhile endeavor and approved the formation of an ad hoc committee, chaired by Sharon, to look into how this could be accomplished.

Proposed Changes to the By-laws (Finance Committee): On behalf of the committee, Stewart Hoeg introduced proposed language that would incorporate auditing of club accounts into the by-laws as one of the duties of the Finance Committee. Following discussion, the board approved these changes to the by-laws by a vote of 6-0.

Special Board Meeting: John noted it may be necessary to schedule an additional board meeting in March to discuss and approve building and renovation plans for the Lodge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Sandra Larsen): The summer trips schedule includes 169 trips with 85 trip leaders. Trips are still needed for April and October. Discussion by the members focused on how to get newer members to lead hikes and qualifications for leading hikes. Although formally "certifying" trip leaders as qualified might lead to liability issues, it was agreed that instruction of leaders and attendance at the trip leaders meeting were very important.

Winter Trips (Bill Johnson): Five trip reports received in February (28 members, 4 nonmembers, \$44 in fees).

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): The committee consists of John Mowat, Brian Hamilton, Jim Pierce, Doug Nelson, Bill Johnson, Wayne Deeter, George

Baitinger, John Pegg, and Sue Sullivan (chair). The board approved the committee membership. The committee met on Feb. 4 and assembled a preliminary climb schedule. The group also began planning for this year's climb school and discussed other classes that could be offered to the members. Under consideration are a crevasse rescue refresher course, a GPS field trip and an advanced first aid class.

Trails (Peter Asai): Another Spencer Butte trail maintenance trip was held on Feb. 26, but only four attended (two Obsidians). The next Spencer Butte outing is March 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Eugene Parks Dept. is willing to provide facilities for a general informational meeting about trail maintenance to be held in May. The speakers include Matt McRae representing City Parks and Judy Mitchell from the NFS. This meeting is tied to National Trails Day on June 4th, which has been reserved on the Obsidian summer trips schedule for trail maintenance trips. Members are encouraged to volunteer as trail maintenance trip leaders for National Trails Day. The board approved the previously announced members of the committee (Feb. minutes).

By-Ways-by-Bus (Liz Reanier): The bus trips rally was held at the Lodge on Feb. 27 with 50 members in attendance. All 18 trips on the 2005 schedule are set to go; only two trips are full at this time. The first trip of the season, Eagles 'N More was on Feb. 22-23 with 41 Obsidians and guests participating. The committee is encouraging carpooling or city bus transportation to the bus trips loading location.

Summer Camp (Jim Duncan): Five members of the committee traveled to Salem on Feb. 24 to meet with Dave Carter of the Chemeketans to discuss summer camp procedures and planning. The committee will meet in March to consider ideas arising from this meeting.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Sharon reported that the committee has approved a trip to Sunriver led by Lana on April 15-19. Two houses have been rented with space available for 16 participants. See details on Page 9.

Youth (Andy Jobanek): A preliminary trip schedule has been assembled. It includes a bicycle trip in Cottage Grove on June 4; hike on Brice Creek, June 11; climbs of Mt. Thielsen, August 27, and South Sister, Sept. 3-4. The board approved the previously announced committee members (Jan. minutes).

Conservation (Doug Nelson): The committee is attempting to establish a Northwest Earth Institute discussion course, "Discovering a Sense of Place." Club members who are interested are encouraged to contact Doug or Allen Coons for more information.

Publications (Marshall Kandell): The February Bulletin and Membership Directory were printed (\$689.88) and mailed (\$114.29) in Feb. Janet Jacobsen was approved as a new member of the committee.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): Tyler Burgess spoke at the Feb. potluck (47 for dinner, 60 for the presentation, \$46 fees collected).

Science/Education (Rick Ahrens): John reported that the naturalist accompanying the Eagles 'N More bus trip did a commendable job.

Membership (Sharon Ritchie): No applications for membership were received. Total membership is 534.

Publicity (Mary Croson): The committee is looking at various publications and institutions (e.g., Lane County Visitor's Center) to help spread the word about the Club.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): The committee met to discuss several issues including whether Obsidian items should be sold to the general public or only to members. Obsidian decals (for car windows) are being considered; several members liked this idea. It was suggested that they could advertise their wares in the Bulletin and on the web site.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Trip reports back through 1975 are now online. The bus trips schedule is now online and the climbs and summer trips schedules will soon be available. The website will be moved to a different provider in June to improve email service and web reliability.

Finance (Ken Kodama): (see New Business)

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): No report.

Lodge Buildings (Rob Castleberry): Rob will be meeting with Craig Renkert to develop a list of lodge maintenance items.

Lodge Grounds (Max Brown): Nothing new at this time.

Safety (John Pegg): No incidents to report.

The next Board meeting will be Wed., April 6, 2005 at 6 p.m.

Lodge Renovation Fundraising Projected

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Subsequent phases include construction of a summer camp storage building; parking lot enlargement and improvements; extending the south wall and renovation of the kitchen; and a major eastward expansion of the main hall. Although most of these would appear to be out of fiscal reach of the club at present, some trade-offs are possible. For example, it might be possible to build a less expensive storage structure; to put in the base slab now and build later; or to expand lodge storage and make a separate storage shed unnecessary.

AMONG THE OPTIONS considered:

- **Option #1.** A new lobby, stretching the full width of the building, would be constructed. This would allow for better traffic flow and additional space for possible meetings or even added seating (depending upon the nature of the dividing wall...solid or folding). All entries and restrooms would be made accessible (this can be done while also making the hallway outside the restrooms wider). While providing accessible parking, a covered entry for passenger drop off could be constructed at a later date.

- **Option #2.** This would involve less expansion – more like a simple replacement of the lobby.

- **Option #3.** With either a smaller or larger lobby, the main room would be expanded to seat more than 100 at potlucks and other events. This would require having a larger storage area for tables and chairs. The kitchen and serving areas would be expanded, as would other storage areas. In an additional major proposal, the roof would be

“...we are in possession of a gift from the past....”



WBGS Architect Tony Baron (left) and Jim Duncan talk over renovation drawings.

popped up, allowing for windows between framing on the eastern wall.

SO, HOW WILL WE PAY for all this?

Committee member Ken Kodama, who also chairs the finance committee, explained that of the estimated \$121,500 needed to accomplish the first phase, \$75,000 was available from current Obsidian resources, leaving just \$46,500 to be raised through member contributions.

Members attending the meeting greeted the fundraising prospect with what can be called “*resigned optimism.*” They were *resigned* to the fact that reconstruction, renovation and improvements to the lodge were essential. And they were *optimistic* that both the work and the fundraising were “doable.”

COMMITTEE MEMBER Rob Castleberry recalled the generosity and positive long range vision of those Obsidians who first built the lodge – largely with their own hands – and noted that “we are in possession of a gift from the past” and that moving ahead with the construction scenario would be a proper expression of our gratitude and our obligation.

Following the general membership meeting, it was anticipated that the construction committee would meet and agree on a formal recommendation to the board, which would call a special meeting to consider the proposal. It is possible that the board’s decision could be announced in the April Bulletin.

“Whatever we decide on,” said Jacobsen, “we would like to get started on construction by June and get it concluded this summer.”

-- Marshall Jay Kandell

Lodge Renovation Master Plan Costing				
	Item Description		Amount Cumulative	
1	Site, Master, Scenario Plan		8,800 8,800	
2	Entry replacement/expansion (Option 1)	Phase 1 ↑ ----- ↓	64,700 73,500	
3	ADA parking and walkway		8,900 82,400	
4	ADA rest rooms		9,900 92,300	
5	New Entry Furnishings		2,400 94,700	
6	Climbing wall repair/improvements		300 95,000	
7	Paint Finishes not above (volunteer labor)		600 95,600	
8	Radiant gas heating/gas line to lodge		6,000 101,600	
10	Insulate lodge walls/ceiling		6,000 107,600	
11	Floor covering main hall		10,300 117,900	
12	Improved lighting main hall		3,600 121,500	
13	Summer Camp storage building			39,600 161,100
14	Parking lot enlargement/improvements (Phase 2)			3,000 164,100
15	Expansion south/kitchen renovation (Phase 2)		33,000 197,100	
16	Major main hall expansion to east (Phase 3)		94,400 291,500	

Looking Like a Local; Harder Than it Looks

By Marshall Jay Kandell

"YOU'RE NOT WEARING THAT, are you?"

An established part of going out with my wife involves the scene where she questions my selection of attire. Actually, it's not so much of a question as a declaration that there's no way in hell she's going to be seen in public with me wearing "that." This interaction took place a few years ago.

"That" was my favorite cold weather jacket -- a corduroy coat with a lamb's wool lining that went right up into a snugly collar. It was warm, macho and felt good.

"What's wrong with this jacket?" I asked, already feeling waves of inadequacy and tastelessness wash over me. It's bad enough I never can seem to select clothes that match according to my wife's unique color code. It's all the other shifting standards I can't seem to grasp.

"**THAT JACKET'S LIKE A SIGN** saying, 'Look at me, I just got off the bus from Bakersfield,'" my live-in couturier chided. "Everyone will know you're new to Eugene."



"Everyone I know is already aware of that fact," I retorted, "and those who don't know will find out as soon as they meet me ...so, what does it matter?"

"Well, if it doesn't bother you, go ahead and wear it," she said in a tone

that denied the surrender the words alone might have conveyed. I put the jacket back and took out my new northwest style blue and green fleece-lined, Gore-Tex shell.

I really had tried to look Oregonian. Looking Eugenean was still beyond my grasp...but Oregonian was possible. We studied the "look" and shopped the sales at REI, GI Joe's and even that country store out on West 6th that has everything for the western man (and his horse). And I think I have all

the stuff I need...except for the Birkenstocks. The problem is I can't seem to put things together properly.

TAKE MY DOCKERS, for example. I wear them with sport shirts, flannel shirts, t-shirts, sweat shirts...even dress shirts. But I always look either too neat or too informal. At business meetings I see guys wearing Dockers that look like they've been slept in, along with ugly shirts and ties (no jackets) and they look cool. I can't get my pants that wrinkled and my wife would have me committed if I started wearing psychedelic shirts with flowered ties.

I have a closet filled with suits, sports jackets, dress slacks, nice shirts and classy ties. They're relics of a far and distant world. I have leather shoes I never have to polish any more, a dressy rain coat I only wear on trips back east and sweater vests that are as out of place here as suit vests.

And, yet, if I dress down to a meeting, sure as heck everyone else will show up wearing suits and ties. If there's a fashion norm here, I haven't a clue what it might be.

We were out with friends and my wife commented on how nice someone dressed. "How come you like the way he's dressed and you won't let me dress like that?" I asked. "He's older than you are," she replied, "those clothes are right for him." "Well, how about the way those guys are dressed," I asked, pointing at a Hult Center group. "You're too old to wear that kind of clothing," Ms. Know-It-All laughed. "Besides, you'd never get into those tapered pants."

ON THE WAY HOME, I pointed out someone else who I thought looked quite Eugenean. "How about that?" I ventured. "Well, if you want to look like a homeless person, that's your business," she sniffed.

If everyone is so individualistic and independent here...if fashion is so casual and loose...if anything goes...how come I can't fit in? How come?

Then I joined the Obsidians. At least I'm dressed right for hiking, I thought...nice Rockport walking shoes, 100% cotton clothing, rugged Levi's. Uh, wrong again! But that's another story. Perhaps, next month.

Stone Age Technology Makes a Better Boot

I DON'T USUALLY THINK OF THE NEW YORKER magazine as required reading for Obsidians. But if you've ever had an outing spoiled by a blister, you'll be intrigued by an article in the Feb 14-21 issue: "Sole Survivor – One Man's Quest to Find the Best Shoes Ever Made," by Burkhard Bilger.

Remember the "Ice Man" – the stone age hunter whose naturally mummified body was discovered half submerged in a glacier in the mountains near the border between Italy and Austria? Well, it turns out that he was wearing some pretty remarkable shoes. Bilger traveled to Zlin, in the Czech Republic, to meet with the expert who has unraveled the mystery of these shoes -- Petr Hlavacek, professor of shoe technology (seriously!) at Tomas Bata University. After studying the badly decomposed shoes, Hlavacek determined they were made of three different kinds of leather – deerskin, calfskin and bearskin – plus a netting of braided linden bark. In an ingenious design, the netting was stuffed with moss and grasses for insulation.

HLAVACEK MADE SEVERAL PAIRS of replicas and subjected them to tests of all kinds. His conclusion: "In these shoes you can practically not obtain the blisters." In the ultimate test, Hlavacek and three others, including Vaclav Patek, a Czech mountain climber who designs climbing shoes, hiked for three days wearing Ice Man style shoes. They tromped over glaciers, through frigid streams, across granite scree – and Patek gave the shoes an unqualified thumbs up. "There is no mountain in Europe that couldn't be conquered in these shoes," he declared. Unfortunately, the shoes aren't commercially available. But maybe Hlavacek will collaborate with a hiking boot manufacturer.

Review by Beth Kodama

Meeting a Black Bear on the Trail

By Pete Peterson

TO KEEP DRY IN THE EARLY MORNING MIST, Steve Holmes zipped up his rain jacket and climbed through the Sky Lakes Wilderness hills where shiny-leafed ceanothus (buck brush) has covered old clear cuts. An independent forester working with the U.S. Forest Service, he was drilling tree core samples and gathering vegetation data west of Klamath Lake. Overheated at the crest of a hill, he threw off his rain gear, whipping it high over his head.

"And, immediately, there was a big crashing noise," he remembers. "Something was thundering and snapping as it smashed downhill through the brush...a huge-looking thing -- like a log truck going off the road, it was so loud."

Holmes had spooked one of Oregon's 25,000 black bears. They're agile creatures despite their size (females weighing up to 175 pounds, males as much as 400), capable of ascending or descending hills quickly, and running in bursts up to 35 m.p.h., according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) website:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/ODFWhtml/InfoCntrWild/blackbear3.pdf>

HEARING OF HOLMES' EXPERIENCE, Peg Boulay laughs knowingly. An ODFW wildlife biologist, she says, "If not for the jacket incident, the bear would have let him pass without any kind of acknowledgment. That happens a lot. We walk right by without knowing of its presence," or it quietly moves away.

For five years, Boulay conducted black bear research in Oregon's Cascades, using radio telemetry collaring to track their home range, reproduction rate, survival rates and gen-

eral ecology. Now the ODFW Sensitive Species Coordinator, she says definitively, "In Oregon, black bears are timid and avoid humans at all costs."

She knows from personal experience. Once, while hiking the Middle Fork of the Willamette River near Diamond Peak, "I found bear tracks on top of my own tracks. It knew I was there but it had completely avoided me."

SINCE BLACK BEARS TEND TO TRAVEL on trails, recreational hikers using the same pathways may see signs of the animal's presence -- scat, clawed trees or ripped logs, indicating scrounging for insects -- but shouldn't be unduly anxious. "There has never been a bear attack in Oregon to my knowledge, although there have been some encounters," says Boulay.

"We're fortunate we don't have human safety problems with black bears, but in some areas, like the Rogue River, bears get into camp supplies and may lose their fear of people. Outdoor recreationists can keep the problem to a minimum by not exposing bears to food."

The most dangerous situation for hikers would be surprising a female and her cubs. "Like any mammal mother, a black bear can be defensive. So be cautious. There are individual variations, but for the most part, she'll get her cubs and herself out of your way." In rare circumstances, Boulay says, the mother "might 'bluff charge' -- run up and stop, pop her jaws," then back away.

When seeing a bear or discovering its telltale signs on the trail, Boulay says a hiker should make noise to announce the human presence. "Nearly 100 percent of the time it'll get out of the way." Sometimes, fast and loud, like a runaway log truck.



Uh, Oh...a Bear! What Should I Do?

- Stay calm. If it does not appear to be aggressive, speak softly to let the bear discover your presence and back away slowly while facing the bear. Avoid direct eye contact as bears may perceive this as a threat. Give the bear plenty of room to escape.

- Keep children close to you, and dogs on leash. If you are with other hikers, pull close together. If on a trail, step off the trail on the downhill side and slowly leave the area. Don't run or make any sudden movements. Running is likely to prompt the bear to give chase and you can't outrun a bear.

- Don't position yourself between a

female bear and her cubs.

- Don't panic: "If a bear stands upright or moves closer, it may be trying to detect smells in the air," according to ODFW's website. "This isn't a sign of aggression. Once it identifies you, it may leave the area."

- Don't run if a bear charges -- it's likely to be a "bluff charge," according to the ODFW -- "charging to within a few feet before it withdraws." If you're wearing a backpack, "place it slowly on the ground and then slowly back away." It may distract the bear.

- If attacked, fight back; don't "play dead," according to Canada's Northwest

Wildlife and Fisheries website. "Act aggressively. Defend yourself with whatever means are available to appear dominant and frighten the bear. Jump up and down, shout and wave your arms ... raise your jacket or pack to make you look bigger."

- In other parts of the country, "Black bears have been driven away when people have fought back with rocks, sticks, binoculars and even their bare hands," according to ODFW's website. Commercial websites selling pepper sprays claim that, under the right wind conditions and within a distance of 12-15 feet, the spray can be the best deterrent.

-- Distilled from several sources

Summer Trips Announced

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The schedule is updated regularly on www.obsidians.org. Trips are also published weekly in Thursday's Register-Guard and Eugene Weekly. The bulletin board at the YMCA should also be checked regularly for changes. In essence, the inserted schedule is just the "first edition." It is never too late to add a trip. So, think about leading a trip, check your calendar and phone Sandra (687-2589) or Margaret (687-5850) or email summertrips@obsidians.org with details. They'll also be happy to answer questions and help with suggestions.

AS OF BULLETIN DEADLINE, we had 169 trips and 85 leaders. In 2004, there were 155 trips, 80 leaders; in 2003, 170 trips, 105 leaders. In general, we seem to be doing more trips with fewer leaders. We do have weak spots later in the season that need to be filled and there are some popular hikes still not on the schedule in the fall.

"Activities of all kinds are the heart and soul of the

Obsidians," notes Sandra. "Many of our long time leaders, for a variety of reasons, can no longer lead hikes. And, yet, our membership is at an all time high, so we do encourage those of you who enjoy hiking, but have never led a hike to make this the year you start."

Summer Trip Leaders Meeting

THE SUMMER TRIPS Committee is sponsoring a meeting especially for trip leaders and *potential* leaders at the lodge at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5th. Mark your calendar.

Trip leaders will receive their information packets, there will be short presentations on "First Aid Tips On Your Trips," "New Format For Reporting Trips," "What Leaders Need To Know" and question and answer opportunities.

If you are a new member and are considering leading a trip, here is an opportunity to learn some basic tips from our veteran leaders. The First Aid session will be presented by Wayne Anderson of the Red Cross. Everyone is welcome and you can bring a friend. If you have questions, contact Sandra Larsen (687-2589) or Margaret Prentice (687-5850).

Janet's Sampler Package of Upcoming Hikes

JANET JACOBSEN has taken a glance at the upcoming month's trips and selected a few for special mention. If you are leading a hike and would like her to know why you think it will offer something special, call her or email her:

bulletin@obsidians.org .

Saturday, March 19 -- McDonald Forest. A "B" hike led by Becky Hansen. This has not been on the schedule since Becky led it a few years ago. Oregon State University's 11 square mile McDonald Forest offers a wide variety of trails. Becky has figured out a loop that includes great views from Dimple Hill.

Saturday, March 26 -- Horse Rock Ridge. A 3-mile "A" led by Doug McClurg. It's near Shotgun Creek and well worth the one hour drive. Beautiful meadows and views.

Tuesday, March 29 -- Ridgeline Trail and Raptor Center. "A" level co-led by Janet Jacobsen and Barb Revere. The trip will begin with a tour of the Raptor Center on Fox Hollow Road, with a hike to Dillard Road and back. Those who want more exercise can opt to hike up Spencer's Butte.

Sunday, April 3 -- Finley Wildlife Refuge Hike/Birding. "A" level hike led by

Rick Ahrens. Anyone interested in birds and/or listening to Rick share his interest in birding will enjoy this hike.

Thursday, April 7 -- Delta Ponds Nature Walk. Level "A," led by Margo Fetz. This is the first of five hikes Margo is going to lead with a guide. This four-mile nature hike features someone from Eugene Parks and Rec. A week later, on April 14, Margaret Prentice will lead an "A" hike on the Bike Path beginning at Delta Highway.

Saturday, April 9 -- Gillespie Butte. Another "A" level led by Janet. This short hike from Valley River Center to Gillespie Cemetery offers an interesting stroll among old tombstones and a great view of the city. Those who want a longer hike can continue hiking on the bike path.

Sunday, April 10 -- North Fork Smith River. A "B" level hike led by John Jacobsen. The 8.7 mile trail from the Smith River to the Kentucky Falls trailhead is a lovely trail in the coast range. The completion of two 80-foot bridges, built atop giant logs, makes this trip exciting. The wildflowers should be in bloom. This will be a shuttle trip.

Note from Janet Jacobsen: Not all trips are listed. Do not blame the leaders for

these descriptions. I consulted Bill Sullivan's hiking books and my own imagination. If you would like your trip, and your description, included in future "samplings," please send them to me.

Fastest Way to Get Trip Reports Published

FOR THOSE TRIP LEADERS with Internet access, the easiest way to fill out a trip report is by using the fill-in form available in the Members Only section of www.obsidians.org . Although you won't be able to save or email the fill-in form, you will be able to print it out, sign it and mail it in with the trip fees to the Summer Trips Chair. You will also be able to *copy and paste* the narrative portion of the form onto an email and send it to bulletin@obsidians.org for timely reproduction in the publication *and* to Wayne Deeter at wrd@deetour.net to be added to the trip reports on the website. Be sure to clearly note the title and date of the trip and name of the trip leader in your email.

Trip leaders without Internet access should mail reports to the Summer Trips Chair just as you always have in the past.

"Sunsational Sunriver 'Scape" - April 15-19

“WHAT BETTER WAY to celebrate completing your taxes,” asks Extended Trips Chair Lana Lindstrom, “than to escape to sunny Central Oregon and play with a fun group of Obsidians! We’ll stay in two houses in Sunriver with approximately eight persons in each house. The maximum number of participants on this trip is 16, so don’t delay in signing up,” she urges.

DATES: Friday to Tuesday, April 15-19. You can stay for 2, 3 or 4 nights; however, there are only two prices.

ESTIMATED COST: Obsidians: Approximately \$100 per person for two nights; \$150 for 3 or 4 nights. The actual cost will not exceed the estimated cost by more than \$10; it will depend on the number of participants. Non-members: \$110 or \$165.

MEALS: Continental breakfasts are included in the cost. We’ll potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday; each person will cook and clean up for one dinner only. Dinners on Sunday and Monday evenings will either be leftovers or at your own expense. Lunches are on your own.

ACTIVITIES: Mt. Bachelor will have snow at least into May and the prices are reduced: ski (downhill or cross-country), snowshoe, tubing (there’s a cool run at Mt. Bachelor). Hike at Smith Rocks or along the Deschutes River. Bike the miles of paths at Sunriver. Visit the otters at the High Desert Museum. Shop at the outlet mall. Read

a book. Sit in the hot tub and enjoy the stars. Play games or cards in the evenings.

SIGN-UP: Send a check payable to the Obsidians for either \$100 or \$150 to Lana Lindstrom, P. O. Box #5506, Eugene, OR 97405. Include your email address and indicate if you would like to be in the same house with someone else. Questions: call Lana at 683-1409.

PRE-TRIP: Monday, April 4, 7 p.m. at the lodge .

CANCELLATION: If you cancel after March 31, you will forfeit your payment unless there's someone on the waiting list or you find someone to take your place.

By-Ways-By-Bus

As of press time, there was still space on the March 23 “Snoopin’ Around Eugene & Springfield” By-Ways-By-Bus trip. The Oregon City Historic Homes trip is full and the Harrison Hot Springs trip is wait list only. For reservations, call Mary Lee Cheadle at 689-1085. Rally sheets with full information on the year’s activities are also available.

Thanks to Bulletin Mail Production Crew

To everyone who has worked on the crew during his long stint as editor, John Cecil writes: “Many thanks for your support and excellent (always timely) work – folding, collating, stapling, addressing, mailing, etc. Could not have done it without you. You are a great crew!”

IN FEBRUARY, the crew did double duty.

Assembling the 2005 membership directory were: Mary Bentsen, Yuan Hopkins, John Jacobsen, Marshall Kandell, John and Lenore McManigal, Dick and Rose Marie Moffitt (crew chief), Barbara and Don Payne, Ardys Ringsdorf and Vera Woolley.

Working on folding the directory into the hefty February Bulletin and getting everything postal ready were: Yuan Hopkins, Ray Jensen, Marshall Kandell, John and Lenore McManigal, Dick and Rose Marie Moffitt (crew chief), Vera Woolley and Dick and Janet Speelman.



Some of the Bulletin Crew, from left: Don Payne, Rose Marie Moffitt (crew boss), Yuan Hopkins, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal and Vera Woolley

A little of this, a little of that, whatever...

Obsidian Trail Mix of News, Info & Fun

The Obsidian Gourmet (Meals on Heels)

DO YOU EVER LOOK AROUND at lunchtime on an Obsidian outing and wish it was a potluck? Sheila Ward has been seen nibbling on succulent shrimp and Jim Duncan always seems to have an endless supply of perfect, unbruised fresh fruit in his lunch bag. Norma Lockyear brings a thermos of something steamy when she skis. And the last time I hiked with Scott Hovis, he had an enormous sandwich with delicious ingredients trying to escape on all sides.

I usually have a super-simple PB&J, plus unbruisable (or pre-bruised?) dried apricots, so I'm not foolish enough to actually suggest sharing at lunchtime. I have to bring something worth trading. Come to think of it, how about that old favorite recipe I got from my sister-in-law in Hawaii for homemade energy bars? Maybe they'd be worth sharing or trading, or maybe I'll be lazy and just share the recipe. If it doesn't appeal to you, try it on your children or grandchildren. I know it looks more like "kid food" than like a gourmet treat, but it's delicious.

- Beth Kodama

Jeanie's Energy Bars

Melt over low heat and stir until smooth:

- 1/2 block butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 10-oz package of marshmallows

Stir in:

- 2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds (or sunflower seeds)
- 1 cup raisins
- 2 1/2 cups Rice Krispies
- 1 cup unsalted peanuts

Pour into a greased 9 x 13 inch pan and press into corners. Cut when cool.

Note: The mixture will be VERY stiff. I once broke a wooden handle of a spatula while trying to "pour" this concoction into the pan.

Do you have a new idea for trail food, a tip about packing food for an outing or a favorite potluck recipe to share? Send it to the Bulletin! You, too, can be a published Obsidian Gourmet author!

Web Sightings

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/recreation/tripplanning/index.html>

Willamette National Forest trip planning map. Click on various areas of forest and new windows open. You can keep clicking right down to specific trail information.

<http://www.saltwatertides.com/dynamic.dir/oregonsites.html>

Before you plan a hike along the shoreline, check the tide tables. Website lets you check location, date and time.

Can You Bear It?

LAST MONTH'S POTLUCK participants were asked what they should do if a bear crossed their path. Results were: Climb a tree to escape (8); Whistle or scream loudly (6); Remain still to keep the animal calm (16); Make yourself appear very large to frighten the animal (14); Growl at the animal (1); Roll over and play dead (10...but 2 said only if it's a grizzly); and Run like hell (4). Read what the experts say to do on Page 7.

The Poetic Words of Mary Millman

SERVICES WERE HELD at Eugene Friends Meeting in February for Obsidian Mary Millman, whose passing was reported in last month's Bulletin. Included in the program at the memorial service were the following two poems written in 1992 by Mary:

Walking up the dry streambed
I trace the place where water once flowed:
Here—hard rock standing firm:
There—yielding, spilling sand and stone.

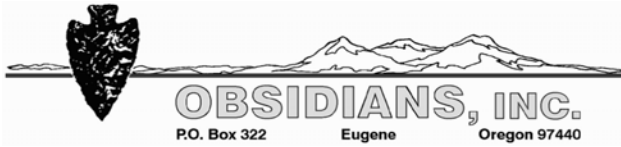
From loving come becoming;
Who would have thought
I'd wish to be a "wash"?

Open, expectant, channeling the flow
When and if it came;
Shaper as well as shaped –
Allowing a meander here
For seed to tumble encouraging flowers to bloom.

Cut deep by wind and water,
An open-ended vessel –
Enduring, flexible but tough
Who would have thought this would be enough?

The connections were already there
Rooted and running beneath the dark earth.

In the fall I see my relations
Appear like a mushroom fairy ring
And recognize, just in time for the holidays,
That we are bound together
In a living circle that will not
Let us go – alone.



Obsidian 2005 Activities Schedule

Current as of March 6, 2005

Sign up to go on Winter/Summer Trips and Climbs at the Eugene YMCA, 2055 Patterson Street.

This schedule is subject to change. Check our website, www.obsidians.org, or contact the following for the latest scheduling information.

Summer Trips: Sandra Larsen - 687-2589 - summertrips@obsidians.org; **Climbs:** Sue Sullivan - 342-6546 - climbs@obsidians.org

Winter Trips: Bill Johnson - 746-1513 - wintertrips@obsidians.org; **By-Ways-By Bus:** Liz Reanier - 687-1925 - bustrips@obsidians.org

January 2005

- 1 Sat – **Spencer Butte**, Hike, AJobanek
- 1 Sat – **Tahkenitch Dunes Lp**, Hike 7m B, Sward
- 8 Sat – **Midnight Lk Lp**, XSKI 6m Int, SLarsen
- 8 Sat – **Salt Crk Fls**, SS, MCroson
- 15 Sat – **Ray Benson-Island Shelter**, XSKI 7m AdvBeg, BJohnson
- 20 Thu – **Antarctica**, slides, RAhrens
- 22 Sat – **Rosary Lks**, XSKI 7m Int, SLarsen
- 22 Sat – **Spencer Butte**, Tr Maint, JCooper
- 23 Sun – **Fuji Shelter**, XSKI 8m 1500' Int, RMurdock
- 23 Sun – **Sand Mtn**, XSKI 10m Adv, SMiller
- 28 Fri – **Cabin Fever: Hikes to Huts and Shelters**, Potluck, BSullivan
- 29 Sat – **Maxwell Butte Shelter**, SS 4m AdvBeg, SHovis
- 29 Sat – **Redtop Mtn**, XSKI 10m Adv, SGoins
- 30 Sun – **Square Lk**, XSKI 8m Adv, JPegg

February 2005

- 5 Sat – **Rosary Lks**, XSKI 7m Int, MLandes
- 9 Wed – **N Shasta Lp**, Hike 5m B, RRomoser
- 11 Fri – **Willamette Pass Ski Day**, DHill/XSKI, PMathes
- 12 Sat – **Gwynn Crk Lp**, Hike 6.5m 1100' B, SRitchie
- 12 Sat – **Maxwell Shelter off tr**, SS 6m Int, JAgnew
- 13 Sun – **Gold Lk**, SS 4.5m 875' AdvBeg, LFunkhouser
- 13 Sun – **Gold Lk SP-Salt Crk Fls**, XSKI 10m Int, BJohnson
- 19 Sat – **Cape Mtn**, Hike 4m A, SHoeg
- 19 Sat – **Walker Mtn**, XSKI 16m 2400' Int, KMcManigal
- 20 Sun – **Fawn Lk**, XSKI 7m Int, BHuntley
- 22-23 Tue-Wed – **Eagles 'N More**, Bus, RAhrens
- 23 Wed – **Gold Lk-Marilyn Lks**, XSKI 6m AdvBeg, RMurdock
- 23 Wed – **Spirit Fls**, Hike 5m 800' A, WDeeter
- 25 Fri – **Hiking in Italy--Burgess**, Potluck
- 26 Sat – **Fuji Shelter**, SS 8m Adv, SHovis
- 26 Sat – **Ray Benson circumnavigation**, XSKI 10m Int, BJohnson
- 26 Sat – **Row Rvr Tr**, Hike 9m B, CCunningham
- 26 Sat – **Sand Mtn bushwhack**, XSKI 10m Adv, CDeusen
- 26 Sat – **Spencer Butte**, Tr Maint, JCooper
- 27 Sun – **Arrowhead Lk**, XSKI 12m Adv, JCooper
- 27 Sun – **Ray Benson**, XSKI 5m AdvBeg, LFunkhouser

March 2005

- 1 Tue – **Washburne-China Crk Lp**, Hike 5m A, MKandell
- 5 Sat – **Hallie Ford Museum of Art**, Walk 3m A, JJacobsen
- 5 Sat – **Midnight Lk off tr**, SS 6m Int, JAgnew
- 5 Sat – **Trestle Crk Fls**, Hike 3.5m 800' A, AAskew
- 12 Sat – **Larison Rock**, Hike 9.4m 2400' B, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 18 Fri – **Cyprus, Cairo, Beirut and Syria--Lindstrom and Hughes**, Potluck
- 19 Sat – **Cache Mtn**, XSKI 12m Int, JHegg (484-0619)
- 19 Sat – **McDonald Forest**, Hike 10m 1200' B, RHansen (747-2529)
- 20 Sun – **Spencer Butte**, Tr Maint, JCooper (344-8517)
- 20 Sun – **Three Fingred Jack area**, XSKI 12m Adv, JMowat (342-6546)
- 23 Wed – **Around Springfield-Eugene**, Bus, MCheadle (689-1085)
- 26 Sat – **Horse Rock Ridge**, Hike 2m A, DMcClurg (746-9478)
- 29 Tue – **Ridgeline Tr and Raptor Center**, Hike 4m 200' A, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 31 Thu – **Basic Mountaineering March 31, April 2-3,14,16**, Class, RHouse (682-5329)

April 2005

- 3 Sun – **Finley Wildlife Refuge**, Hike/Bird 3m A, RAhrens (689-3996)
- 4 Mon – **Sunriver pretrip meeting**, Pretrip, LLindstrom (683-1409)
- 5 Tue – **Bike Paths and Skinner Butte**, Hike B, RRomoser (726-8154)
- 5 Tue – **Trip Leaders Meeting, Lodge**, Workshop, SLarsen (687-2589)
- 7 Thu – **Delta Ponds nature walk**, Walk 4m A, MFetz (687-0733)
- 9 Sat – **Fuji Shelter**, XSKI 8m Int, PSuttmeier (485-4633)
- 9 Sat – **Gillespie Butte**, Hike 3m 100' A, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 9 Sat – **Spencer Butte**, Tr Maint, JCooper (344-8517)
- 10 Sun – **N Fork Smith Rvr**, Hike 8.7m 1400' B, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 14 Thu – **Bike Path at Delta Highway**, Hike A, MPrentice (687-5850)
- 15-19 Fri-Tue – **Sunriver outing**, DHill/XSKI/SS/Hike, LLindstrom (683-1409)
- 16 Sat – **Brice Crk**, Hike 5.5m B, JAgnew (484-5725)
- 17 Sun – **Sweet Crk Fls**, Hike 2.2m 350' A, CPetty (935-2088)
- 17-19 Sun-Tue – **Three Sisters Traverse**, XSKI 35m Adv, KMcManigal (1-503-635-9973)

- 20 Wed – **Oregon City Historic Homes**, Bus, MCheadle (689-1085)
- 21 Thu – **Mt Pisgah Native Plant**, Hike 3m A, DPredeek (345-5531)
- 22 Fri – **Biking in Cuba--Chiang**, Potluck
- 23 Sat – **Diamond Pk (grad climb)**, Climb, SStill (344-7324)
- 23 Sat – **Drift Crk**, Hike 10m 1200' C, RHansen (747-2529)
- 23 Sat – **Glide Wildflower and Susan Crk Fls**, Bus, MCheadle (689-1085)
- 23 Sat – **Opal Whitely sites**, Hike 5m A, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 23 Sat – **Tahkenitch Dunes**, Hike 6.5m B, Sward (686-5679)
- 24 Sun – **Mt June-Hardesty Mtn**, Hike 9.6m 2100' B, CRenkert (485-5217)
- 26 Tue – **Eugene Wetlands**, Bike/Bird 12m A, AMontgomery (688-7025)
- 28 Thu – **Yachats-Waldport**, Hike 7m B, BWilliams (683-5312)
- 30 Sat – **Masonic Cemetery**, Hike 3m A, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 30 Sat – **Row Rvr Tr**, Bike 25m A, SRitchie (342-8435)
- 30 Sat – **Sweet Crk Fls**, Hike 3m 350' A, AAskew (687-1659)

May 2005

- 1 Sun – **Clear Lk**, Hike 8m 200' B, GBaitinger (344-9345)
- 1 Sun – **Shotgun Crk**, Hike A, KGraham (933-1612)
- 4 Wed – **Buffalo Farm**, Bike 20m A, LDunlap (686-6745)
- 5 Thu – **Larison Crk**, Hike 6m B, MPrentice (687-5850)
- 7 Sat – **Goodman Crk**, Hike 3.5m 300' A, MHansen (343-5114)
- 7 Sat – **Mt Hood**, Climb, MSlipp (1-503-582-1100)
- 7 Sat – **Pamelia Lk**, Hike B, SHovis (345-7788)
- 7 Sat – **Willamette Valley Lp**, Bike 38m B, NLockyear (485-1283)
- 8 Sun – **Heceta Head-Hobbit Tr**, Hike 6m 800' B, AMcLucas (485-5608)
- 12 Thu – **Birds around the Eugene area**, Bus, PBitner (485-3971)
- 14 Sat – **Cooks Ridge Tr**, Hike 5.8m 1100' B, PGraham (933-1612)
- 14 Sat – **Larison Crk**, Hike 6m 200' B, JTerry (345-0720)
- 14 Sat – **McKenzie View Drive**, Bike 30m B, LDunlap (686-6745)
- 14-15 Sat-Sun – **Smith Rock State Park**, Climb, DNelson (746-6774)
- 15 Sun – **Clear Lk-Waterfall Lp**, Hike 8.7m 600' B, SLarsen (687-2589)
- 15 Sun – **Hardesty Mtn-Mt June**, Hike 18m 6100' C, GJobanek (343-8547)
- 17 Tue – **Rhodies, Covered Bridges, and Murals**, Bus, BPayne (746-1964)
- 19 Thu – **Little N Santiam Rvr Tr**, Hike 6.5m 850' B, GRoe (1-503-316-5064)
- 20 Fri – **Coast to Canyonlands--James Johnston**, Potluck
- 21 Sat – **Kentucky Fls**, Hike 4.4m 800' A, LDunlap (686-6745)
- 21 Sat – **Mt June**, Hike 8m 1800' B, WDolliver (345-2975)
- 21 Sat – **Old Baldy**, Hike 5.5m 1500' B, GKirk (683-7033)
- 21 Sat – **The Twins**, XSKI 8m 1800' Int, WDeeter (942-0824)
- 22 Sun – **Adams Mtn Lp**, Hike 11.2m 3000' C, CStockdale (767-3668)
- 22 Sun – **Weyerhaeuser Road**, Bike 20m 200' A, RHughes (683-1409)
- 23 Mon – **Mt Pisgah**, Hike B, RRomoser (726-8154)
- 24 Tue – **Tamolitch**, Hike, DJeffcott
- 28 Sat – **Broken Top Crater**, XSKI 10m Adv, PSuttmeier (485-4633)
- 28 Sat – **Sweet Crk Fls**, Hike 4m A, SThomas (747-1623)
- 30 Mon – **Eagles Rest**, Hike 5m 1422' B, MHansen (343-5114)

June 2005

- 2 Thu – **Alton Baker-Rvr Walk**, Hike 4m A, RJensen (345-5366)
- 3-5 Fri-Sun – **Rogue Rvr Tr**, BP 42m C, KHorton (485-0375)
- 3 Fri – **Siltcoos Rvr and Carter Lk Dunes**, Hike 5m B, Sward (686-5679)
- 4 Sat – **Trs Day**, Tr Maint, PAsai (933-3927)
- 4 Sat – **Vivian Lk**, Hike 8m 1600' B, DJeffcott
- 5 Sun – **Baker Beach**, Hike 7.3m B, SLarsen (687-2589)
- 5 Sun – **Deception Butte**, Hike 8m 2600' C, CRenkert (485-5217)
- 5 Sun – **Scio**, Bike 45m B, NLockyear (485-1283)
- 5 Sun – **Three Buttes**, Bike/Hike, DNelson (746-6774)
- 6-10 Mon-Fri – **John Day Fossil Beds**, Bus, JSpeelman (344-3019)
- 8 Wed – **Gwynn Crk**, Hike 6.4m 1000' B, CHiggins (995-8060)
- 9 Thu – **Owaso Bridge-Greenway Bridge**, Walk A, MFetz (687-0733)
- 10 Fri – **Kentucky Fls**, Hike 4.4m 800' A, JEwing (344-9197)
- 11 Sat – **Dog Mtn**, Hike 7m 2900' C, BBlumm (343-8830)
- 11 Sat – **Orchard Pt Park**, Bike 35m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
- 11 Sat – **Tahkenitch Dunes**, Hike 6.5m 650' B, MCroson (485-3753)
- 11 Sat – **Tire Mtn**, Hike 8m 800' B, ACoons (687-9741)
- 12 Sun – **Devils Den**, Hike 5m B, WDeeter (942-0824)
- 12 Sun – **Marcola**, Bike 75m B, KMcManigal (1-503-635-9973)
- 12 Sun – **N Umpqua Rvr Tr**, Hike 5.5m 200' B, DMcClurg (746-9478)
- 14 Tue – **Lillian Fls**, Hike 4m A, RJensen (345-5366)
- 15 Wed – **Little Cowhorn Mtn**, Hike 5m 1700' B, WDeeter (942-0824)
- 16 Thu – **U of O Campus**, Hike 3m A, RHeinzkill (343-8367)
- 17 Fri – **Cone Pk**, Hike 7.5m 1576' C, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 18 Sat – **Goodman Crk**, Hike 4m 300' A, CCunningham (344-0486)

18 Sat – **Mt Pisgah**, Hike 4m 1000' **B**, MHansen (343-5114)
18 Sat – **Sahalie Fls Lp**, Hike 8.5m 600' **B**, DDelaby (688-4978)
18 Sat – **Salt Crk Fls**, Hike 3.8m 400' **A**, CDurham (687-0885)
18 Sat – **Sawtooth Mtn**, Hike 9.7m 2200' **B**, LHuff (915-9071)
19 Sun – **Aufferheide Drive**, Bike 30m 800' **B**, RHughes (683-1409)
19 Sun – **Crack-in-The-Ground**, Hike **B**, BHuntley (687-1823)
19 Sun – **Crescent Mtn**, Hike 8m 2200' **B**, GBaitinger (344-9345)
19 Sun – **Tamolitch Pool to Sahalie Fls**, Hike 7m 800' **B**, BLipton (736-7498)
21 Tue – **Clear Lk**, Hike **A**, MKandell (345-8095)
22 Wed – **Patterson Mtn**, Hike 6m 1000' **B**, MClarkson (334-6883)
22 Wed – **Wildlife Safari 'n more Animals**, Bus, PBitner (485-3971)
25 Sat – **Heceta Head**, Hike 6m 800' **B**, AAskew (687-1659)
25 Sat – **Iron Mtn**, Hike 8m 1800' **B**, ACoons (687-9741)
25 Sat – **Rebel Rock Lp**, Hike 14m 3300' **C**, LHuff (915-9071)
26 Sun – **Calapooya Divide Lp**, Bike 70m 5000' **C**, WDeeter (942-0824)
26 Sun – **Mt June**, Hike 8m 1800' **B**, RWood (767-2499)
26-Jul 2 Sun-Sat – **PCNST-McLoughlin to I-5**, BP 50m **C**, RHansen (747-2529)
26 Sun – **Tire Mtn exploratory**, Hike 7.6m 800' **B**, SLarsen (687-2589)
29 Wed – **Eugene Wetlands**, Hike 5m **A**, KRiddle (684-4030)
29 Wed – **Tidbits Mtn**, Hike 4m 1100' **B**, BKodama (686-3297)
30 Thu – **Bohemia Mtn**, Hike 3m 800' **A**, WDeeter (942-0824)

July 2005

2 Sat – **Camp Crk Road**, Bike 33m **B**, SRitchie (342-8435)
2 Sat – **Corvalis-Philomath**, Hike 8m **B**, BManheim
2 Sat – **McKenzie waterfalls**, Hike 7m 600' **B**, ELichtenstein (683-0688)
2-3 Sat-Sun – **Middle Sister**, Climb, MSlipp (1-503-582-1100)
4 Mon – **Eagles Rest**, Hike 5m 1422' **B**, MHansen (343-5114)
6-9 Wed-Sat – **Mt Shasta**, Bus, JSpeelman (344-3019)
7 Thu – **Greenway Bridge-DeFazio Bridge**, Walk **A**, MFetz (687-0733)
7 Thu – **Rock Crk Wilderness**, Hike **B**, SHovis (345-7788)
9 Sat – **Cowhorn Mtn**, Hike 9.4m 1900' **C**, JJacobsen (343-8030)
9 Sat – **Rosary Lks**, Hike 7m 800' **B**, DDelaby (688-4978)
10 Sun – **Canyon Crk Meadows**, Hike 7m 1400' **B**, AMcLucas (485-5608)
10 Sun – **Opal Crk**, Hike 7.1m 200' **B**, MWelches (345-2056)
13 Wed – **Blair Lk**, Hike 6m 1500' **B**, MClarkson (334-6883)
13 Wed – **Clear Lk**, Hike 8.6m **B**, SThomas (747-1623)
15 Fri – **Butterflies**, Bus, JSpeelman (344-3019)
16 Sat – **Battle Ax**, Hike 5.6m 1600' **B**, BHuntley (687-1823)
16 Sat – **Diamond View Lk**, Hike 9.7m 1400' **B**, WDolliver (345-2975)
16 Sat – **Jefferson Park**, Hike 10.2m 1800' **C**, JTrue (688-2514)
16-17 Sat-Sun – **N Sister**, Climb, DNelson (746-6774)
17 Sun – **Rooster Rock**, Hike 6.6m 2300' **B**, MZavodsky (461-2037)
20 Wed – **Lowder Mtn**, Hike 5.6m 900' **B**, JDuncan (343-8079)
20 Wed – **Mt Pisgah sunset**, Hike 3m 1000' **A**, RMurdock (345-8305)
23 Sat – **Chucksney Mtn**, Hike 10m 2000' **C**, ACoons (687-9741)
23 Sat – **Lowder Mtn**, Hike 5.6m 900' **B**, DJeffcott
23 Sat – **Mt Washington**, Climb, WDeeter (942-0824)
23 Sat – **Santiam-McKenzie Pass**, Hike 13m 2500' **C**, BBlumm (343-8830)
24 Sun – **Three Pyramids**, Hike 4m 1800' **B**, JHackett (984-0049)
26 Tue – **Cascade Head and other coast stops**, Hike, AMcLucas (485-5608)
28 Thu – **Hells Half Acre-Fuji Mtn**, Hike 7m 2200' **B**, WDeeter (942-0824)
30 Sat – **George Lk**, Hike 12m **C**, BHoyland (338-9881)
31 Sun – **Maxwell Butte**, Hike 10m 2500' **C**, GBaitinger (344-9345)
31 Sun – **McKenzie Rvr Tr**, Hike 4.2m 200' **A**, MWelches (345-2056)

August 2005

5-7 Fri-Sun – **Mt Adams Backpack**, BP 15m 3000' **C**, BSullivan (683-6837)
6 Sat – **Middle Sister**, Climb, BJohnson (746-1513)
6 Sat – **Sutton Crk**, Hike 4.3m 100' **A**, CCunningham (344-0486)
6 Sat – **Vivian Lk**, Hike 8m 1600' **B**, LBeckley (338-8520)
7 Sun – **Phantom Bridge**, Hike 5.4m 1400' **B**, DBaihuber (503-838-0089)
11 Thu – **DeFazio Bridge-Autzen Bridge**, Walk **A**, MFetz (687-0733)
13-20 Sat-Sat – **Eagle Cap Wilderness**, Climb, CRenkert (485-5217)
13 Sat – **Lillian Fls and Klovdahl Bay**, Hike 7.6m 2200' **B**, SHOeg (484-6196)
13 Sat – **Marys Pk**, Hike 5m 1250' **B**, DNelson (746-6774)
13 Sat – **Maxwell Butte**, Hike 9.6m 2500' **C**, JClarkson (334-6883)
13-14 Sat-Sun – **Three Fingered Jack**, Climb, BHoyland (338-9881)
14 Sun – **Canyon Crk Meadows**, Hike 6m 600' **B**, LFunkhouser (206-2303)
15-19 Mon-Fri – **Harrison Hot Springs**, Bus, JSpeelman (344-3019)
17 Wed – **McKenzie Pass Geology**, Walk 3m **A**, P Rodda (343-3887)
18 Thu – **Mt Pisgah sunset**, Hike 3m 1000' **A**, RMurdock (345-8305)
19 Fri – **Little Brother**, Hike 12m 3000' **C**, JFritz (345-0347)
20 Sat – **Kentucky Fls**, Hike 4.4m 800' **A**, SLarsen (687-2589)
20-21 Sat-Sun – **Mt Whitney**, Climb, BBlumm (343-8830)
21 Sun – **Duffy Lk**, Hike 6.6m 800' **B**, JHackett (984-0049)
21-27 Sun-Sat – **Strawberry Wilderness**, BP **C**, RHansen (747-2529)
21 Sun – **Washburne-China Crk Lp**, Hike **A**, MKandell (345-8095)
25 Thu – **Autzen Bridge-Knickerbocker Bridge**, Walk **A**, MFetz (687-0733)
25-28 Thu-Sun – **Glacier Pk**, Climb, MSlipp (1-503-582-1100)
27-28 Sat-Sun – **Mt Bailey**, Climb, JPierce (344-1775)
27 Sat – **Mt Thielsen (Youth Climb)**, Climb, AJobanek (343-8547)

28 Sun – **Tire Mtn**, Hike 7.6m 800' **B**, MWelches (345-2056)

September 2005

2 Fri – **Little Brother**, Hike 12m 3000' **C**, DQuirk (686-3027)
3 Sat – **Four-In-One Cone**, Hike 8m 1500' **B**, CTucker (344-8371)
3-5 Sat-Mon – **Mt Jefferson**, Climb, KBall (895-3626)
3-4 Sat-Sun – **S Sister (Youth Climb)**, Climb, AJobanek (343-8547)
3-5 Sat-Mon – **Table Lk**, BP 22m **C**, KMcManigal (1-503-635-9973)
4 Sun – **Grizzly Pk**, Hike 10m 2700' **C**, JHackett (984-0049)
7 Wed – **Scott Mtn**, Hike 8.2m **B**, SThomas (747-1623)
8 Thu – **Cascades Lks Highway**, Bus, BPayne (746-1964)
9 Fri – **Tour of Historic Eugene Buildings**, Walk, JEwing (344-9197)
10 Sat – **Black Meadow**, Hike 7m 1000' **B**, SHovis (345-7788)
10 Sat – **Broken Hand**, Hike 15m **C**, PAdams (746-2204)
10-11 Sat-Sun – **Diamond Pk-Mt Thielsen**, Climb, WDeeter (942-0824)
10 Sat – **Scott Mtn**, Hike 10m 1200' **C**, DPredeek (345-5531)
10 Sat – **Tire Mtn**, Hike 7.5m 800' **B**, CCunningham (344-0486)
11 Sun – **Bunchgrass Tr**, Hike 10m 1500' **C**, CStockdale (767-3668)
11 Sun – **Matthieu Lks**, Hike 6m 800' **B**, MTambellini (343-8051)
11 Sun – **Waldo Mtn**, Hike 9.5m 2000' **B**, CRenkert (485-5217)
17-18 Sat-Sun – **Mt McLoughlin-Crater Lk**, Climb/Bike, WDeeter (942-0824)
17-18 Sat-Sun – **Obsidian Fls**, BP 15m 1800' **C**, BBurnett (753-1535)
17 Sat – **Salmon Bake-Depeo Bay**, Bus, MCheadle (689-1085)
17 Sat – **Tidbits Mtn**, Hike 4m 1100' **B**, SHOeg (484-6196)
18 Sun – **Indigo Springs**, Hike 6.3m 400' **B**, JDuncan (343-8079)
18 Sun – **Maiden Pk**, Hike 12m 2900' **C**, DMcCarty (342-6962)
18 Sun – **Matthieu Lks**, Hike 6m 800' **B**, KRiddle (684-4030)
21 Wed – **Mt June**, Hike 8m 3000' **C**, WDeeter (942-0824)
23-25 Fri-Sun – **Diamond Pk lp**, BP 36m **C**, RHansen (747-2529)
24 Sat – **The Twins**, Hike 6.6m 1600' **B**, TWoxell (485-7384)
24 Sat – **Vivian Lk**, Hike 7m 1800' **B**, WDolliver (345-2975)
25 Sun – **Hand Lk-Scott Lk**, Hike 5m **A**, MWest (343-5492)
25 Sun – **S Sister**, Climb, BBlumm (343-8830)

October 2005

1 Sat – **Triangulation Pk**, Hike 5m 700' **B**, NBenton (895-4632)
2 Sun – **Mt Ray**, Hike 3m 1500' **B**, JMowat (342-6546)
4-5 Tue-Wed – **Mt St Helens and Nearby Area**, Bus, JSpeelman (344-3019)
8 Sat – **Three Pyramids**, Hike 5m 1800' **B**, RHansen (747-2529)
9 Sun – **N Bank Deer Preserve**, Hike 10m 1300' **C**, CStockdale (767-3668)
14 Fri – **Annual Meeting**, admin
15 Sat – **Drift Crk**, Hike 8m 1400' **B**, BLipton (736-7498)
15 Sat – **Tahkenitch Dunes**, Hike 6.5m **B**, SWard (686-5679)
16 Sun – **Belknap Crater**, Hike 8m 1672' **B**, JJacobsen (343-8030)
17 Mon – **Mt Pisgah sunrise**, Hike 3m 1000' **A**, RMurdock (345-8305)
18 Tue – **Fl Color: Willamette Valley and S**, Bus, MCheadle (689-1085)
22 Sat – **Fl Crk**, Hike 9m 700' **B**, ELichtenstein (683-0688)
23 Sun – **Eel Crk**, Hike 6m **B**, BHuntley (687-1823)

November 2005

10 Thu – **Evergreen Air Museum**, Bus, VKocken (736-5180)
12 Sat – **Mt June-Hardesty Mtn**, Hike 10m 2000' **C**, RHansen (747-2529)
13 Sun – **Eel Crk**, Hike 6m 100' **B**, JHackett (984-0049)
16 Wed – **N Shasta Lp**, Hike **B**, RRomoser (726-8154)

December 2005

1 Thu – **Oregon Historical Center**, Bus, VKocken (736-5180)
4 Sun – **Tahkenitch Dunes-Threemile Lk**, Hike 6m 400' **B**, BLipton (736-7498)
13 Tue – **Festival of Lights**, Bus, MCheadle (689-1085)

Upcoming Events at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum

For information and/or reservations on any of the following events, call: 747-1504. References to member and non-member fees refer to arboretum membership, not Obsidian membership.

SINGLES HIKE: Saturday, March 12, 1-3 p.m. Join Tom LoCascio, site manager for 23 years, on this vigorous hike for outdoor-loving singles of all ages. See the arboretum's wildflowers -- trilliums, fawn lilies, camas and bleeding hearts -- and less traveled areas. Warm drinks and snacks afterward. Suggested donation: \$4.

BIRD WALK: Saturday, March 19, 8-11 a.m. Join experienced birder Steve Gordon for a relaxed ramble through the forest. Steve will focus on helping beginners identify the birds' characteristic field marks. Suggested donation: \$3 for non-members/ members free.

SPRING EQUINOX: Hike and Nature Readings: Sunday, March 20 (hike 1-3 p.m.; readings 3:30-5 p.m.). Hike to the summit to revel in nature's vistas with Nature Guide Tom Bettman. Then celebrate the equinox through the beauty of the written word. Suggested donation: \$2 for hike or readings and \$4 for both.

WILDFLOWER WALK: Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the ecology and how to identify flowers in bloom. Led by local botanist Kelly Hill. Meet at visitor center. Suggested donation \$3.

LICHEN WORKSHOP: Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Local expert Daphne Stone introduces the world of lichens. Learn the unique symbiotic relationship between algae and fungi that make a lichen; how to collect and identify lichens; and complete the class with a collection of common lichens to take home. Reading source: *Macrolichens of the Pacific Northwest* by Bruce McCune and Linda Geyser. Fee: \$30/\$35 Pre-registration required.

ARBOR FESTIVAL & NATIVE PLANT SALE: Celebrating Trees and Nature. Sunday, April 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate Oregon Arbor Week at our 4th Annual Arbor Week Celebration! Largest early-spring native plant sale in the area. At 11 and 2, join us to enhance arboretum habitat with native tree plantings. Take a guided nature walk at noon and explore indigenous ecosystems. Stop by the visitor center for some hot cider and take a peek at the arboretum's amazing animals. Free.

GARDENING WITH NATURE: Saturday, April 9, 10-Noon (at EPUD, 33733 Seavey Loop). Garden in harmony with nature. Landscape designer Heiko Koester opens his "bag of tricks" with native plants, shrubs, and unusual edibles. Fee: \$12 non-members /\$10 members. Pre-registration required.

BIRD WALK: Sunday, April 10, 8-10 a.m. Enjoy the morning chorus and observe your favorite migrants and locals. Experienced birder Rick Ahrens will be the leader. Meet at visitor center. Suggested donation \$3.

WILDFLOWERS FOR DUMMIES: Sunday, April 10, 1-3 p.m. Guided walk with Chandra LeGue and Julie Polhemus. Suggested donation \$3.

ELDER WALK: BIRDS! Saturday, April 16, 8:30-11a.m. (with OASIS). Nature guides Dan and Anne Heyerly lead a spring walk along the arboretum's blooming trails. Meet other nature-

loving seniors and enjoy refreshments when you return. Suggested donation: \$4.

WILDFLOWER WALK: Sunday, April 17, 1-4 p.m. Led by local botanist David Wagner. Meet at visitor center. Suggested donation \$3.

EARTH DAY WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SERIES: Tuesday - Friday, April 19-22, 5-7 p.m. Steve Kriegh and Linda Redmon. Learn wilderness survival and nature awareness skills from premier outdoorsman, renown tracker, teacher and author Tom Brown, Jr. Steve and Linda are instructors in their own wilderness survival school, **CAMP-SIGHT**. Each class will have a different theme and students will construct a complete survival village. Fee: \$15 per class/ \$50 Series. Pre-registration required.

SKETCHBOOKS: TEXTURES OF NATURE: Saturday, April 23, 1-4 p.m. in arboretum office. Texture is a strong element of design. Join artist Kristine Kirkeby and learn how to use it to enrich your drawings. Explore some mixed media approaches and try some less conventional techniques for producing texture. Fee: \$20 (\$15 MPA members) Pre-registration required.

WILDFLOWER FOLKLORE WALK: Sunday, April 24, Noon- 2 p.m. Learn about the folk tales associated with wildflowers as well as food and medicinal uses. Meet at visitor center. Suggested donation \$3.

Mt. Pisgah Offers Free Nature Guide Training

ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS and spending time in the woods? Mount Pisgah Arboretum is recruiting volunteers to train as guides for small groups of six to eight elementary school students on tours, exploring the plants and animals of our forests, meadows and waterways.

Guide training begins Thursday evening, March 31, and covers natural history, teaching techniques, group management and storytelling. Volunteers are required to lead a minimum of one morning tour or afternoon activity session per week (April 22-June 9). Credit available for U of O and LCC students.

For information or an application, call the Arboretum Education Office at 747-1504; or email, mtpisgfr@efn.org.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Snowshoe Trips

“Full Moon” Odell/West View Shelter

December 26, 2004

Leader: J. Scott Hovis

OUR SNOWSHOE OUTING can be summed up as a “bad hike is better than a good day at the office.” I think all of us had a nice time, but it was disappointing the clouds never broke so we could see the full moon. It’s still amazing what you can see with a white backdrop of snow.

A night trip is a good way to avoid crowds. Although the highway was snow packed we never had to put on chains. Snowshoers were: Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Daphne James, Cory Klein, Leah Klein, Renee Klein, Ashley Schelsinger, Teri Schlesinger and J. Scott Hovis.

Salt Creek Falls

January 8, 2005

Leader: Mary Croson

WE STARTED OUR SNOWSHOE trip out with snow falling at 1,000 ft. By the time we reached Westfir there was snow on the ground with more falling. Chains were required well before the tunnel, which proved to be the biggest challenge of the day. With an abundance of snow we enjoyed our hike and the vista views of Diamond and Salt Creek Falls. Laughs could be heard by the group as several of our members became recipients of the heavy snow the branches unburdened. What fun! Snowshoers were: LaRee Beckley, Daniele Delaby, Walt Dolliver, Charles Durham, Elena Easton, Yuan Hopkins, Bob Huntley and Mary Croson.



Ski Trips

Midnight Lake Loop

January 8, 2005

Leader: Sandra Larsen

FOURTEEN EAGER SKIERS left Eugene under rainy skies and were greeted with the best snowfall of the season. The host at the Gold Lake SnoPark said he counted 72 cars for the day. Our big group made good time to the lake. Most of us kept our skis on while we ate lunch and, after a very quick lunch, we continued the loop. Some of the group returned from Bechtel Shelter via Marianne Loop while others did the Pengra Pass Road. We all arrived back in Eugene before 3 p.m. It snowed most of the day. Skiers were: Chris Christensen, Brian Hamilton, Bill McWhorter, Sam Miller, Royal Murdock, Allan Ott, Sat Nam Khalsa, Bella Shaver, Bob Smythe, Nancy Whitfield, Tom Woxell, Charlie Van Deusen and Sandra Larsen.

Ray Benson-Island Shelter

January 15, 2005

Leader: Bill Johnson

THIS TRIP WAS ORIGINALLY to go to Ikenick Snow Park, but there was not enough snow to ski there, so we went to Ray Benson Snow Park, where there was plenty of snow. We started off on the North Loop, then took the Circle Lake cutoff over to Island Shelter. There, we had lunch and made an unsuccessful attempt to light a fire in the wood stove. We decided to take the snowmobile trail back to the parking lot, as it was the shortest route. The group got separated into two groups on the way back and the later group took the wrong trail for about a half mile. Then they turned back and finally arrived at the parking area about 4:30

to very icy cars. Participants were: Suzanne Steussy, Nancy Whitfield, Bob Huntley, Craig Renkert, Tom Woxell, Roger Galka, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Jan Stocker, Eleanor Wilkerson, Chris Stockdale, Leia Hart, Carol Petty and Bill Johnson.



Winter Hikes

Tahkenitch Dunes Loop

January 1, 2005

Leader: Sheila Ward

UNDER THREATENING SKIES, 13 hikers headed to the coast. On the drive, we went through fog, mist, rain and wet snow. At the trailhead we were treated to a hail shower; however, once we started the sun came out. With the possibility of bad weather and wind, I decided to change my usual route and go clockwise on this loop trail. The hike is quite different from this perspective.

We did encounter some rain and another hail shower, but for most of the day the sun shone upon us and there was little wind on the beach. The surf was great, but we did see a dead sea lion on the beach. The drive back to Eugene was uneventful except for all those large, wet snow flakes which fell until we reached Veneta.

Many thanks to those who joined me and thanks for the cards, cookies from Yuan and cupcakes from Shelly. Member hikers were Max Brown, Daniele Delaby, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Yuan Hopkins, Margot Fetz, Marshall Kandell, Barbara Schomaker, Nola Shurtleff and Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers (now Obsidians) David and Shelly Call.

**Wildwood, Moon, Spirit
and Pinard Butte Falls**
February 23, 2005
Leader: Wayne Deeter

MANY THANKS TO Anne Hollander for her assistance—picking up the sign-up sheet from the Y and meeting Joan Abel, LaRee Beckley, Dick Hildreth and Daphne James at LCC and ferrying them to Cottage Grove—thus saving me two 30 mile round trips to Eugene. Our first stop was Wildwood Falls—a popular swimming area on the Row (rhymes with cow) River a short ways upstream from Culp Creek. And it was almost swimming weather, as the unseasonably warm, dry spell continued.

After leisurely drinking in these falls for a while, we drove up Layng Creek to the Rujada Campground and hiked the Swordfern Loop Trail, added to this trip to bulk it out a bit as all the trails in this area are rather short. The only flowers noted were a few Snow Queen. Several types of fern were noticed in addition to the maiden hair, and cute, one leafed ones sticking out of moss-covered boulders.

A ¼-mile hike got us down to Spirit Falls on Alex Creek. We had

lunch at the picnic table there, though it was a tad chilly as it's deep down in the valley and shaded by trees. A thousand feet higher in elevation up the same creek, we hiked the ½-mile trail to Moon Falls. This section was a bit warmer at least partly due to the "thinning" operation of a few years back. It's iffy to have this trail on the schedule at this time of year, but it worked out this time due to our dismally light snowfall.

I had planned an optional trip to Parker Falls next—a falls rarely visited by the club 10 miles up Brice Creek. Instead I offered to treat the group to Pinard Butte Falls. A trail was started to this falls about 20 years ago, but was never completed. Parts of that trail have vanished in slides, and much of the rest is rather overgrown. All agreed to try it, in spite of its being out-of-character to the sign-up sheet. A ½-mile bushwhack got us to this almost unknown spot—you won't find it in Bill Sullivan's books, nor even in Jerold William's. This 60' tall cascade free-falls for about half its height into a circular pool about 15' across that's three quarter surrounded by rock walls. Work has recently resumed on this trail, so it may soon be a bit easier to get access.



Obsidian hikers admire Moon Falls

*Additional pictures of Wildwood, Moon, Spirit and Pinard Butte Falls at:
www.obsidians.org/reports/reports/2005/w022301.htm*



**Washburne/China Creek
Loops**
Tuesday, March 1, 2005
Leader: Marshall Kandell

THREATENING WEATHER forecasts (after weeks of sun and warmth) yielded to Obsidian good fortune and we found the coast under a bright overcast, but otherwise mild and ideal for hiking. The only downside was the fact that the Washburne day park restrooms were closed; a matter easily resolved with a visit to the campground.

The shore between the parking lot and the Hobbit Trail was wet all the way up to the bluffs, an indication of how high the tide had been. As we approached the Hobbit Trail we came across a treasure trove of unbroken sand dollars...ranging in color from dark gray to brown to purple...many with unusual butterfly, birdlike or feather headdress type markings on them. On the other side of the highway, the beaver pond was the highest any of us had ever seen it and the first of the many salamanders we'd see on the hike was doing laps in a small puddle. Further along, bright yellow skunk cabbage flower pods contrasted against their dark backgrounds.

We lunched at the meadow and then followed China Creek loop before heading back to the car via the campground. A delightful day with but a couple of widely spaced raindrops (with the real rain only coming after we were comfortably settled back in the car). Hikers included members Nola Shurtleff and Marshall Kandell; lapsed member Lucile Peterson (who is rushing in her \$20 for reinstatement); and non member Donna Clarke.

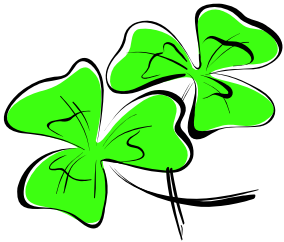


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Obsidian Bep Fontana (lower right) celebrates his 89th birthday on top of Mt. Pisgah on February 9th with his hiking friends being treated to cinnamon rolls and tea. This was his 1,949th hike up Pisgah. Here is to many more, Bep!