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- July 11 Members Vote via Zoom
- July 31–August 6 Summer Camp
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- September 7 Board Meeting

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LODGE SIGN GETS NEW LIFE

Janet Jacobsen

THE OBSIDIAN ENTRANCE SIGN HAS BEEN REFURBISHED and now welcomes visitors at the Lodge gate.

The posts were rotting away when John Jacobsen removed the sign for transport to his shop. He recruited Sharon Duncan and Kathy Hoeg to help spiff it up. Kathy said: *Refurbishing the sign was an enjoyable project. Sharon and I put in time and effort, but it should be noted that John contributed a whole bunch of things—dismantling the sign,*



Sharon and Kathy in John's shop, repainting the restored wooden sign. Photo by John Jacobsen.

doing lots of sanding, improving the sign's structural integrity, trimming the bad parts off the posts, creating a jig to hold the sign while we painted, adding a top piece on the sign to provide protection from the rain, re-searching topcoat options, figuring out a better way to attach the sign to the posts and a better way to secure the posts in the ground. He also provided the excellent workshop space and tools we needed. And on top of all this, his comprehensive knowledge of engineering and woodworking.

The sign was carefully wrapped for delivery back to the Lodge where John, Dave Cooper, and Jim Northrop dug the holes, placed the pier blocks, and installed the sign on June 29.

Editor's note: The original sign was commissioned in the spring of 2010, when Jim and Sharon Duncan headed up the project of revamping the Lodge entrance, which was completed for the Open House celebrating The Obsidian Spirit mosaic mural.



John and Dave—almost finished with installation. Is it level?

Photo by Janet Jacobsen.

Welcome New Members!

Kristen Anderson
Eugene, OR 97405

Karen Gaffney
Eugene, OR 97405

Megan Kaetterhenry
Junction City, OR 97448

Chris Lantz
Eugene, OR 97402

Jane Leng
Springfield, OR 97477

Debra Messinger
Eugene, OR 97405

IN MEMORIAM

DAVE RODERICK 1936–2022

DAVE RODERICK'S LAST TRIP WITH THE CLUB WAS SCOTT MOUNTAIN on August 23, 2019. After he joined in 1983, he led five of his twenty-three trips and attended three summer camps. Perhaps you remember when Dave and his wife Nola Woodbury were Coffee Brewmasters at the 2006 Sequim Summer Camp.

The founder of Nature Expeditions International, Dave was welcomed and appreciated for his witty and informed narrations of his breathtaking slide programs at five potlucks: *East Africa, Polynesia, The Great American Yak Expedition to Bhutan, Baja California, and A Bicycle Saga Across the US from Oregon to Maine*. His Saga program was highlighted in the March, 1999 *Bulletin* with this quote: *David rode a recumbent bicycle for 94 days, going from coast to coast (Portland OR. to Portland ME) for a total of 4,230 miles. He extolled the virtues of his "Bike E" recumbent bicycle (which he christened "Michael" to cater to the Archangel Michael for guidance on the impending trip).*

A colorful raconteur, he inspired others to step up for an adventure.

RICHARD "DICK" SNYDER FEBRUARY 20, 1947–JULY 9, 2021

DICK'S PASSION FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING WAS EVIDENT when he joined the Obsidians in 1997. He led nine of his seventeen climbs with the Club. He was awarded his three and ten peak awards by Climbs Chair Doug Nelson at the October, 2000 Annual Meeting.

Dick's trip reports reveal his joy, especially when given the opportunity to glissade down a mountain slope, as in his description of his 2006 Mt. Shasta climb (his last climb with the Club): *As we descended, the fun started as we entered one of the eastern chutes of the Red Banks. Our fearless climbing comrade, Chance Fitzpatrick, scouted the glissade chute, and off we all went following his lead. This was the best 2,500 feet, 10 to 15 minute glissade I have ever had and it was like running a luge course. We all arrived at Helen Lake without an inch of down climbing.*

Many Obsidians remember climbing with Dick. Doug Nelson made this comment: *It was always a pleasure to share a climb with Dick. He was a solid companion—steady, strong, and competent at all times. He freely shared his cheerful good nature and the obvious enjoyment he found in people and the challenge of the mountains. Dick both demonstrated the best qualities and brought out the best in others.*

Editor's Note: A complete obituary was in The Register-Guard on May 26, 2022.

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Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

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GET INVOLVED!

Discover how easy it is for members and guests to volunteer.

WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES for members and guests to get involved. Take a few minutes to peruse the possibilities. You are sure to find one that interests you and fits with your available time and energy.

Lodge and Grounds Work Parties

CHOOSE FROM SO MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP: mowing, weeding, moving mulch by wheelbarrow, sweeping and cleaning the interior and exterior of the Lodge. Specialized skills and equipment are needed: carpenter, electrician, plumber, painter. We need *someone* who can repair and maintain the gas-powered mowers, trimmers, and leaf blower. We need volunteers who have and can operate brush mowers, pressure washers, and spray-painting equipment. We would like to paint the exterior of the Lodge this summer or fall. You can adopt a planting bed and make it your own with native plants. Our beautiful Lodge and grounds can definitely use your help.

You can sign up online for the periodic work parties and/or get your name on a callout list by contacting

Dave Cooper, Lodge Chair dwcoop@yahoo.com
or *Jim Northrop*, Interim Grounds Chair jim.b.northrop@gmail.com

Stewardship

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: trail maintenance work parties, beach and lake cleanups, and removal of invasive plants.

Trail maintenance: Each month Matt Bell coordinates with Eugene Parks and Open Space staff for a project, usually on the Ridgeline Trail. For information and/or to get on the email list for details about the monthly trail projects, email Matthew Bell at trails@obsidians.org or Pat Soussan at pdsoussan@gmail.com

Beach and lake cleanups: We partner with SOLVE and the Cascade Volunteers to comb the natural areas for garbage and trash items, and we clean out fire pits at camp sites along lakes. Leaders provide the collection bags. Darko Sojak coordinates the SOLVE work parties and Lyndell Wilken volunteers with the Cascade Volunteers in the Adopt-a-Lake program. For more information, email stewardship@obsidians.org.

Other projects may be scheduled this summer with partners McKenzie River Trust (MRT) at Green Island, and the City of Eugene. Also, did you know that any Obsidian member may propose a qualifying environmental stewardship project or activity?

The Stewardship Committee welcomes your participation and interest!

Matt Bell, Dave Cooper, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, and Lyndell Wilken

Get Acquainted Hikes

WE NEED YOU TO GREET AND HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM GUESTS on Get Acquainted Hikes, held on the second Saturday of every month. It is a welcoming walk from the Obsidian Lodge to Hendricks Park and back.

Saturday, 10:00 AM–Noon

July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

Sign up online or contact *Dorothy van Winkle* who coordinates the hikes, dorothyvanwinkle@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you!

Editors note: A list of the contact information for any/all committee chairs is available on the Obsidian website. Along the top of the main page, click on Who We Are and select Contact Us. Scroll down to the list of Committee Chairs.

2023 Board Nominees

Lana Lindstrom

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET IN MAY TO RECOMMEND THREE CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS for three-year terms beginning in January, 2023. The names of Denise Rubenstein, Jean Harris, and Russ Davies were presented at the June Board meeting. Qualities that the committee considered important included: demonstrated leadership, commitment to the club, and good communication skills.

Denise is the current Secretary and leads trips regularly. She is committing to a second term. Both Jean and Russ served on the Membership Task Group. Jean led six hikes and one snowshoe trip during the past year. Russ led seven backpacks during the same period. Bios and photos of the nominees will be published in the September *Bulletin*.

The election will occur at the October 14 Annual Meeting. According to the Bylaws, up to three additional nominees may be submitted by petition to the Secretary before the September board meeting; signatures of five voting members are required.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Dave Cooper, Dave Hawkins, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, Maryanne Reiter, or Jorry Rolfe.

BREAKING CAMP

Janet Jacobsen, Historian Committee

OBSIDIAN MARY ELLEN WEST ALWAYS KNEW SHE WOULD DONATE HER CY FULTON PAINTING of the 1946 Mt. Jefferson Summer Camp to the Club. She called last month and asked me to visit her at Cascade Manor and move the painting to its new home, the Obsidian Lodge.

The painting, titled *Breaking Camp*, captures Mt. Jefferson looming behind a pack string and two packers. The team had carried in the summer camp supplies and the members' 35-pound dunnage bags—plus the pound of sugar required from each member if attending for two weeks or a half pound for one week. [Yes, that's what it says in *The Bulletin*.] The cost per member was \$37.50 for two weeks—plus the sugar. The painting has joined two other Fulton paintings at the Lodge: *The Mountain Climbers* (Mt. Jefferson climb from the same summer camp) and *The Old Lewis Cabin*.

Fulton (1873–1949) attended summer camps with his wife Florence, who hiked while he sketched. A few months after Fulton died, Obsidians assisted Florence with an exhibition of one hundred of his paintings (many on loan from Obsidian members) at the Veterans Memorial Building. Fulton collector Larry Brink, who is familiar with all of the exhibited paintings, said our painting is unique since it has more than just landscape. He wrote, "I see nuances in this version that I don't think I have seen in some others, notably the detail work in the rocky spines on the mountain." He added that there are other paintings of Obsidian summer camps (Wallowas and Green Lakes) and that we are fortunate to have one of Fulton's monumental works. He also has seen a photo of Fulton riding a horse to a summer camp.

Our thanks to Mary Ellen and also to her mother Leta Burrell, who purchased the painting in 1973. Mary Ellen joined the Obsidians in 1982, and led 115 trips, including 26 bus trips. She was awarded her 100-leader and 200-trip patches. I thank Mary Ellen so much for this historical gift and also for leading so many engaging and enjoyable bus trips.

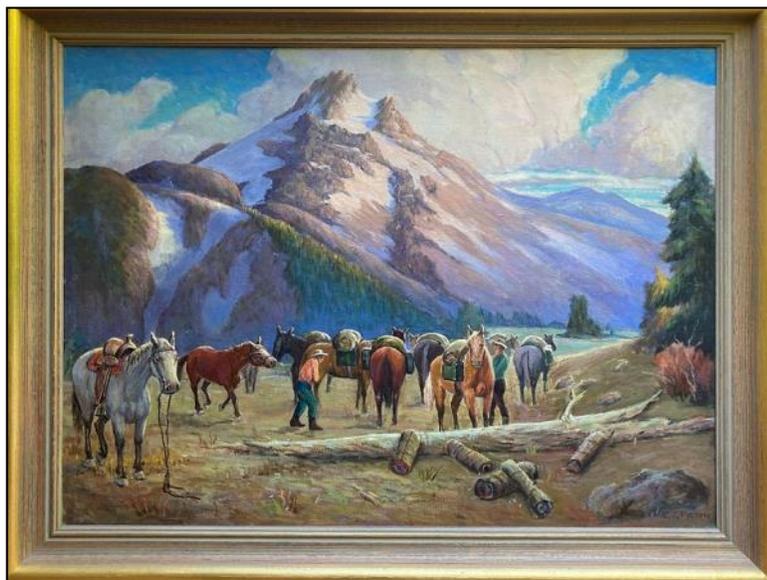
Note the green boxes on the horses. Perhaps these are the ones still used at our summer camps.

For more information about the 1946 summer camp and Cy Fulton paintings:

www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/Archive/1946_07_Bulletin.pdf

www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/Archive/1946_12_Bulletin.pdf

www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2018_Bulletins/2018_04_Bulletin.pdf



Breaking Camp by Cy Fulton.

Ash Swale Shelter

Historian Committee

THE ASH SWALE SHELTER IS LOCATED ON THE EAGLES REST TRAIL between the upper and lower trailheads. From 1981 to 1991 Obsidians held at least five maintenance trips to work on the trail and shelter—re-shaking the roof, patching the sides, cleaning and removing trash, and supplying firewood. The shelter has since been rebuilt and has this sign posted inside:

Welcome to the Ash Swale Shelter!

Originally constructed in 1930, this trail shelter was an overnight stop for pack trains from the Lowell Ranger District (then the West Boundary Ranger District) which supplied the lookouts at Eagles Rest and Hardesty Mountain.

The historic shelter was rebuilt for your enjoyment in the summer of 1999 by PIT volunteers, the Youth Conservation Corps, and Forest Service employees.

Please help us preserve it for future generations.

Editor's note: Obsidians recently visited the Ash Swale Shelter. See the Ash Swale to Eagles Rest trip report on page 11.



Jane Leng, Lisa Johnson, and Lorraine Cuevas at Ash Swale Shelter.
Photo by Jean Harris.



Countdown to Summer Camp!

Sue Wolling

IT'S ONLY A FEW WEEKS UNTIL SUMMER CAMP! Here are a few last minute tips for your Camp experience.

Update Your Account Info: Summer Camp leaders will use the information in the Obsidians data base to deal with an emergency. This is no time for an identity crisis! Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date—log onto the Obsidian site (as if you were signing up for a trip), then click *Account Info* and make any changes needed.

Read the Summer Camp booklet: The camp booklet is full of information—how to get to camp, what to bring, natural history of the area, descriptions of dozens of hikes, and lots more. Please take a look at the booklet BEFORE you leave for camp, and bring it along to consult during the week.

Food: While we all enjoy the wildflowers we'll see on hikes, we also look forward to the *Garden of Eatin'* back at camp! You can count on plenty of good food to keep you fueled through the week, including vegetarian options—and the campground even has a little convenience store for snacks. If you have special dietary needs—vegan, gluten free, or a special energy booster you depend on—please bring what you need, and make sure you have a critter proof way of storing it. Otherwise, there's really no need to bring food to camp.

But you WILL need to bring your own dishes and utensils. After breakfast and dinner, you'll wash your dishes at the wash station provided, and hang them in your mesh ditty bag on a line in the dining area. I use a carabiner, and make believe I'm a mountain climber! You'll also want to bring a reusable bag to carry your lunch on the trail, including a smooch-proof sandwich container.

Hygiene: Speaking of ditties—do you remember the hand washing ditties we learned to sing during the pandemic? It's time to use them again, whether it's the ABC song, or Happy Birthday twice. Hygiene is critically important for keeping everyone healthy, so please be conscientious about washing your hands.

And then there's that other pandemic tradition, wearing masks. The caterers plan to require the people serving dinner to wear masks. In addition, while we'll mostly be outdoors, we will also be carpooling to the trailheads. Please bring several masks, and be prepared to wear them unless everyone in the car is comfortable without masks. And if you've got a COVID test kit or two, bring them along too.

Bill of Rides: Hikers will reimburse people who are willing to drive to trailheads, just like on ordinary hikes, so please bring lots of small bills. (This is a good excuse to start buying candy bars, so you can pay for them in cash and get change!) Another option is to *round up*, and let the driver keep the change. With the high price of gas these days, the driver might appreciate your generosity.

And finally: HIKE! You're likely to want to do some gorgeous hikes that are fairly challenging, and the better shape you're in, the more you'll enjoy camp. This soggy spring has not made it easy to get out on the trail, but please use the time remaining before camp to get some hiking in. You'll be glad you did!



TRIP REPORTS



Climbs

Mt. Hood

May 24, 2022

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Climb: 7.2 miles, 5,200 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED ABOUT 12:30 AM TO BEAT THE SUN AND THE CROWDS, but there were only a handful of other climbing groups. We climbed the Old Chute because the snow was firm and the route was pretty well boot-packed. We reached the summit about 7 AM. After enjoying the clear view

and waiting for the Pearly Gates to clear, we set a rope and descended. One of the team took a fall just before the top of the Hogsback. He had no serious injuries but was not in a good state afterward. His great attitude and help from all of the other climbers kept it from becoming a bad situation. All climbers made it back to the parking lot. Members: Michael Dunne, Patrick Mucker, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: Matt Cook.

Mt. Adams

June 25, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Maryanne Reiter

Assistant Leader: Jennifer Marlow

Climb: 13.2 miles, 6,700 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED HIKE FROM THE TRAILHEAD AT ABOUT 2 PM and arrived at our camp at 5:30. The rock-walled sites at 8,800 ft. were snow-free and dry. We were pleasantly surprised since we had heard that folks were camping on snow. We spent a lovely evening melting snow for water for dinner and for



Mt. Adams summit.

drinking the next day. At 4:30 AM the alarm went off and the climbers began to stir. By 6 AM we were off. The route was thick with other climbers but, because it is a big mountain, we had plenty of room. We summited a little after 9 AM and had glorious views of the surrounding peaks. The snow had softened on the way down and so it was safe to glissade. Starting at Pikers Peak (aka the False Summit), we were able to glissade for over 2,000 vertical feet. Though our butts were frozen, we were joyful when we arrived at the bottom of the glissade track. We hiked back to our camp, packed up, and logged out in the slushy snow. We got back to the cars around 3 PM, happy for our climb. And as tradition dictates, we got huckleberry shakes in Trout Lake. Members: Shannon Clawson, Jim Conaghan, Trina Kanewa, Jennifer Marlow, Maryanne Reiter, Lindsay Urquhart. Nonmembers: Joshua Arreola.



Hikes

Mountaineering Conditioning

May 17, 2022

Leader: Jennifer Marlow

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

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL EVENING FOR A TRAINING HIKE! A couple of us completed two laps up to the summit and back while two others made a single trip after arriving late due to traffic delays—better one than none! We were done hiking before dark and were treated to some nice sunset colors as we made our final descent. Members: Jennifer Marlow. Nonmembers: Linda Corona, Megan Kaetterhenry, Jennifer Haynes.

Pisgah Native Plant Nursery

May 23, 2022

Leader: Dave Predeek

Hike: 1 mile, 0 ft. (Easy)

THIS WAS THE SECOND TOUR CONDUCTED BY FRIENDS OF BUFORD PARK (FBP) this spring for the Obsidians. Our group of six met at the parking area for a short walk through the woods to the gate of the FBP native plant nursery, identi-

fying plants on our way. Inside the fenced area, yellow-flowering balsam root, Oregon sunshine and tarweed were in full bloom. The bed of deep purple delphinium put on a stunning display. We had a brief talk with Mieko Aoki, the nursery manager, and April Dawn, the assistant manager. Jered Tarr, the FBP volunteer coordinator, answered questions about the organization. We toured the room where seeds are separated from chaff and then placed into cold storage. More than 50 kinds of seeds are harvested at the nursery. These are used in habitat restoration work at Mt. Pisgah, and some are sold to other organizations doing similar work. Anyone interested in volunteering at the FBP nursery should contact Jered Tarr, volunteer@bufordpark.org. Other FBP work parties do restoration work in the fields around Mt. Pisgah. Members: Carol Babcock, Sharon Duncan, Greg Milliman, Barbara Orsi, Dave Predeek. Nonmembers: Larry Farris.

Thurston Hills Vista Loop

May 27, 2022

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 7 miles, 830 ft. (Moderate)

THIS IS A NICE CLOSE-TO-TOWN HIKE. It has a variety of ecosystems with lush forests, oak savannas, rocky terrain, and cliffs with stunning views. We had no rain. It was a great hike. Members: Mari Baldwin, Denise Bean, David Cooper, Evelyn Nagy. Nonmembers: Jane Leng.

Masonic Cemetery / Obsidians Lodge

May 30, 2022

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Whitney Gould

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

ESTABLISHED IN 1859, THE NATURAL SETTING OF THE EUGENE MASONIC CEMETERY IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY TREASURE. Before we started our walk up to The Bog and Hendricks Park, many shared Memorial Day traditions including how much they missed a parade. Our parade of 14 Obsidians would have to be a colorful substitute. On our return, Ginny Reich guided us on scenic backroads with many flowers and gardens that linked us to Fairmount Street.



Flowers along our walk: flamenco Kniphofia flower.

Back at the cemetery with time to spare, most of us visited Hope Abbey Mausoleum where Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association members greeted us and also served cake and coffee. They have accomplished so much since they started the restoration almost 30 years ago. It was also a treat to visit with Obsidian member Dick Hildreth. I was introduced to a

woman who wanted to know more about her Obsidian father's one day climb of the Three Sisters in 1929. We gathered at the Public Square at noon to listen to the melodic, sorrowful Taps played by trumpeter, Barry Barreau. Back in 1914, when the Oregon Electric Station was completed, we could have traveled the three miles to the cemetery on the trolley at a cost of 5 cents. No matter the miles, it was a pleasant morning to share and reflect. Members: Donna Bloomfield, Sharon Duncan, Robert Eriksen, Judy Garwood, Whitney Gould, Vicky Hanson, Gwyneth Iredale, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Evelyn Nagy, Ginny Reich, Robin Risque, Carol Woodman. Nonmembers: Blair Irwin.

Blue Pool and Sahalie Falls

May 31, 2022

Leader: Jean Harris

Photographer: Daphne James

Hike: 7 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT AN ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL DAY, with temperatures of 50 to 75 degrees, fresh leaves, high water flow, and excellent company! We arrived at our first stop to hike into Tamolitch (Blue) Pool. The new bikes-only trail nearby gave us pause to



Heading to Tamolitch.



Sahalie Falls.

appreciate the trail work that makes this two-mile stretch safer for all. The pool was sparkling with water flowing out of the lava and into the pool, and provided a pleasant rest stop.

We trekked back to the vehicles and drove to the Sahalie Falls parking area. Again, high water flow created a breathtaking backdrop for tourist-style photos. The river was roaring as we ambled down towards Koosah Falls, onward to Carmen Reservoir, and up the other side of the river, providing spectacular views from other angles. We hiked upward to the fine footbridge across the McKenzie and down the other side. Everyone seemed pleased with the area, fresh air, warm temperatures, and time spent outdoors. What a fabulous crew! Members: David Cooper, Lorraine Cuevas, Jean Harris, David Hawkins, Daphne James. Nonmembers: Olya Tsyrukun, Lis Sorrell, Lisa Johnson, Annie Chan, Jane Leng, Rebecca Coria.

Fort Rock

June 2, 2022

Leader: Buzz Blumm

Hike: 3.3 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

JUST TWO OF US HIKING TODAY. We left the Amazon Parking lot at 7:30 and arrived at Fort Rock State Park at 10:15. We hiked around the outside of the rock structure, a level hike of 1.7 miles. Then we walked into the interior of the *fort* and up to the rim on the west side where we had great views of the desert, and of three thunderstorms building in various directions—nothing close enough for immediate concern. We walked back to the trailhead, then drove into town to visit the Homestead Museum. It is a fascinating collection of buildings, farm implements, and other items gathered from the failed homestead land grab a century ago, from 1909–1925. After a slice of pie, ice cream, and coffee at the town's only eatery, we headed home, driving through the violent rainstorms we had spotted earlier in the afternoon. Members: Buzz Blumm, Sue Wolling.

Mt. Baldy to Suzanne Arlie Park

June 3, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 5.5 miles, 530 ft. (Moderate)

OUR ROUTE FROM SPRING BLVD. ON TRAILS AND ROADS TO THE HISTORIC FIREPLACE WENT SMOOTHLY. However, my planned shortcut back to Baldy was flummoxed by two



Jorry guided hikers to the root cellar behind the fireplace.

strange parked cars. We took June's advice to keep moving forward, and ended up at the LCC parking lot where Jorry and I led everyone up to 38th Street and back to Spring—it



Denise with her new walking stick.

was now a loop hike. We were never lost, just exploring. Jane Kay graciously invited us to her nearby home for coffee and treats! Could it get any better? Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Jane Kay, June Miller, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Kristen Anderson.

Hager Mountain

June 10, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Buzz Blumm

Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,710 ft. (Difficult)

WE LEFT RAINY EUGENE AT 7:30 and arrived at the trailhead at 10:20 with partly cloudy conditions, good visibility, and no rain. The hike up—steep in spots—took about 2.5 hours.



Buzz Blumm, Kathie Carpenter & Larry Huff at the fire lookout on the summit of Hager Mountain.

There is a fire lookout at the top and the staffer, Yvonne, offered us cans of pop and lots of information about her job, the area, forest fires, etc. We spent a delightful 1.5 hours chatting



Larry Huff heading down from Hager Mountain summit—notice the beautiful sky—it was raining in Eugene.

with her, and enjoying the sunshine and the beautiful 360 degree views. Members: Buzz Blumm, Kathie Carpenter. Nonmembers: Larry Huff.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

June 11, 2022

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Assistant Leader: Diana Wheat

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THREE GUESTS JOINED SEVERAL MEMBERS ON THIS MOIST DAY. Along the trail, we noticed late spring flowers like tiger lilies, columbine, and forktooth oonk. At Hendricks Park, we enjoyed strolling through the native plantings. The congeniality of the group made for a fun, interesting, and pleasant hike. Thank you to Diana and Dorothy, a dynamic duo who enlivened and educated us during the morning's excursion. Members: Stephanie Midkiff, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Mike Smith, Dorothy van Winkle, Diana Wheat. Nonmembers: Jeff Lange, Kate Lange, Diana Hodges.

Mt. June

June 12, 2022

Leader: Jonathan Jost

Assistant Leader: Lynn Stearney

Photographer: Ane McKee

Hike: 2.4 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE OBSIDIANS AND A GUEST SET OFF PROMPTLY at 9:00 for the Mount June trailhead southeast of Cottage Grove. Constant rain, combined with blowdowns and rockslides on the



Good raingear kept smiles on our faces!

Hally McCabe, Ane McKee, Jorry Rolfe, Linda Parks, Lynn Stearney, Jonathan Jost on top of Mt. June.

Forest Service road, provided some excitement. The trail was short but steep, and lined with fawn lilies, trillium, oxalis, and other wildflowers. We diverted from the main trail briefly to see what would have been a spectacular view of the coast range to the west on a different day, but on this day was nearly a complete whiteout. We persevered to the top, where the old fire tower footings are still visible, and where the view would be to the east—but not today. We did not linger at the top, but scurried down to enjoy some Oreo cookies in celebration of Ane’s birthday. Members: Jonathan Jost, Ane McKee, Linda Parks, Jorry Rolfe, Lynn Stearney. Nonmembers: Hally McCabe.

UO Sustainability Tour #3
June 14, 2022
Leader & Photographer: Kay Coots
Hike: 3 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

SIX MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST OF THE THREE TOURS offered by University of Oregon Sustainability Director, Steve Mital, to view and learn about the various sustain-



Lana, Jorry, and Denise listen to Donny explain the UO recycling program.

ability practices at the UO. On this tour we visited the Knight Campus and learned what was required of the UO to achieve LEED Gold status for the building. We then toured the heart of the campus recycling program and got useful tips for our own recycling efforts. Lastly, we visited the Central Power Station to view how it provides heating and cooling to the 295-acre campus. Members: Kay Coots, Lana Lindstrom, Denise Rubenstein, Louis Rubenstein. Nonmembers: Kristen Anderson.

Wild Iris Ridge Plus
June 15, 2022
Leader: Lisa Van Liefde
Assistant Leader: Jennifer Crim
Hike: 4.4 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN HIKERS GATHERED FOR A LOVELY EVENING HIKE. The extended loop was very overgrown, and two hikers decided to avoid it and go back sooner. One hiker was a real trooper, having not done the entire 4.4-mile loop before. We were thrilled to have Jennifer Crim as an assistant leader for the first time! Members: Donna Bloomfield, Jennifer Crim, Gwyneth Iredale, Meghan Mahoney, Michael Myers, Lisa Van Liefde. Nonmembers: Debra Messinger.

Neighborhood Exploration
June 16, 2022
Leader: Dorothy van Winkle
Assistant Leader: Sheridan Gates
Hike: 3.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THE GROUP ENJOYED DISCOVERING HIDDEN PATHWAYS AND SECRET CONNECTING CORRIDORS as we explored a loop in the South Eugene area. It was decided that we will do this loop again to see if repeat-explorers can figure out the route that we took. Then, later on, we will do the entire loop in reverse order and see everything from a different perspective. This was a very pleasant outing. Members: Sharon Duncan, Nikki Frank, Sheridan Gates, Sandy Gill, Kathy Hoeg, Dorothy van Winkle, Carol Woodman. Nonmembers: Suzanne Kelley.

Cook’s Ridge / Gwynn Creek
June 18, 2022
Leader: Whitney Gould
Photographer: Darko Sojak
Hike: 8.4 miles, 1,700 ft. (Moderate)

OUR DAY STARTED IN THE EUGENE TARGET PARKING LOT UNDER A CLOUDY SKY, BUT THINGS QUICKLY IMPROVED. Seven hikers caravanned to the coast and parked at the Cape



Lis, Rachelle, Whitney, Chris, Gwyneth, and Holger.



Lunch time sunshine.

Perpetua Visitor’s Center (plenty of parking.) There we were happy to find a real bathroom and two additional hikers. We easily located the trailhead at the Visitor Center parking lot and set out through the forest on the mostly uphill Cook’s Ridge trail. We enjoyed our lunch and returned on the mostly downhill Gwynn Creek trail. Monkeyflower, foxglove, ferns, and wild mushrooms were abundant. Following our trek, we



Slug enjoying oyster mushrooms.



Gwyneth. We found more oysters.

explored Cape Perpetua's majestic and spectacular coastline on paved trails, seeing all it is famous for: Spouting Horn, Thor's Well, and Devil's Churn. Most agreed the coastline was the highlight of our day. On the way home, several of us stopped for coffee at the Old Town Coffee Roasters in Florence where we discussed life, love, and future hikes. Members: Buzz Blumm, Whitney Gould, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Rachelle Masin, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Lis Sorrell, Chris Lantz, Allen Bollschweiler.

Threemile Lake

June 19, 2022

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

SUN ON THE COAST. GORGEOUS DAY. NO REAL WIND. Blue sky and a few clouds. Threemile Lake was full to the brim. Lunch on a high point with views of the ocean, dunes and Threemile Lake. Several of the participants had not done this

hike, so everyone had a great time. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Sandy Gill, Jane Hackett. Nonmembers: Victoria Koch, Allen Bollschweiler.

E2C (Eugene to Crest) Tire Mountain

June 21, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 4.5 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A FABULOUS DAY! THE FIRST OFFICIAL DAY OF SUMMER WAS SUNNY AND BRIGHT. The wildflowers were abundant and we saw at least 30 varieties. Several of us had hiked the trail before and we agreed that the flowers were the most prolific and lush that we could remember. It was a joy to hike with several participants who knew most of their names. On the return, I made a mistake and turned right across a bridge onto Winfrey Road in Westfir instead of across the correct bridge to get to Highway 58. What a treat! It turns out that a volunteer has been beautifying a strip of land next to the



Prolific flowers.



Kim finds the E2C marker!

creek and across the road from the houses, with lots of flowers and decorative bicycles. Next time you're in the vicinity, check it out! Thanks to Emily and Donna for driving and to everyone for making this solstice special. Members: Donna Bloomfield, Kim Davidson-Ruby, David Hawkins, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, June Miller, Eva Mogart, Cindy Rice, Emily Rice, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Charmaine Rehg.

Ash Swale to Eagles Rest

June 21, 2022

Leader: Jean Harris

Photographer: Lorraine Cuevas

Hike: 5 miles, 1,500 ft. (Easy)

WHAT A PERFECT SUMMER SOLSTICE DAY! Blue skies, gentle breeze, lush forest, and babbling streams set the tone. The various shades of green were almost a sensory overload as we



View from Eagles Rest.

trekked through the forest. Ash Swale Shelter provided a moment to rest and absorb the sights and sounds. The top of Eagles Rest provided clear views of the Lost Creek valley and surrounding hills. It was silent and grand. We enjoyed retracing our steps back to the trailhead. Our group of four definitely enjoyed this 5.4 mile hike. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Jean Harris, Jane Leng. Nonmembers: Lisa Johnson.

Mt. June (via Lost Creek)

June 25, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Karen Yoerger

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,868 ft. (Moderate)

ON ONE OF THE FIRST HOT DAYS OF SUMMER, nine of us drove the paved Eagles Rest Road near Dexter to unmarked Lost Creek trailhead. The switchbacks to the first ridge warmed us up quickly, and we appreciated that most of the trail passed through deep, cool forest. At lower elevations we saw several interesting mycoheterotrophs (plants mostly lack-



Pinesap spotted by Janet.



Karen and Janet discover a special flower known as candystick. Photo by Lisa Van Liefde.

ing chlorophyll that get nutrition from fungus attached to the roots of a host plant) including Merten's and striped coral-root. Eagle-eyed Janet spotted candystick and pinesap. We crossed over the head of Lost Creek where it emerges from the hillside, found one calypso orchid, and climbed over and under two log obstacles. A lovely rock garden near the summit of Mt. June included sedum, larkspur, rosy plectritis, littleleaf montia, and paintbrush. At the summit were fawn lilies, cliff penstemon, cat's ear, and more sedum. The clear view stretched from Mount Thielsen in the south to snowy Mt. Hood. After lunch and photos, we headed back down the trail to cold drinks, the satisfaction of a good hike with a good group, and the drive back to 90-plus-degree Eugene. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Sharon Friedland, Karen Gaffney, Janet Jacobsen, Lisa Van Liefde, Maureen Whalen, Paul Winther, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Lis Sorrell.

Grassy Mountain Explora Hike

June 25, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Assistant Leader & Reporter: Eamon Happy

Hike: 5.2 miles, 760 ft. (Moderate)

THIS HIKE TURNED OUT TO BE A BIT MORE DIFFICULT THAN MOST PEOPLE EXPECTED, despite good weather and a relatively short distance. After climbing over the dirt barricade beyond the parking area, the group found that many obstacles



Eamon Happy, junior member.



Mosquito trail.

lay ahead. The road continued through an old-growth forest where trees blocked the path at various points. Despite recent warm weather, streams still ran full down the slopes above and below the road, leaving many people with wet feet. Hundreds of wild irises were blooming along the route but were sometimes hard to spot in the thick shrubbery. After nearly a mile of climbing, crawling, and jumping, we intersected a more well used and maintained road through a large clear-cut. We were all relieved to have left the areas of difficult passage, and continued on our hike towards Grassy Mountain. After leaving the clear-cut, we bushwhacked a short distance to the summit meadow. Everyone was happy to have a rest and eat lunch, while enjoying wildflowers and excellent views. After exploring the summit area, the group headed down the hill, prepared to surmount the obstacles lying ahead. Everyone got back to the cars safely, though scraped and



Lorraine Cuevas.

Hyacinth Brodiaea.



Mariposa lily.

slightly muddy. Through the many challenges, everyone stayed in good spirits and enjoyed reaching the destination. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Eamon Happy, Holger Krentz, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Jane Happy.

Cape Mountain

June 26, 2022

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 7.6 miles, 750 ft. (Moderate)

A TEMPERATURE OF 66 DEGREES ON THE COAST MAKES FOR GREAT HIKEING WEATHER. Cape Mountain. is not frequently hiked but made for an interesting day as the group decided what trails to take and made a few discoveries. I checked this hike last fall—a wonderful loop with great views but lots of ticks. I took a chance by eliminating the area that I thought was the source of the ticks, which also eliminated the great views. Strange name for some of the trails, like Scurvy Ridge—who got scurvy? We hiked on to the Indian shelter or what is left of it. It was rehabbed in 1927 by a Boy Scout troop. It needs a 21st century Boy Scout troop to rehab it for the next century. We found Berry Creek Campground for lunch. It is an equestrian campground but clean, quiet, and empty except for one lone camper. No water but it does have porta potties. From here, all the elevation that you gained is lost while hiking to the bottom of the canyon where you wade Berry Creek. Then you regain a good part of that elevation, climbing until you arrive at a junction. There you have three choices. You can go right to the great views and the ticks (Lyme disease weighs heavily on everyone’s mind), go left to the top of Cape Mountain. (too much elevation, the leader is tired), or take the middle road back to cars (no escaping the elevation gain over a two-mile stretch). The trails after lunch still have tall, grassy edges and overhanging branches (leader worries about ticks all the way back to the cars). After a check, no ticks were found. Maybe the ticks are a seasonal thing. A few local, frequent hikers said that they have never seen a tick on these trails—a mystery. Everyone had a great time enjoying the plant varieties, the views to both east and west, and finding new trails that you can hike year around. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Sandy Gill, Jane Hackett, Jane Leng, Andrew McIvor. Nonmembers: Victoria Koch.

Macduff Mountain

June 28, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Steven Johnson

Hike: 15 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS YEAR'S HIKE UP MACDUFF MOUNTAIN. WAS AS GOOD AS IT GETS. Temperatures in the 70s were perfect for hiking, clear skies gave us great views from Mt. Hood to Diamond



On the summit of Macduff Mountain for the 91st anniversary.

Peak, and the receding snow gave us an abundance of wildflowers. Because we started from the Saddle trailhead, our hike ended up being a total of 16 miles with a total accumulated elevation gain of 3,600 feet. After the hike, all nine of us met at Takoda's restaurant for dinner. Members: Kristen Anderson, Jan Anselmo, Jacquie Fern, Jean Harris, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, David Strutin. Non-members: Richard Anselmo.

Pre's Trail

June 29, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Lisa Van Liefde

Hike: 4.3 miles, 65 ft. (Easy)

A LOVELY SUMMER EVENING. Everyone enjoyed walking Pre's Trail. A few had never been there before and were pleasantly surprised by the pretty trail and park. Members:



Pre's Trail attendees: Chris, Deb, Robin, Donna, Marguerite, Lisa, Annette, and Gwyneth.

Donna Bloomfield, Marguerite Cooney, Gwyneth Iredale, Chris Lantz, Annette Pfautz, Robin Risque, Lisa Van Liefde. Nonmembers: Debra Messinger.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail /

Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: 5.6–6.2 miles, 1,200–1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Jorry Rolfe: 6/1 10 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Whitney Gould, Dorothy van Winkle: 6/4 4 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 6/8 16 Members

Karen Yoerger: 6/15 10 Members

Darko Sojak: 6/19 2 Members

Denise Rubenstein: 6/22 6 Members

Ane McKee: 6/29 5 Members

Blanton Ridge Hikes

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

Various Leaders

Tommy Young: 5/31 3 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 6/7 5 Members, 1 Nonmember,
6/28 3 Members

Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe: 6/14 4 Members,
2 Nonmembers

Jorry Rolfe: 6/21 4 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 3.0–6.0 miles, 0–1,500 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

Various Leaders

Dorothy van Winkle: 6/2 7 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 6/13 8 Members, 1 Nonmember

David Hawkins: 6/17 2 Members

Janet Jacobsen, Darko Sojak: 6/21 18 Members,
3 Nonmembers

Darko Sojak, Angie Ruzicka: 6/26 3 Members

Karla Rusow, Judy Terry: 6/30 4 Members, 1 Nonmember



Backpacks

Rogue River Trail

May 20–23, 2022

Leader: Russ Davies

Photographer: Brad Bennett

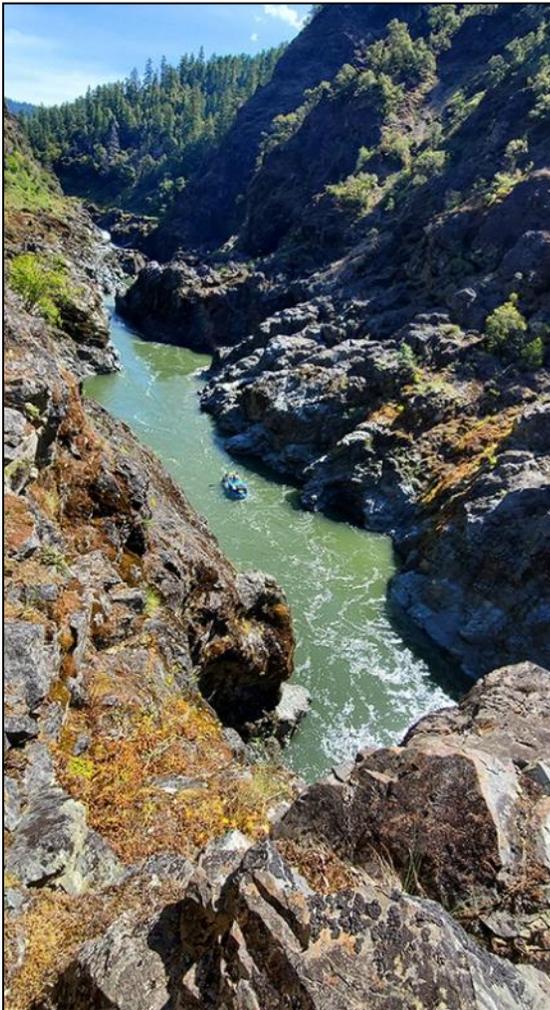
Backpack: 40 miles (Difficult)

THREE HIKERS DEPARTED FRIDAY UNDER A BRILLIANT BLUE SKY for a four-day, forty-mile backpack down the wild Rogue River Trail. They found the trail well-graded and blowdown-free, although at times it seemed to climb as much as descend along the river. Lining both sides were spectacular patches of dozens of wildflower species in full bloom, alternating with deep green poison oak which leaned uncomfortably across the track. After a few miles, the hikers lunched and explored the historic and nearly intact prospector's homestead at Whiskey Creek. A few more afternoon miles brought them to the night's campsite nestled next to swirling Bunker Creek. An osprey provided evening entertainment as it caught three fish in the pools below camp and delivered them to its nest in a tree above. The group was to follow this pattern for the rest of the trip, with clear, cool morning walks through oak forest and flower-draped meadows followed by warm, sweaty afternoons which cooled into sunset breezes. On day



Mike Nease, Russ Davies, and Brad Bennett.

two, they camped on a warm sand bar in front of the historic Rogue River Ranch which they spent some time exploring the next morning. It has many well preserved 1800s buildings including the original home, blacksmith shop, and workshop with a chapel above. On day three, the hikers passed intriguing horseshoe bends and deep chutes highlighted by a stunning, double falls in the midst of a serpentine canyon. That night they camped at Tacoma, a wide grassy bench along a slow



High above the river.

stretch of the river, and took a bracing soak in the chilling river. The last day passed much too quickly as the final, beautiful trail miles drifted away underfoot, but also much too slowly as the crew dreamed of the giant double cheeseburgers and blueberry cobbler waiting at the Cougar Inn. Mission accomplished. Members: Brad Bennett, Russ Davies, Mike Nease.



Car Camps

Low Tide Wanders

June 16–18, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Mark Hougardy

Car Camp: 10 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

THE LOW TIDE ZONE IS ONLY EXPOSED A FEW TIMES A YEAR DURING THE LOWEST TIDES. During an impressive -2.4 foot minus tide, eight of us ventured to an area along Oregon's central coast to explore the tide pools. **Day 1:** Our group arrived on their own schedule at one of the Oregon State Park group camps. That afternoon and evening were open for beach walking, exploring, or watching the sunset. In the evening, everyone enjoyed a campfire and discussed plans for the next day. One topic of conversation was the book, *Braiding Sweetgrass* (by Robin Wall Kimmerer). Of the eight participants, more than half had read the book, one was in the process of reading it, and the others were interested. At 10 PM a gentle rain started and continued through to the morning. **Day 2:** At 7 AM, we carpoled to an unnamed parking area expecting a filling lot. To the trip leader's surprise, there were only three cars. The rain, cool temperatures, and overcast skies



Obsidians tide-pooling during a cold and overcast morning.

likely contributed to the low turnout. We arrived about two hours before low tide to follow the tide out. This particular tide pool area is special because we can walk on sand and open rocky surfaces to visit islands of marine life. After 2.5 hours, and with a returning tide, we started back and met several rangers who helped to provide more context. We saw numerous anemones, seaweeds, chitons, crabs, limpets, mussels, and small fish believed to be skulpins. Also observed were seagulls, a pacific harbor seal, and a great blue heron. Later that morning we drove to a coffee shop in Nye Beach to warm up. Then half of the group ventured back to the campground and the other half visited the Hatfield Marine Science Center. That afternoon, we met up at the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area and saw at least four bald eagles in addition to com-

mon murre, surf scoters, and pigeon guillemots. One participant said that in 30 years of visiting Yaquina Head, she had not seen that many eagles there as that day. In the evening we enjoyed dinner around a campfire. Several of the group visited the beach at sunset to see eight large birds near what appeared to be the body of a deer (it had not been there 24 hours earlier). The deer had possibly been struck by a vehicle on the nearby highway and made it to the beach before dying. Among the birds were three vultures, two adult bald eagles, and three juvenile bald eagles. The interactions between the birds were raucous at times. Just at sunset, the eagles departed and the vultures returned. **Day 3:** We awoke to a wet campsite and decided to meet in Depoe Bay at 9 AM. Some broke camp early to grab breakfast in town. In Depot Bay we looked briefly for whales, but saw no signs, then drove north to Fogarty Creek to enjoy a -1.5 foot minus tide. After an hour and a half, everyone



Great blue heron.

departed for home. Members: Donna Bloomfield, Lynda Christiansen, Elizabeth Grant, Mark Hougardy, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Anna Hougardy.



Stewardship

Ridgeline Bridge Repair

May 25, 2022

Leader: Clara Emlen

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

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MET MARLON TROUBNIKOFF, FROM THE CITY OF EUGENE, for the first Wednesday evening outing of our summer schedule. We planned to continue our project from the last outing to replace the railings on the two bridges near the Fox Hollow trailhead. Our group loaded up with tools and hiked to the work site. We removed the old posts and railings, and then took turns with the tools to install the new ones. Special thanks go to Dan Gilmore for going home to get additional tools to help finish the installation. After a successful project, we returned to the cars to enjoy snacks and juice provided by Janet Jacobsen. Members: Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Sara Henley, Ane McKee, Emily Rice, Robin Risque, Maureen Whalen. Nonmembers: Blair Irwin, Hally McCabe.



Bridge repair is complete! Photo by Janet Jacobsen.

National Trails Day

June 4, 2022

Leader: Matt Bell

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

OUR GROUP OF STALWART VOLUNTEERS MET UP AT THE SPENCER BUTTE trailhead despite the drizzle for a morning of brisk trail maintenance. We quickly grabbed tools and hiked up the West Trail to clear drainage. We then hiked up the Main Trail to clear more drainage and work our way back down to the main trailhead for a well-earned snack and juice. Special thanks go to Clara for perfectly clearing the trailhead steps. Members: Matt Bell, Jennifer Crim, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen.



At the Lodge ExploraTalk

McDermitt Creek Caldera & Lithium Mine

June 14, 2022

Leader: Kay Coots

ExploraTalk

RANDY SINNOTT PROVIDED AN EXTREMELY INFORMATIVE TALK REGARDING POTENTIAL LITHIUM MINING in the McDermitt Creek Caldera, and the impact that activity could have on the plants, animals, and people of that area.

JUNE BOARD NOTES

From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein June 1, 2022

President Maryanne Reiter called the meeting to order. Board members present: Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Denise Rubenstein, Jorry Rolf, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Kay Coots, Dave Cooper, Stewart Hoeg, Jim Northrop, and Evelyn Nagy.

The Board approved the minutes for May 2022.

Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg): Stewart advised that the club will be selling some investments in order to pay for the development of the new website. 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): Twenty-nine Obsidians and guests rode the motor coach to Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site, Mt. Angel Abbey, and the Oregon Garden on May 24. This was the first bus trip in two and one-half years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A fall color trip to Odell Lake is in the planning stages.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee and Climb Leaders have been attempting to sponsor climbs, but the weather has not been cooperating in several cases. We have had to cancel because of weather and we cannot access trailheads due to deep snow. The Mountaineering Conditioning hikes have been going almost every week to get folks in shape for the climbing season.

Conservation/SciEd (Kay Coots and Angie Ruzicka): The first return-to-the-Lodge ExploraTalk was May 17. We had 28 people attend the event where McKenzie River Trust staff shared information on their work at Finn River Reach as well as MRT work related to the Holiday Farm Fire recovery efforts.

Entertainment (Evelyn Nagy, Ron and Pam Swisher): Twenty-five people attended our first social potluck on Thursday, May 27. Most of the participants ate inside, and some wore masks. There was no speaker, and we had plenty of conversation for the one and one-half hour event.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Lana Lindstrom is leading an overnight trip on the N. Umpqua River in July. One day is rafting and the other is hiking.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): The Lodge was recently rented to a group preparing for wildland fire fighting. Income from the rental was \$120 plus a cash donation of \$40. Some minor touch up painting was done inside the Lodge. Planning for repair/replacement of the back deck is underway. Door thresholds have been ordered for two doorways to provide a better seal. We will be coming up with a solution to the problem of crumbling spacers between sections of the east walkway. (Ground squirrels may have literally undermined last year's work.)

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): The *Obsidian Lodge Self-Guided Tour of Art, Artifacts, and More...* has been updated with six additional articles from recent *Bulletins*. It was first published in 2010 for the Open House for *The Obsidian Spirit* mosaic mural outside the Lodge. The previous revision in 2020 added hyperlinks to each *Bulletin* article in the document. One can access the document in Members Only. Copies will be available near the Lodge entry way soon.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Total membership 421.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The AED batteries were checked, and the summer camp first aid kit is being looked at for re-supply in preparation for Camp Reiter. An article was submitted to the *Bulletin* on emergency beacons.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): We completed 32 outings in May and had income of \$338 dollars. It's certainly a good trend to offer more than one event per day. The last hike of the month had five members and six guests. More guests than members enjoyed a beautiful visit to Tamolitch Pool and the Sahalie Falls loop.

NEW BUSINESS

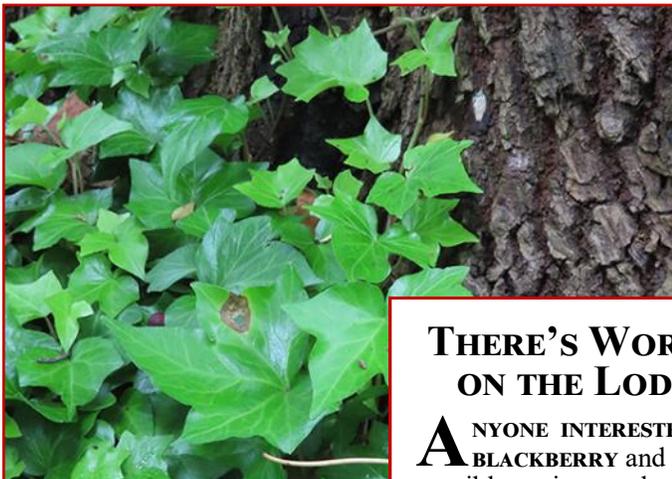
- Policies and Practices Update: Several details need to be changed and it was determined that an ad hoc committee could do this most efficiently, likely meeting in person. That committee will be Lana Lindstrom, Dave Cooper, Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, and Jorry Rolfe.
- Vote to Change Bylaws: An email advising the changes to membership criteria will be sent to the general membership on June 11.
- Online Payment Options: Laura Osinga suggested some options for online payments. Laura will be taking over as Treasurer and requested Board approval to purchase Quick-Books Online which allows for five users and offers transparency and coordination between different financial interests in the club. The Board approved a motion to make the purchase of \$40 for the first three months and \$80/month after that time.
- Donation management: Dave Atkin sent several sample letters of donation receipts that the Obsidians can use with the new 501(c)3 status as donations will be tax deductible. Word processing forms can be personalized by the Obsidians and the hope is that the new website will offer an automated feature for that purpose.
- Mount Hood Incident: The Board was advised of a recent incident on Mount Hood.
- New members approved: Gary Lape and Eva Mogart.
- A motion was approved to pay for 3 years of liability insurance to Travelers Insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

July		August		
12 Tue	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251	2 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156
12 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156		3 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M
13 Wed	Martin Lake Hike D	Johnson 520-2470	3 Wed	Pinnacle Peak and The Castle D
13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	McKee 554-1364	10 Wed	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M
13 Wed	Fox Hollow–Spencer Butte Hike M Van Liefde 949-677-1379		10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M
15 Fri	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	Grant 514-1176	13 Sat	Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E
15 Fri	Pisgah Loop Hike Hike M	Hawkins 505-0119	15 Mon	Exploring Hood 4th Annual Camp CarCmp D James 683-7488
16 Sat	Canyon Creek Meadows Hike M	Johnson 520-2470	22 Mon	Hoh Valley to Blue Glacier BkPk D
16 Sat	Metolius River Hike M	Gould 510-368-8941	29 Mon	Lils/Hidden Lakes <i>Love a Lake</i> TrlMnt D .
17 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot Hike Hike E	Sojak 799-9199	31 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M
17 Sun	Mt Washington Climb D	Hansen 360-852-2041		
19 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156		September	
20 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Miller 808-282-5201	11 Sun	Six Lakes Loop Hike D
20 Wed	North Cinder Peak Hike D	Johnson 520-2470	17 Sat	Beach Clean Up with SOLVE WrkPrty E
20 Wed	52 nd /Willamette–Blanton Ridge Hike E Van Liefde 949-677-1379		24 Sat	National Public Lands Day TrlMnt M
23 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Climb D	Harris 521-5807	24 Sat	Upper Alpine trail hike M
23 Sat	No Name Lake Hike D	Johnson 520-2470		
26 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156		October	
27 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829	15 Sat	McKenzie Rvr Trust Stewardship WrkPrty E Sojak 799-9199
27 Wed	Goat Rocks Wilderness BkPk D	Lipton 736-7498	29 Sat	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M
27 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Smith 520-488-9569		
31 Sun	Rainier Summer Camp SmCmp	Johnson 520-2470		

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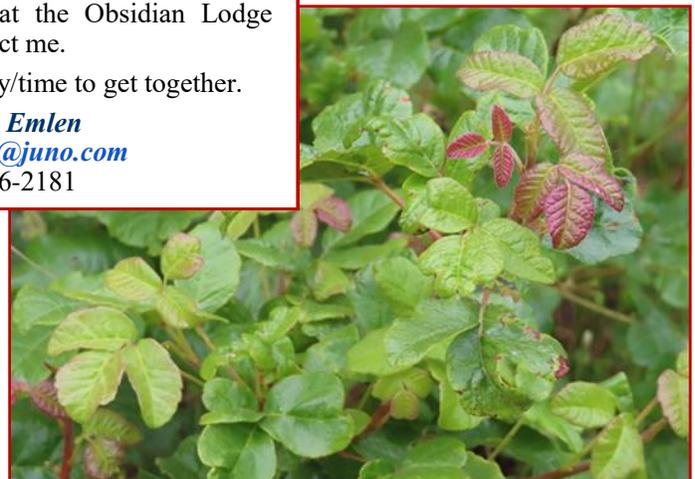


THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE ON THE LODGE GROUNDS

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CUTTING/PULLING BLACKBERRY and English ivy vines and possibly poison oak at the Obsidian Lodge grounds—please contact me.

We can decide a day/time to get together.

Clara Emlen
caemlen1@juno.com
 or 746-2181





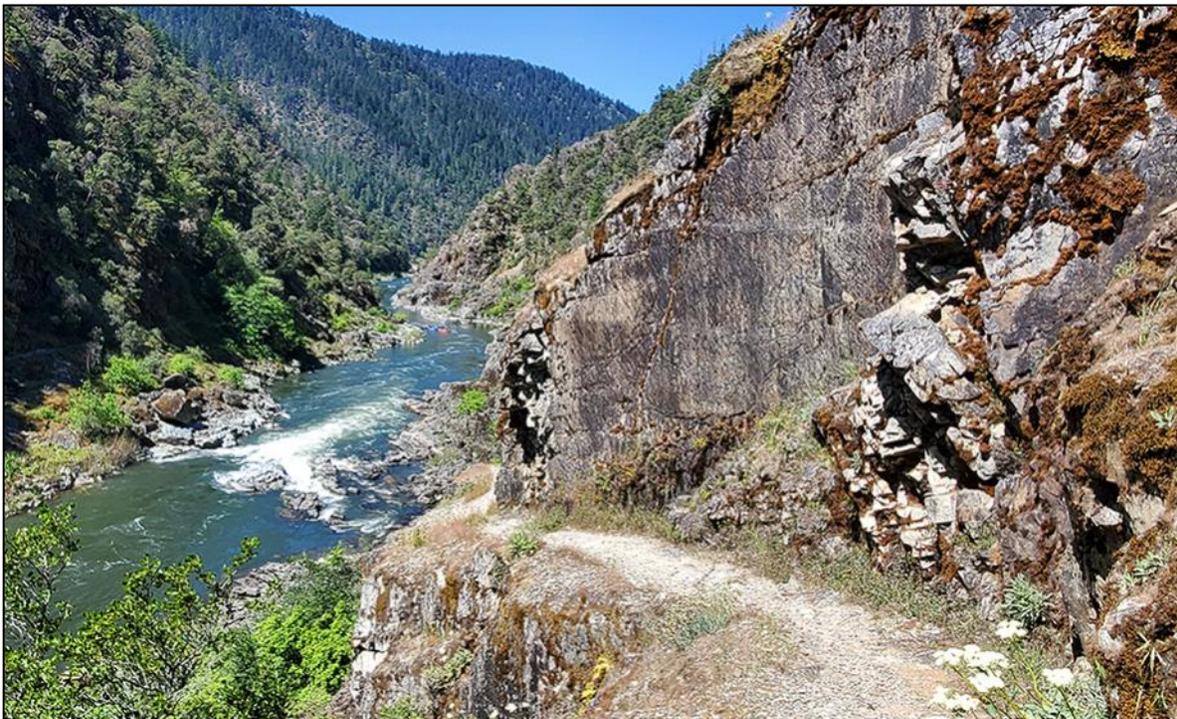
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*Trail above the river. See Rogue River Trail backpack trip report on pages 13–14.
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