



## Summer Camp 2023

*Sue Wolling*

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### Dates to Remember

March 14	GameNight!
March 31	Summer Camp Rally
March 31	<i>Bulletin</i> Deadline
April 5	Board Meeting
August 6-12	Summer Camp

Current event schedules at:  
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**T**HESE DAYS, EVERYBODY IS DATA-DRIVEN—and the Obsidian Board is no exception as they fine-tune our Strategic Plan. But most of us ordinary Obsidians are even more date-driven—we have to keep track of key dates to sign up for popular trips. Here’s a reminder of important Summer Camp dates:

**March 16:** Last day to start or renew your membership in order to register for Summer Camp as a member. Beware the Ides of March, if you want camp in Ide-aho!

**March 31:** Summer Camp Rally/Potluck at the Obsidian Lodge. Come see photos of the Sawtooth Range, get important information about camp, and feel the joy and excitement of spending a week with friends in spectacular country.

**April 15, 7 AM:** Summer Camp registration opens for those who have been members for at least 30 days. This date gives a whole new meaning to the term *Tax Hike!* Sign up early to snag one of the coveted 90 slots (and then get your tax return filed too!).

**April 17, 7 AM:** Summer Camp registration opens for nonmembers. There’s likely to already be a Wait List by this time—but don’t give up. Historically most people on the Wait List end up being able to attend Summer Camp. (Do you wonder why local restaurants can’t find enough waiters? It’s because so many ‘waiters’ are hanging out on Obsidian sign-up sheets).

#### How Much Will it Cost?

In planning Summer Camp, we’re finding that Less is More. Going a bit farther afield to camp in a more remote, secluded location increases the costs for transporting gear, providing water and Port-a-Potties, and luring a caterer out into the wilderness to feed us. Although contracts are not yet finalized, the tentative fee schedule is as follows:

#### Fee for those staying in camp (whether tent or RV)

Members: \$325  
Nonmembers: \$360

#### Those staying in motels (i.e., no campground fee)

Members: \$250  
Nonmembers: \$285



*Creek high in the Sawtooths.  
Photo by Steve Johnson.*

Please note that these figures are only tentative, and could change slightly by the time of registration—but the Summer Camp experience is priceless!

*For additional information, check out articles in the last three Bulletins and the Summer Camp icon at the bottom of the Obsidian home page.*

## IN MEMORIAM

### MARTHA FRANCES (CHRISTY) WHITE

8/3/1924–1/21/2023

**A**FTER RETIRING AS AN EVENTS PLANNER FOR A SILICON VALLEY COMPANY, CHRISTY MOVED TO EUGENE and quickly joined the Obsidians in 1991. Seventy-eight of her ninety-eight trips were bus trips traveling with Obsidians to Yellowstone, Canada, Astoria, Lake Chelan, Trinity Alps, and many other places in the Northwest. Her last bus trip was to the Oregon Jewish Museum in 2018. Those who traveled with Christy remember her quiet smile, humor, curiosity, and positive attitude. Christy was a master gardener whose yard was much admired by any who walked by her home. She is survived by her four children and three grandchildren.

*Editor's note: a complete obituary was in The Register-Guard, February 10, 2023*

### RUTH HERMACH

11/16/1927–1/22/2023

**R**UTH AND HER HUSBAND GEORGE JOINED THE OBSIDIANS WHEN THEY CLIMBED DIAMOND PEAK in 1951. In 1955 they climbed Diamond Peak with three of their sons (aged 5, 7, 10), who became junior members. Three years later they climbed with their youngest son Ted to complete the tradition. Five of Ruth's six climbs were of Diamond Peak. One of her last Club activities was to go "tramping through the woods and streams" at Cerro Gordo with her husband on a gorgeous March day in 1988. She was preceded in death by Ted, her youngest son. She is survived by her husband, George (100 years old), three sons, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her memorial service will be Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 at the Celeste Campbell Center.

*Editor's Note: A complete obituary was in The Register-Guard, February 5, 2023.*

## Welcome New Members!

#### Wim Aarts

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# What is in a Name? Obsidian 101

Maryanne Reiter

**OBSIDIAN, THE STONE THAT IS OUR NAMESAKE, IS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** where there is recent volcanic activity and the magma is rich in silica. Obsidian was named for the Roman explorer Obsidius, who, according to Pliny the Elder, found the stone in Ethiopia. For us, the name *Obsidians* originated at the first summer outing of the *Eugene Outdoor Club* in 1928 after climbing the Three Sisters in four days and encountering an abundance of obsidian. *Hard as obsidian* became a popular metaphor among members of the club and it was decided to advocate changing the name of the organization. That fall, at the first Annual Meeting, the club's name was officially changed to the *Obsidians*.

But what about the rock that is our namesake? Obsidian is found where volcanic activity is fairly recent. For North America, this means that obsidian is only found in the West since there aren't active volcanoes in the East. Obsidian generally forms from rhyolitic magma, which is rich in silica and has low moisture, so that the resulting lava is *sticky*, or thick. This thick magma makes it difficult for elements to move around and form crystals during rapid cooling. The rapid cooling can be at the edges of lava flows and lava domes, where the lava meets water or a glacier, or where it is airborne. Another feature of obsidian is that it is geologically short-lived (younger than 20 million years) since the glass, which has no crystals, slowly rearranges into a crystallized structure.

Obsidian, like most natural and manmade glass breaks with a characteristic *conchoidal* fracture, meaning that the break is smooth and curved due to the lack of crystal structure within the rock. The smooth break can create fracture surfaces that are sharper than razors. This fracture pattern was exploited by ancient peoples to create various cutting and piercing tools such as arrowheads, blades, and spear points. Obsidian is also shiny, so it has been used for jewelry and mirrors throughout history. In North America, native tribes discovered almost all the known obsidian sources. Since obsidian is spatially and chemically distinct it allows researchers to trace samples back to their source. In North America this tracing showed that obsidian was so culturally important that it was traded over 100 miles away. The use of stone to make tools lasted several million years but eventually stone gave way to metal for tools and weapons. With the transition to metal tools, obsidian mining and trading dwindled. Today, most of the obsidian mined is for personal use such as jewelry making. But for millions of years our namesake was hugely important for cultural advancement through the development of tools, and trade.

[volcano.oregonstate.edu/volcanic-minerals/obsidian](http://volcano.oregonstate.edu/volcanic-minerals/obsidian)

Sources of information: [www.usgs.gov/news/volcano-watch-obsidian-scarce-commodity-hawaii](http://www.usgs.gov/news/volcano-watch-obsidian-scarce-commodity-hawaii)  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Obsidian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Obsidian)

## Thank You Letter from Bloodworks Northwest

**ON BEHALF OF BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST I WANT TO EXTEND A SINCERE THANK YOU** to Obsidians for donating in the month of January which is National Blood Donor Month! We hope that each and every one of you continues to donate throughout the year and years to come! Bloodworks relies on community to come together for a lifesaving cause and each one of you is a life saver! Thank you!

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**Meg Mahoney**  
Getting started.

Photos by  
Darko Sojak.

**Vicky Hanson**  
All done!



## BLOOD DRIVE

**DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU WHO DONATED BLOOD** this January.

Obsidians plainly rock!

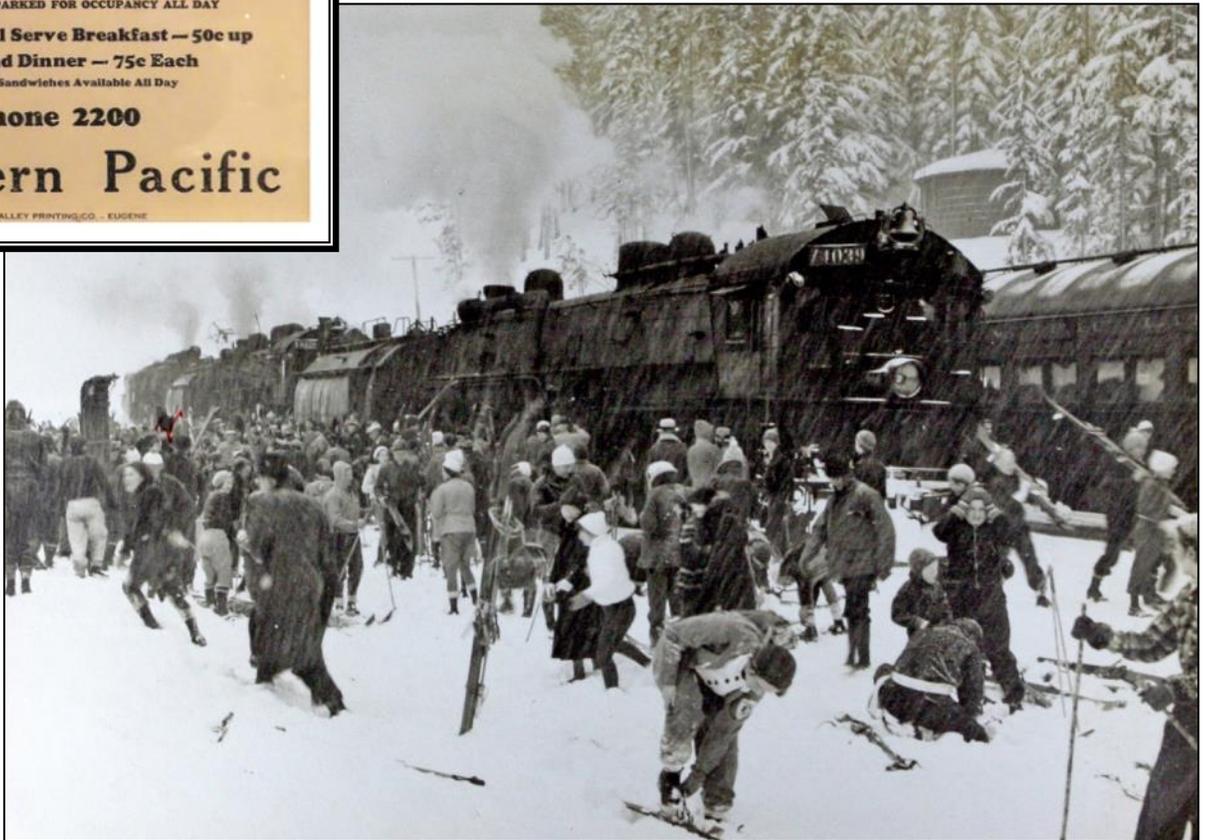
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# TRACKING DOWN the OBSIDIAN SKI CLUB

*Janet Jacobsen and Bea Fontana  
Historian Committee*

**H**AVE YOU EVER WANDERED INTO THE LODGE BATHROOM AND READ THE FRAMED FLYER FOR THE FEBRUARY 23, 1936 SNOW TRAIN from Eugene to Cascade Summit sponsored by the Obsidians — Ski Club? If so, did you wonder what Obsidian Ski Club was? To find the answer, Historian Committee member Bert Ewing suggested that research start with the archival Ski-Laufer papers, and the search was on for how Obsidian Ski Club was formed.



*Snow Train  
to Odell Lake  
Feb 23, 1936*

*Photo by  
Ruth Hopson Keen*

*In 1936 and 1937 several 'Snow Train Specials' to the Crescent Lake area were scheduled. These weekend events attracted hundreds of skiers. The train was parked on a siding all day and kept heated, so that skiers had a place to get out of the weather. A full course dinner (for 75¢) was available for purchase in the diner. Some trips included live music and an extra box car provided space to dance during the trip home.*

The Board of Directors of the Obsidians authorized the Obsidian Ski Committee to become a distinct entity—the Obsidian Ski Club. The new Club met February 5, 1936, in Villard Hall on the University of Oregon Campus with 175 persons in attendance. Their objectives included improvement of skiing facilities, promotion of the art of skiing, inter-club competitions with other ski teams, promoting winter sports, and introduction of slalom racing. At their December 9, 1936 meeting, with 300 people attending, they hoped to sponsor another ski train to the summit since the last snow train was so successful with 631 skiers.



*Obsidian Ski Club patch  
used 1936-37*

After a vote at the April, 1937 Obsidian Board meeting, Obsidian President Robert Lemon informed the Obsidian Ski Club that since they planned to incorporate, it would have to be done with a different name than that of the parent club. They also would need a new patch. *Contrary to the opinion of some, the Board felt that there is ample room in Eugene for two winter outdoor organizations. The Ski Club will strive for large membership while the Obsidian membership has always stayed near one hundred.* (April 1937 *Bulletin*) Not all were happy with this decision. The following month the name of the club was changed to Ski-Laufer and a new patch was designed. A January 1938 newsy note to Ski-Laufer members tells how thrilled they were to implement their dream to have their own snowmobile. It was assembled at Babbs Hardware Company on West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Regular scheduled trips would be planned as soon as the machine was in operation.



*Ski-Laufer patch, used 1937-?*

*\*from the German skiläufer (ski+runner = skier)*



*Photo from Ray Sims' album in the Obsidian archives.*

References in the *Bulletins* show that the Obsidians and Ski-Laufers made plans for the Joint Winter Outing to be held at the Mazama Lodge at Mt. Hood, February 13–20, 1938. They worked together in 1939 to clear an area at Hand Lake for skiing with the Obsidian rope tow. We think that the last mention of the Ski-Laufers was a search and rescue described in the December, 1940 *Bulletin*.

What became of the Ski-Laufers? We suspect that the answer might be our country's entry into WW II, in 1941.

*Authors' note: This past December, Gordon Sayre organized a visit for Historian Committee members to visit the University of Oregon Knight Library Special Collections to peruse Obsidian materials—summit books, minutes, and scrapbooks—that were carefully spread out on tables. We found many newspaper clippings in one scrapbook about the Obsidian Ski Club, the Ski Laufers, and the snowmobile. Bea spent time reading the minutes trying to find out what happened to the Ski-Laufers.*

# FEES, PERMITS, AND RESERVATIONS

*Dave Cooper, Summer & Winter Trips Chair*

**YOU ARE PLANNING AN OUTING AND YOU HAVE A DESTINATION, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME DETAILS THAT YOU MAY BE MISSING.** Additional things to think about are: Do you need a permit for your outing? A parking pass? What about a reservation? It all depends on who has jurisdiction over your destination. Let's look at what you might need and how to get it. Here are several sites where you can find out what you need to know and also purchase passes or permits to make your outing successful.



Many of us have a parking pass that we use at Buford Park/Mt. Pisgah. A common way to get this pass is by becoming a member of Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah [bufordpark.org/products/friends-of-buford-park-mt-pisgah-membership](http://bufordpark.org/products/friends-of-buford-park-mt-pisgah-membership). This will get you an annual pass that can be used at all Lane County Parks that require a parking fee. This pass may also be purchased directly from the county. [reservations.lanecounty.org/reservations/pass\\_sales.asp?actiontype=display\\_product](http://reservations.lanecounty.org/reservations/pass_sales.asp?actiontype=display_product), or in person at REI, BiMart, and other sporting locations.



Of the hundreds of day-use parks in the Oregon state park system, 25 parks charge a day-use parking fee. An interactive map at [stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=visit.day-use](http://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=visit.day-use) will show you which locations require a parking pass. You can purchase a 12-month parking permit for \$30, or a 24-month parking permit for \$50.



Planning on visiting several spots on the Oregon Coast? The Oregon Pacific Coast Passport is a multi-agency day use passport that covers entry or day-use fees at dozens of federal fee sites (Forest Service, National Parks Service, and Bureau of Land Management) and Oregon State Park sites along Highway 101 and the Siuslaw National Forest. For more information visit [fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev7\\_007224](http://fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev7_007224)

There is information on a wide range of permits and passes for national forest areas in Oregon and Washington—everything from free passes for fourth graders to lifetime senior America the Beautiful passes—at [fs.usda.gov/main/r6/passes-permits](http://fs.usda.gov/main/r6/passes-permits). Sno-park, Columbia Gorge, Newberry Crater, and other specialty passes are also accessible from this site. There's even an interactive map to help you find nearby locations where you can purchase passes in person.



There are places nationwide where you need to make a reservation. In that case [recreation.gov/](http://recreation.gov/) is the site to visit. Become familiar with this site if you plan on visiting the special permit areas of the Central Cascades in the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests.

With so many types of passes, permits, and ways to purchase, it's a good idea to become familiar with these sites now. On a wet, cold, uninviting day, go visit these websites to begin planning your future outdoor adventures.

## BIRD

*Mike Smith*

**A**S I HIKE DOWN FROM THE TOP OF SPENCER BUTTE ON CRUISE CONTROL at a nice pace on the tie trail, suddenly a bird, all white underneath, flew across the trail. That was unusual. I stopped, heard the bird call nearby, and remained still. The bird called again.

I had trouble locating exactly where the bird was, wondering if my increasing difficulty hearing was also affecting my ability to localize sounds. Out of the corner of my eye, however, I saw movement, and the bird appeared behind a few sword ferns on the side of a downed Douglas fir. It looked at first like a nuthatch, but I've only seen nuthatches on standing trees, and this bird was too big. Then, as if to give

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*Hairy Woodpecker  
Photo by Randy Sinnott*



*(BIRD Continued from page 6)*

me a hint, it turned and I saw a small patch of red on the back of its head. Continuing, as if to show me all the right places, the bird moved so I could see the large white patch on its back. It was a hairy woodpecker.

No big deal, really. The bird is common, but it got me to stop and identify it, and not call it a downy, three-toed, pileated woodpecker, a flicker, or something *interesting*. Seeing and identifying this bird made this one hike memorable. That's special. There is some evidence to suggest that being fully focused on something enhances one's recollection of it. Why not?

Indeed, I have fond recollections of an autumn day several years ago when there was a flock of golden-crowned kinglets at the top of the butte. I counted myself lucky in Arizona if I saw one. These guys were everywhere. That day. Maybe only that day. But I was there when they were, and that mattered. It's remarkable how a single event may be burnt into one's memory, perhaps not completely accurately, but good enough.

I'm not more than a novice birder, and while I keep a life list, I haven't updated it since before the pandemic. I have trouble with teals, struggle with sparrows, wonder about warblers, ask about accipiters, and blank out with buteos. More than half of the seven hundred birds on my list, I saw overseas as part of one of my solar eclipse trips. One hundred alone were on a single memorable day in Kruger in 2002. The eclipse was clouded out, but the birding almost made up for it. Almost. I took exactly one formal birding trip in Nebraska in 2007 and saw 98 different species, but the most important lesson I learned that week was that such trips weren't for me, much as I understand why people take them. After all, I volunteered for a week in late winter for ten years at Rowe Sanctuary, in Nebraska, sleeping on the floor at night at the visitor center, doing everything from cleaning toilets to running the cash register, just so I could be in the viewing blinds twice a day with visitors as a guide to see the sandhill crane migration in weather ranging from a blizzard to 85 degrees.

I am not disappointed if I don't see wildlife in the woods. They have their schedule, and I'm only a visitor, probably an unwelcome one at that. But every animal I see is a gift, and this woodpecker made my day. Do I have low standards? Perhaps. But if I'm easily pleased, that's a gift, too.

See you on the trail.



## New Lecture Series: Parks Talk at the Shedd!

*Andy McIvor*

**EVERY OBSIDIAN LIKES A WALK IN THE PARK.** These are areas to hear the birds, watch the seasons change, feel the sun, and break up the concrete and organization of the city. Eugene is blessed with urban parks, and even more so if one considers trails through the surrounding hills. How did parks start? Why do we value them so? No less an authority than Kenneth Helphand, Philip H. Knight Professor of Landscape Architecture Emeritus, will kick off a new series—*Parks Talk at the Shedd*—on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Helphand, who started his career at the University of Oregon in 1974, is an award-winning lecturer, author, and scholar. His books include *Colorado: Visions of an American Landscape*, *Dreaming Gardens: Landscape Architecture and the Making of Modern Israel*, and *Defiant Gardens: Making Gardens in Wartime*.



The talk is sponsored by the Eugene Parks Foundation, a group of citizens committed to making Eugene's parks and trails the finest they can be. Helphand's lecture kicks off a new initiative, *The Parks We Treasure*, in which EPF will be fundraising in 2023 for outdoor gyms stations, a new spray-play park, and local trail extensions and enhancements.



**Kenny Helphand**

The Parks Talk will start at 4:30 PM on March 15 with a social gathering at the Shedd Institute, 868 High Street, Eugene, and the introduction and presentation will start at 5:15 PM. All are welcome. Free tickets are available through the Shedd's ticketing platforms:

Online at [theshedd.org/divp/series.aspx?event=6050](https://theshedd.org/divp/series.aspx?event=6050)

Or by phone: 541-434-7000

# FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

## From Minutes by Angie Ruzicka February 1, 2023

President Dave Hawkins called the meeting to order. Board members present: Jean Harris, Laura Osinga, Jorry Rolfe, Maryanne Reiter, Denise Rubenstein, and Angie Ruzicka. Others: Tinker Flom, Carla Cooper, Dave Cooper, Jim Northrop.

The Board approved the minutes for January 4, 2023.

**Treasurer's Report (Laura Osinga):** Laura reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The Climbs Committee met in early January to decide whether to sponsor Climb School this year. After some discussion, the committee decided to go ahead with it. Climb School will take 28 students this year and cost \$155 for nonmembers and \$120 for members. The Climbs Committee is also sponsoring a rock-climbing anchor building class at the Lodge on Feb. 13 using the rock skills board upstairs.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** Annual: In 2022, we spent \$136 on Sam Splints and sit-upons that can be used if an emergency arises where someone needs to apply a splint. What with not selling or purchasing new stock because of the pandemic, we concentrated our efforts on moving our existing stock. We had sales of \$819, thanks largely in part to Nancy Whitfield selling at Summer Camp. In 2023, we will work on building up a variety of merchandise again. February: Our sales at the January potluck totaled \$114.

**Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka)** The committee met on January 27 to discuss activities for the upcoming year.

**Entertainment (Ane McKee):** Annual: After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we resumed monthly potlucks at the Lodge. The Summer Camp Rally was held in March and the first of the four potlucks held in 2022 was held in May. There was no presentation during the May potluck, as it was more of a social with approximately 25 attendees. The Summer Camp Reunion potluck in September also had no speaker, but the approximately 50 attendees enjoyed listening and reminiscing about their experiences at Camp Reiter in Mount Rainier National Park and Goat Rocks Wilderness. October and November returned us to regular potlucks with food and a speaker. Buzz Bloom shared his travels through the Southwest at the October potluck and Marci Hansen took us on her journey through canyons in Utah and Arizona at the November potluck. Attendance for those potlucks were approximately 45 and 50, respectively. Thank you to Evelyn Nagy, Pam Swisher and Ron Swisher for all their work on the 2022 potlucks. Special acknowledgement goes to Evelyn, outgoing Chair, to Lana Lindstrom and to Dave Cooper for their willingness to meet and talk with me to help with my transition as incoming Chair—especially since I've only attended two Obsidian potlucks. GameNight! is a new monthly offering that came about after Trish Wilson and I were playing a board game in my camper after hours at Summer Camp, with

Linda Anson visiting. Back in Eugene, the three of us met regularly to play games and Linda suggested we should open it up to other Obsidians. GameNight! was born and has been held each month at the Obsidian Lodge since October 2022.

February: January's potluck featured Bill Sullivan as speaker and drew a large crowd of around 90. He highlighted several hiking trails and shared information about how some have been affected by wildfires. He talked about the new permit process and suggested several hikes that are often overlooked or ones that have not been affected by fires. Another fun and successful GameNight! was held in January and had 18 participants.

**Finance (Susan Zeni):** Annual: Laura Osinga has become Treasurer, and Sue Zeni is now the Finance Chair. The committee completed a financial audit of 2022 Summer Camp and the 2021 General Fund, recommended a mileage reimbursement rate for 2023, switched the accounting software to Quickbooks Online, which includes storing receipts and financial information in the Quickbooks' cloud, sold nearly \$30,000 in the Vanguard Capital/Contingency fund to finance the website and drafted an outline of procedures for the Finance Committee and Treasurer positions with the intent of having standard processes.

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** Annual: 2022 was a transition from the COVID doldrums. We only had a few rentals and our own activities at the Lodge were limited. The rental to the Americorps group was the one big item. This \$1,500 rental was the major portion of our \$2,150 for the year. The heaters in the Board room were replaced. The stove in the lobby was serviced. The outside door in the upper storage room was better-sealed against the weather, and the climbers added a large board there for instruction in rope use. The committee examined several larger projects, got some quotes, and will revisit these items in 2023.

**Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** Annual: Lenore recorded 2,776 names from 370 trips on the members' log sheets and also maintained the active, inactive, and deceased logbooks. For the *Bulletin*, the committee submitted ten historical articles and provided the research for seven In Memoriams. They answered email inquiries. They facilitated Mary Ellen West's donation of her Cy Fulton painting, *Breaking Camp* depicting the Mt. Jefferson 1936 Summer Camp. They inventoried, ordered, and awarded 28 trip and leader patches.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** February: Total Membership 445 – 14 New Members: Paula Anderson, Samantha Bullis, Marjorie Doran, Julia Hubbel, Jeff Lange, Kate Lange, Annette Leong, Hally McCabe, Janet Otterstedt, Lisa Pittenger, Robert Reed, Jeffrey Rusow, Riccie Shipley, Todd Witten

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** February: The AED was checked. First aid supply inventory checked. Benedryl replacement needed in March 2023.

**Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak):** Two projects, partnered with the City of Eugene, happened this month. Eight members along with many community volunteers worked on the first of two Saturday morning tree planting projects along the Amazon Creek in SE Eugene, the second

to occur in February. The following Saturday, nine members and one nonmember were tasked with clearing the drainage ditches, culverts, and outflows from the Tie Trail junction to Willamette and 52<sup>nd</sup>. A highlight was finding a geocache!

**Summer Trips (Dave Cooper):** Annual: We fell short of our goal of 200+ trips in the 2022 season, ending up with 193. Fires had a big impact late in the summer, both with direct closures and people dropping out of some hikes because of air quality concerns. Thankfully, several leaders closely monitored winds and the AGI to ensure a good day out or to find alternative places to hike. We had 45 leaders this season, including four new leaders. Another encouraging trend was the number of people who stepped up to be assistant leaders. Having an assistant has been a great way for potential leaders to become comfortable with a little more responsibility. Hopefully, they will soon be leading some outings to help provide multiple activities for our rebounding membership numbers. Retaining new members through more activities should be a goal for the future. Summer trips took in \$1,630 in trip fees this year.

**Winter Trips (Dave Cooper):** So far, it has been a good season for Winter Trips. As of 1/26 we have a total of 97 trips completed or scheduled. More will be added before the season ends on March 31. Understand that the 2023 season began on November 15 of 2022. The starting date for winter trips has been changed to November 1 beginning this year. Snow trips have been a bright spot this year—eleven trips and seven leaders. These trips fill up fast and we've had some groups as large as 20. Snow trips are an area where we could definitely use more leaders.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Via an email vote, the revised budget for 2023 was approved on January 6, 2023.
- Via an email vote, the cost for Climb School was approved as \$155 for nonmembers and \$120 for members on January 18, 2023.
- **Web design project discussion** Dave Cooper and Diane Schechter have reviewed progress on the website development. Highlights include the calendar feature and how participants sign (agree to) the waiver when they sign up. Additional work is needed for the interface between the database and the website to function properly.
- **Strategic Planning update** (Maryanne Reiter) We'll meet again on February 15 to develop a plan for moving forward. Work is underway for developing a process for archiving Obsidian documents. Two members, Gordon Sayre and Deb Carver, are particularly interested.
- **Obsidian-NOLS WMI partnership update** Maryanne continues to be in contact with a local member of Search and Rescue about the possibility of partnering with NOLS to provide a Wilderness First Aid Course. We will wait to finalize until we have the capability for participants to register and pay online (or find another way to facilitate registration).

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Obsidian-Willamalane sponsored hikes** (Jim Northrop) During 2021 and 2022 the Obsidians had a memorandum of understanding to provide Obsidians hike leaders for

Willamalane sponsored hikes. Willamalane handled registration and provided a 15-person van for transportation. Tinker Flom, Adult Recreation Director for Willamalane and Obsidian member, was present to answer questions and expressed gratitude for the partnership over the last two years. Although we support Willamalane's efforts, it seems we do not have the leader capacity so will not participate in 2023. Willamalane is potentially buying a larger bus and we discussed the possibility of renting the bus for future Obsidian bus trips.

- **Create Bylaws revision committee** (Dave Hawkins) After cleaning up the policies and practices, there is a need to also clean up the bylaws. Dave Hawkins suggested we form a committee to do this work in time for the annual meeting in October because changes to the bylaws need a vote by the membership.
- **Hop Valley partnership** (Maryanne Reiter) Maryanne met with Margaret McKenny, their outreach director. Hop Valley supports a variety of community efforts e.g., Lane Bloodworks' *Pint for a Pint*. They are interested in potentially partnering with Obsidians, and we could get \$2,500/year. Discussion centered on what appropriate activities would be (e.g., movie night, summit flag) and the potential to connect with younger people. A question was raised about what our obligation would be and whether there is a formal contract. Maryanne will continue the conversation.
- **Combining two committees consideration** (Jorry Rolfe) Jorry introduced a proposal from the Education Committee to combine the Education and Entertainment committees. The goal is to align our efforts with our 501c3 designation and the focus on education. The model would be *continuation and expansion* with neither committee giving up their responsibilities. The Board discussed possibilities for what this model might look like and the impact on activities. In addition, the possibility of combining the Stewardship and Education committees was raised. The proposal will be discussed at the Strategic Planning Meeting on February 15.

## OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion about moving the board meeting to the second Wednesday to give the treasurer time to pull together the month's financials. No decision.
- Jorry shared a concern by an Obsidian about welcoming new members and communication to all members about upcoming events. Now that members are no longer necessarily completing three (or any) activities before becoming members, they do not know as much about the Obsidians as in the past. One proposal was for them to receive a welcome email from the President. Although the new website is under development, we do have the capability to send mass emails to members via *Mailchimp* about upcoming events. However, we need a gatekeeper to manage that process. The Strategic Planning Committee will discuss at their next meeting.
- We need to develop a plan about how we want to respond to donations.

## ADJOURNMENT

# TRIP REPORTS



## Climbs

### Rock Climbing Anchor Skills

February 13, 2023

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Class

**F**OR THE INITIAL ROCK SKILLS CLASS using the new skills board upstairs in the Lodge, we taught the group how to build an anchor for top rope climbing. It was a great group of enthusiastic climbers looking to learn new skills or brush up on their old ones. Members: Jill Butler, Kent Godfrey, Andrew McIvor, Meg McNabb, Maryanne Reiter, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Dannelle Harris, Matt Cook, Eva Burgess.



## Hikes

### Nye Beach to Yaquina Head

January 29, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Kathie Carpenter

Hike: 8.8 miles, (Moderate)

**S**EVEN HARDY ARCTIC EXPLORERS—OOPS, I MEAN OBSIDIANS—braved the bitter cold for an 8.8-mile trek along an iceberg-strewn stretch of Nye Beach. Only one small part of that sentence is an exaggeration, although we did have to cross a treacherous ice sheet on the access road to the beach. Temperatures in the 30s kept us moving fast, and we got to the Yaquina Lighthouse well before low tide. After a hasty, windswept lunch, we had over an hour of free time to visit the interpretive center, climb the bluffs for the splendid view, and/or explore the tidepools, which were the best that they've been in years. We saw a gumshoe chiton, a yellow nudibranch, a couple of different species of crabs, a sea cucumber, shrimp, two kinds of urchins, and many clusters of stars seem to have recovered from the plague of wasting disease, and we saw them everywhere in many different sizes and colors.



*Magnificent coastal vistas on this beautiful day.*



*We hit the tidepools right at low tide. There was so much to see, it was hard to know which way to look. Ron found a kelp crab for us to see.*

There was also a nice pile of smooth gray stones that turned out to be seals. Despite the cold, it was beautiful, clear, and sunny, and the temperature on the way back reached the mid-40s. After taking off our shoes for the creek crossing, several of us even decided not to put them back on and we walked back barefoot, reveling in the beauty of the Oregon coast in the winter. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Becky Lipton, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Orsi, Janet Otterstedt, Jorry Rolfe.

### Carpenter Bypass Explora Hike

January 29, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4.4 miles, 770 ft. (Moderate)

**TODAY WAS ONE OF THOSE BEST, BLUE-SKY, WINTER HIKING DAYS.** Despite some icy roads, a 30°F morning, and a chilly wind, our cheerful group thoroughly enjoyed our Carpenter



*Lorraine Cuevas.*

Bypass explora hike. Members: Heidi Anderson, Sharon Blick, Samantha Bullis, Lorraine Cuevas, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Elizabeth Grant, Vicky Hanson, Holger Krentz, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield.

### **In-town Mixed Media Hike**

**January 31, 2023**

**Leader: Sue Zeni**

**Hike: 8 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**IT WAS A BRISK, FROZEN MORNING.** The three of us hiked a figure eight route on roads and trails from Shadow Wood Park to Hendricks Park and back. We saw a variety of houses and their respective yards, as well as woods with native vegetation, and invasive ivy and blackberries. Hendricks Park was in its winter state, and the cold rhododendrons had their leaves pointing toward the ground. Portions of the route were new to the majority of the hikers. We enjoyed the winter hike and the fact that all the mud was frozen! Members: Holger Krentz, Signe Wright, Sue Zeni.

### **Groundhog Day Hike**

**February 2, 2023**

**Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 6.3 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)**

**OUR ANNUAL GROUNDHOG DAY HIKE WAS HIGHLIGHTED** in the January 2023 *Masonic Cemetery eNewsletter* and included this note: "And since the critter is becoming increasingly



*A new kiosk at the Ribbon Trail off of 30<sup>th</sup>: Janice, Steve, Kathie, Holger, Janet, Lynn, Steve A., Angie, Lis, Diana, Jim.*

difficult to spot, a special member of the cemetery staff will accompany the tour." At the cemetery entrance, we met our guide, Betsy Halpern, who is also an Obsidian member. Betsy read a letter from Phyllis, the only groundhog who lives in the cemetery. Phyllis wrote: "My great grandparents lived here when this place was a mess—at least for humans. There was actually lots of vegetation for them to eat as the place was completely overgrown in the early 1990s. My great grandmother was able to find a way into the mausoleum, which was full of mud on the floors and water seeping everywhere. She found an empty crypt to hibernate in the winter, which was really good as no predators could get in and she didn't have to worry about rain coming into her burrow. She also was able to keep her feet clean as she didn't have to dig a multitude of burrows..." We spotted the groundhog near a tree by past Obsidian member Paul Civin's monument. Lynn Meacham nestled the groundhog on her shoulder for the rest

of the cemetery hike. Because of below-freezing temperatures, only the snowdrops greeted us. We hiked up to the golf course shortcut to the Ribbon Trail where we met Hugh Prichard. He invited us to his nearby backyard to visit the bog on our next hike. Stopping at Hendricks Park, I shared persimmon bread—just what we needed before we headed down to 19<sup>th</sup> Street for an early lunch. It was a fun morning, especially sharing the cemetery and trail with some who had never been there. Members: Steve Adey, Heidi Anderson, Kathie Carpenter, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Betsy Halpern, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Sandra Larsen, Lynn Meacham, Angie Ruzicka, Janice Silvestri, Lis Sorrell. Nonmembers: Jane Allen.

### **Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail**

**February 11, 2023**

**Leader: Dorothy van Winkle**

**Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)**

**TWENTY-TWO PEOPLE (!) PARTICIPATED IN THIS MONTHLY HIKE.** The guests knew of the Obsidians via word of mouth or through internet searching. One guest had only been in the area for five days as part of the Northwest Job Corp. Clearly this hike is meeting the needs of people wanting info about our outdoor club. Denise did a great job of leading us through Hendricks Park and took us to a paperbush tree that had wonderfully fragrant blossoms. Members, thank you for joining the hike. We cannot do it without your support. Members: Beth Bauchet, Bart Bemus, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, David Meredith, Marla Miller, David Morris, Lisa Oksman, Janet Otterstedt, Denise Rubenstein, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Adrian Wolf, Mary Vincent, Ken Wyman, Julia Warner, Joseph Warner, Denise Furst, David Bartling, Marit Hovey, Staci Hagel, Wayne Parker, Leslie Parker.

### **Oregon's Birthday (Early)**

**February 11, 2023**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Lorraine Cuevas**

**Hike: 8 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE CELEBRATED OREGON'S 164<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY A FEW DAYS EARLY.** Starting at Dorris Ranch, we hiked up to Willamette Heights Park and then headed downtown to see the murals:



*The Sun mosaic mural, by LTD bus station.*

The Sun at LTD Station, Ken Kesey, Official Simpsons, The Oregon Trail, and The Moderns. We picked up the pace at the Booth Kelly Trailhead to complete our loop on the Mill Race

and Middle Fork path. Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual birthday hike took 3½ hours. Thanks to all who shared little known Oregon facts. Bathrooms at the LTD Bus Station were appreciated. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Jennifer Crim, Lorraine Cuevas, Patricia Esch, Whitney Gould, Vicky Hanson, Gwyneth Iredale, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Sandra Larsen, Valerie Metcalfe, Evelyn Nagy, Lis Sorrell. Nonmembers: Jane Allen.

**Hendricks to Moon to Ribbon**

**February 16, 2023**

**Leader: Steve Adey**

**Hike: 6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE HIKE THROUGH SOME OF THE SPAGHETTI PATHS** from the Ribbon Trail to Moon Mountain and didn't get too lost. City maps and GPS are somewhat helpful. Took about three hours. Members: Steve Adey, Janet Jacobsen, Gordon Sayre.

**Trestle Creek Falls**

**February 19, 2023**

**Leader: Randy Sinnott**

**Photographer: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**IT WAS A WONDERFUL DAY TO BE OUTSIDE.** Some snow still lay on the road shoulders as we neared the trailhead. The day had already begun warming and with the sun shining, we



*Heidi Anderson under Upper Trestle Creek Falls*

soon found ourselves shedding clothes. The trail was in excellent, dry condition, and passing beneath Upper Trestle Creek was not a problem. On a freezing day, this might have been treacherous. After lunch at the falls, we returned to the

parking lot in a counterclockwise loop, making a quarter-mile side trip up to the lower falls. We encountered no mountain bikes and the other hikers we met were almost exclusively along the flat Brice Creek section of the trail. This is a great outing for days when the high Cascades are snowed in. Members: Heidi Anderson, Kathie Carpenter, Annie Chan, Kent Godfrey, Gwyneth Iredale, Michael King, David Morris, Angie Ruzicka, Sandra Sigrist, Randy Sinnott, Darko Sojak, Lis Sorrell.

**Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes**

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

**Various Leaders**

**Karen Yoerger: 2/1** 19 Members, 1 Nonmember

**Mike Smith: 2/8** 17 Members, 1 Nonmember

**Jorry Rolfe: 2/15** 18 Members, 1 Nonmember

**Darian Morray: 2/22** 11 Members



*Foggy sunlight made for an atmospheric steps experience on Spencer Butte. Photo by Eva Mogart*

**Blanton Ridge Hikes**

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

**Leader, Jorry Rolfe: 1/31** 2 Members, **2/7** 4 Members, **2/21** 5 Members

**Mt. Pisgah Hikes**

**Hike: 3.5–6.5 miles, 1,000–1,640 ft. (Moderate)**

**Various Leaders**

**Janet Jacobsen: 1/27** 3 Members, **2/5** 10 Members, **2/18** 5 Members

**David Hawkins: 2/17** 9 Members



# Snowshoe Trips

## Salt Creek Falls

January 25, 2023

Leader: Scott Hovis

Assistant Leader & Photographer: Ane McKee

SShoe: 3.5 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

**A**FTER DRIVING OUT OF FOGGY EUGENE, eleven Obsidians enjoyed a sweet snowshoe excursion with blue skies and great views. Shortly after we crossed the bridge at the Diamond Creek Falls Trailhead, we came to a smaller creek



Carefully crossing a creek.

that had no bridge. We crossed at the point where the trail meets the creek and had to carefully step on a couple of logs and climb up a steep part of the bank. On our way back, we found a better and safer crossing about 25 feet upstream. Two carloads stopped at DQ in Oakridge on our way home. Members: Linda Anson, Mari Baldwin, Kathie Carpenter, Patricia Esch, Scott Hovis, Jane Leng, Ane McKee, Lynn Meacham, David Morris, Barbara Orsi, Nancy Whitfield.

## Prairie View Loop @ Ikenick Sno-Park

February 4, 2023

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Kathie Carpenter

SShoe: 6.3 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

**FOUR OF US ARRIVED AT IKENICK SNO-PARK AT 9 AM** and snowshoed around the now-marked Prairie View Loop, 10 km



Heidi, Mike and Mike.

or 6.3 miles. We saw no one until the last descent to the parking lot. While the hike does not have great views of mountains, we did see Browder Ridge and Mt. Washington. Tracks were seen coming in the opposite direction, so the markers that the leader has been putting up over the last two years must be working! Members: Heidi Anderson, Kathie Carpenter, Michael Myers, Mike Smith.

## Marilyn Lakes

February 7, 2023

Leader: Scott Hovis

Assistant Leader: Ane McKee

SShoe: 5 miles, 100 ft. (Difficult)

**ELEVEN SNOWSHOERS CAREFULLY CROSSED HWY 58** and began our hike up to the two snow-covered Marilyn Lakes. Although there was talk of taking a polar plunge in one of the



We saw mergansers in Salt Creek headwaters. Photo by Riccie Shipley.



The gang heads back as a light snow starts to fall. Photo by Ane McKee.

lakes where there was a small section uncovered by ice, no one jumped in. We then went to Gold Lake and had lunch at the shelter near Gold Lake Day Use Area and boat launch, which is at the headwaters of Salt Creek. A light, wet snow had been falling, so most of us ate in the shelter. The shelter was stocked with wood and a maul. The restrooms were unlocked and the snow had been cleared away from the doors. After a brief jaunt up to see Gold Lake, we headed back via Gold Lake Road. As we waited to cross Hwy 58 safely, we waved to the semi-trucks driving by and happily got waves and a few horn blasts. Members: Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Jacquie Fern, Elizabeth Grant, Scott Hovis, Jane Leng, Ane McKee, David Morris, Riccie Shipley, Diana Wheat. Non-members: Michael Heidelberg.

**Maxwell Sno-Park Snowshoe**

**February 10, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Photographer: Lynn Meacham**

**SShoe: 6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)**

A GLOOMY WEATHER PREDICTION DAMPENED ENTHUSIASM for our snowshoe outing to Maxwell Sno-Park. However, the weather turned out to be excellent and dry, with mostly



*Steve, Signe, Kathie, Holger, Marguerite, and Barbara had shed some layers in the warming sun.*



*Coming up on the back side of the Maxwell South Shelter.*

cloudy skies and occasional warming rays from the sun. From the Sno-Park, we took the 5.25-mile south loop to the South Maxwell shelter. The shelter is small but in good shape with nice views of Browder Ridge. Members: Heidi

Anderson, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Signe Wright.

**Maxwell Sno-Park Snowshoe**

**February 11, 2023**

**Leader: Lisa Van Liefde**

**Photographer: Darko Sojak**

**SShoe: 6.5 miles, 935 ft. (Difficult)**

FIVE LUCKY MEMBERS SNOWSHOED TO THE SOUTH SHELTER from Maxwell Sno-Park. Conditions were good, and with gorgeous sunny weather and great company, it could not have been a better day! Members: Marsha Barr, Annie Chan, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde.



*Angie, Lisa, Annie and Marsha.*

**Mountain View Shelter / Maxwell**

**February 18, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**SShoe: 7 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)**

OUR GROUP OF FOUR DROVE UP TO MAXWELL SNO-PARK where we found overcast skies but great snow conditions. The Mountain View Loop trail was untracked so we had to break trail for most of the 3.5 miles to the shelter. At the shelter the wood stove was already lit, giving us a warm place to have lunch. We had to break more trail on the Cutoff Loop back to our vehicles, giving us a total of seven miles for the day. Members: Annie Chan, Marguerite Cooney, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham.



**Stewardship**

**Ridgeline Trail Drainage**

**January 28, 2023**

**Leader: Matt Bell**

**Photographer: Janet Jacobsen**

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

FOR THE FIRST OUTING OF 2023, our group met at the Willamette and 52<sup>nd</sup> parking lot to get ready for our work. Our task for the day was to clear the drainage ditches, culverts, and outflows. We hiked in to the Tie Trail junction

## Service

### First Obsidians Blood Drive—January

January 31, 2023

Leader: Darko Sojak

Service

**B**ELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING THAT WASN'T JUST COURAGEOUS, it was also noble. Thank you for your blood donation! Members: Joanna Alexander, Brad Bennett, David Clinger, Clara Emlen, Elizabeth Grant, Vicky Hanson, David Hawkins, Sandra Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Bill Lowder, Meghan Mahoney, Diana Masarie, Debra Messinger, Annette Pfautz, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Melanie Weir.



*We hiked up to the Tie Trail intersection to start digging. Dan is working on the culvert while the others are digging out the drainage ditch: Annie, Jorry, Elizabeth, Matt and sons, Dave.*

and began working our way back, cleaning drainage as we went. We cut back blackberries, ferns, and grasses from the ditches and outflows and removed branches and logs. Special thanks go to Clara for cleaning the main trailhead steps. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Annie Chan, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Elizabeth Grant, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Fletcher Bell.

*Deb Messinger does her part.*



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**CORRECTION**

### CORRECTION 2022/23 PREMIUM MEMBERS

Tommy Young's name was accidentally left off of the Silver Member list in the February *Bulletin*.

**Our Apologies.**

# SCHERER ROOM EXHIBITS

*Joella Ewing*

**T**AKE A LOOK IN THE SCHERER ROOM AT THE LODGE to view the black ink and watercolor drawings of new Obsidian member Ali Hennes. Her drawings will be on display through the April potluck.

Ali's first venture into drawing with an ink pen began when someone brought a bouquet of exotic flowers on an annual group kayak paddle trip. She felt inspired to draw the flowers while sitting by the lake. Soon her husband encouraged her art expression by surprising her with a birthday gift of art supplies. Retiring from nursing gives her time to enjoy drawing nature scenes, including animals and plants.



Dave Predeck will follow Ali, showing his information boards of nature photographs in May, June, and September.

We will need another artist to display in October, November and December.

*Please call or text Joella Ewing at 513-7896 to apply for space in the Scherer Room, or email her at [joella.ew@gmail.com](mailto:joella.ew@gmail.com).*

## OBSIDIAN WEBSITE PROGRESS REPORT

*Marci Hansen*

**T**HE NEW OBSIDIAN WEBSITE IS STILL BEING WORKED ON BY A LOCAL EUGENE COMPANY. It has been a longer process than we anticipated, but we are excited by the images we are seeing. We are extremely appreciative to John Jacobsen for continuing to keep the current website working and updated. We will keep the membership informed as things progress.



Friday, March 31, 2023, 6:30 PM

## SUMMER CAMP RALLY



*2008 photo by Steve Johnson*

**C**AMP HAWKINS WILL BE IN THE SAWTOOTH RANGE near Stanley, Idaho, August 6–12. If you are interested in this adventure, be sure to attend. We will discuss the registration process, camp logistics, and show slides of the primitive campground, the area, and recreational opportunities.

### **Potluck**

**Friday, March 31, 2023**

**Obsidian Lodge**

**Social 6:05 PM**

**Potluck 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM**

*Bring your favorite potluck dish to share along with your own plates, utensils, and cups to be washed at home.*

# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

## March

7 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M ..... Rolfe 206-9501  
 8 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Rubenstein 248-514-5092  
 9 Thu Potato Hill SShoe D ..... Hovis 731-3412  
 11 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E ..... Lindstrom 683-1409  
 11 Sat Amazon Creek WrkPrty E ..... Sojak 799-9199  
 11 Sat North Bank Habit Area Hike M ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
 13 Mon Basic Mountaineering Course ..... Reiter 521-8472  
 14 Tue GameNight! ..... Anson 228-8722  
 14 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
 15 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Clifford 915-5434  
 17 Fri Pisgah East Side Loop & Lunch Hike M ..... Hawkins 505-0119  
 18 Sat Three Lakes Loop Xski D ..... Miller 484-4586  
 18 Sat Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Tour WrkPrty E .... Rolfe 206-9501  
 20 Mon Mt. Pisgah Spring Equinox Hike E ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
 21 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M ..... Rolfe 206-9501  
 22 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Smith 520-488-9569  
 25 Sat Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M ..... Bell 503-884-8829  
 25 Sat Amanda Trail to Perpetua Hike M ..... Sigrist 916-612-5517  
 28 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M ..... Rolfe 206-9501  
 29 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Rubenstein 248-514-5092  
 30 Thu Silver Falls Trail of 10 Falls Hike M ..... Grant 514-1176  
 31 Fri March 2023 Summer Camp Potluck **Potluck** McKee 554-1364

## April

2 Sun Crater Lake SS/XC ExtTrp M ..... Lindstrom 683-1409  
 4 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M ..... Rolfe 206-9501  
 5 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Cooper 868-5427  
 8 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E ..... TBA  
 11 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 12 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... McKee 554-1364  
 13 Thu **GameNight!** ..... McKee 554-1364  
 18 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 19 Wed Amazon Headwaters M ..... McKee 554-1364  
 22 Sat Spring Beach Clean Up WrkPrty E ..... Sojak 799-9199  
 25 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 26 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Smith 520-488-9569  
 28 Fri April 2023 w/ Eric Gran **Potluck** ..... McKee 554-1364  
 29 Sat Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M ..... Bell 503-884-8829

## May

2 Tue Columbia Gorge Hiking ExtTrp M ..... Shuraleff 954-4474

2 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 3 Wed Amazon Headwaters e Hike M ..... Morray 953-5679  
 9 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M ..... Rolfe 206-9501  
 10 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
 13 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E ..... TBA  
 16 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 17 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Miller 808-282-5201  
 19 Fri May 2023 w/ Lana Lindstrom **Potluck** ..... McKee 554-1364  
 23 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 24 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Miller 255-6254  
 30 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 31 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M ..... Bell 503-884-8829  
 31 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Smith 520-488-9569

## June

3 Sat National Trails Day TrlMnt M ..... Bell 503-884-8829  
 6 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 7 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Rubenstein 248-514-5092  
 10 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E ..... TBA  
 13 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 14 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Meacham 214-8827  
 20 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 21 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Smith 520-488-9569  
 21 Wed Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
 27 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 28 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M ..... Bell 503-884-8829  
 28 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Clifford 915-5434

## July

4 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 5 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Jacobsen 206-1251  
 8 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E ..... TBA  
 11 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 12 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Clifford 915-5434  
 18 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 19 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Rubenstein 248-514-5092  
 25 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young 941-780-4156  
 26 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M ..... Bell 503-884-8829  
 26 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M ..... Rolfe 206-9501

## August

6 Sun Sawtooth Summer Camp ..... Johnson 520-2470

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**Waterfalls  
and Wildflowers  
in the Columbia Gorge**  
May 2-4, 2023

**S**IGNUP STARTS MARCH 10 AT 7 AM. Please see the February *Bulletin*, page 10, for a complete description. Don't hesitate to call Leaders Chris Shuraleff and Jane Hackett with any questions.

**Come join us!!!!**



**GAMENIGHT!**  
**AT THE LODGE**  
March 14, 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
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***Anchor-building concentration:  
The first class using  
the climb training board  
recently installed at the Lodge.***

***Photo by Meg McNabb.***

***See the Rock Climbing Anchor Skills  
trip report on page 10.***

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