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January 26	Potluck
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February 23	Potluck

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New Website Update

Diane Schechter

AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW, we have been working on updating our website. It has been a challenging project for a variety of reasons. We have had many delays, but we are close to being ready to launch!

The new website looks completely different and will have many different features, but we have maintained many aspects of the old website. For those who are tentative with technology, we are planning a variety of ways to help our members and trip leaders navigate and feel comfortable with the new website.

Although we don't have a date for when it will be operational, we do know the following:

- You will be able to continue with the same user name. However, everyone will need to set up a new password. For additional security, the password will require more characters than our current ones.
- When we are ready to change over, there will be a test period during which the website may be down for a period of time. We will plan this to be the least disruptive as possible.

Updating the website was the top priority of our 2021 Strategic Planning process. Nonetheless, change can be hard. Please be patient as we navigate this transition.

Many thanks to Lana Lindstrom, Dave Cooper, Dave Hawkins, and Maryanne Reiter, who have worked tirelessly on the final phase of this project, and to John Jacobson for his support throughout this process.

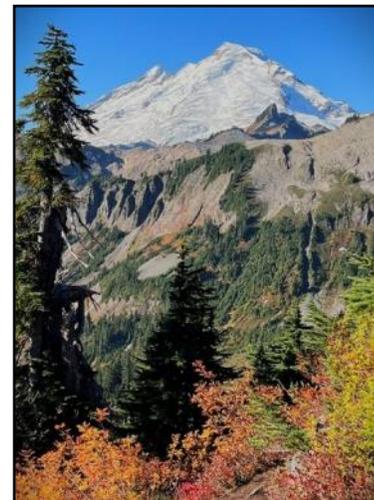
Summer Camp 2024 August 12–18

Sue Wolling

YES, VIRGINIA—THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS. And yes, Obsidians—there is a 2024 Summer Camp!

Thanks to Lana and Richard's conscientious scouting and Steve's speedy dialing, we've secured the Silver Lake Group Campground near Mount Baker for next year. Mark your calendars now for Summer Camp 2024, August 12–18. Registration details have not yet been determined, but the Summer Camp Rally, at the Obsidian Lodge will be on Friday, March 29. For more information, check the links to Summer Camp on the Obsidians website.

If you're new to the Obsidians, you might be thinking: Summer Camp? Like the camp I went to when I was 9 years old?! Well, not exactly. Yes, we do occasionally sing songs around the campfire, and we could probably all enjoy eating s'mores—but the Obsidians Summer Camp is all about hiking! Campers set up a tent or RV in the



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IN MEMORIAM

LENORE McMANIGAL

OCTOBER 27, 1925–DECEMBER 2, 2023

The McManigal family (Lenore and John and their three young sons) joined the Obsidians in 1963 and a year later hiked 8½ miles to the Table Lake summer camp. John and Lenore attended over thirty summer camps, and chaired the 1966 pack-in camp in the Wallowa Mountains. For the record, Lenore said, *My name wasn't even listed as co-chair but I was just in charge of the food. I opened the first Summer Camp checking account and we made a \$500 profit.* She was so proud of receiving the 10-Peaks Award in 1984 after climbing her 10th peak, Mt. Jefferson. She received her 200-Trip Award in 2006. She served on the Board and was vice-president in 2002. Lenore was on the Bus Committee, a member of the *Bulletin* mailing crew, made pancakes at Father's Day breakfasts, and assisted with the Hand Lake Shelter restoration in 1993. It was Lenore who made sure that the water fountain installed in 1972 and donated by women climbers was not removed when the Lodge was remodeled. The 2002 Summer Camp in the Wind River Range of Wyoming was named in John and Lenore's honor for their continued work on the Summer Camp Committee. She was elected an Honorary Member of the Obsidians in 2011, and served as Librarian/Historian for thirty years until her death.

Lenore attended Reed College and graduated from the University of Oregon. After receiving her teaching certificate, she taught math at Glide High School. The 1937 Buick that she drove to work on icy roads is still parked in the McManigal garage. Lenore met John at a dance in 1947 and they married at Reed College chapel in 1950. She then worked at the Louise Home for girls in Gresham for the next five years. Son Richard was born in 1955, and the following year the family moved to Eugene. Twin sons Kevin and Steven were born in 1958. One of Lenore's treasured memories was of hiking with her family over the Chilkoot Trail while Richard served in the Coast Guard in Sitka, Alaska.

Lenore was preceded in death by husband John in 2019, and is survived by sons (Obsidian life members) Richard (Nancy), Steven (Lulu), Kevin (Margaret), and three grandchildren.

RALPH (PETE) PETERSON

OCTOBER 3, 1944–DECEMBER 3, 2023

Pete was an Obsidian member from 2003–2011. His first three trips were led by his wife, Chris Cunningham, and he went on most of the 33 trips that Chris led. Both were helpful members of the Obsidian Publications Committee when the *Bulletin* went digital and became available online in 2005. His community volunteer work was highlighted in his *Register-Guard* obituary.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in The Register-Guard, www.registerguard.com/obituaries/pore0656009

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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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Obsidian “Y” Bulletin Board History

Janet Jacobsen Library/Historian Committee

THE OBSIDIANS HAVE HAD A BULLETIN BOARD AT THE EUGENE FAMILY YMCA FOR 55 YEARS. That was where members and guests went to sign up for trips, back in the dark ages.

Where was it before that? Wayne Deeter compiled a history for the April 2017 *Bulletin*: *The original location may be lost in obscurity. The first issue of the Obsidian Bulletin, December 1936, was nine years after the founding of the club. On page one of that issue is mention of signing up at Hendershott’s Gun Store. This location at 770 Willamette St., sometimes called Hendershott’s Sports Shop but more often simply Hendershott’s, was used until its closing in March of 1959. This location was used as Arthur Hendershott, owner of Hendershott’s, was a long-time member. Harold Trotter, also a member, was a salesman at Hendershott’s for much of the time the bulletin board was there and apparently maintained the board. For a few months after that the bulletin board was at 1361 Willamette St. In June of 1959 the bulletin board was moved to Gilbert’s Shoe Store, 49 E. Broadway, as member Sterling Behnke was proprietor of Gilbert’s. After Gilbert’s closed in June of 1968 a temporary location was found at the Sport Haus, 724 Willamette St. and in the following spring, 1969, it was moved to the YMCA.*

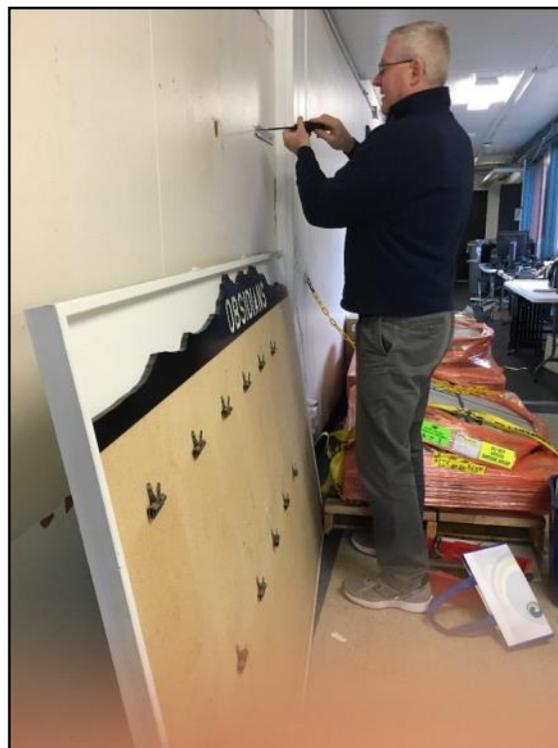
I was Summer Trips Chair from 2001–2003 and had many phone calls from members about the signup sheets at the Y: *I’m at the Y and the trip is not posted... Would you go down to the Y and mark the trip as canceled?...Could you pick up the signup sheet before the Y closes?...What time does the Y close?...I am at the Y and the leader has already picked up the signup sheet. What is the leader’s phone number?*

I used an AppleWorks spreadsheet to keep track of reports/fees and then made the phone calls to remind leaders to mail their trip reports and trip fees. Eventually, the bulletin board wasn’t large enough to display more than a week or two of upcoming trips. In 2003 Obsidian Board member Steve Schriver stepped forward to take on the task of enlarging it. After discussing the matter with the Y management, Steve contacted Obsidian Honorary member Wes Prouty (who now lives in Eastern Oregon) who agreed to build a new and better board with the Obsidians name as part of the frame.

Online signups started in November 2010. I was thrilled! There were a few members who missed perusing the sign-up sheets at the Y but for the most part, members found online sign up more convenient—especially those who did not live near the Y. I was Publicity Chair and took over the bulletin board, organizing a new display of Obsidian activities each month. After COVID, the board became a community bulletin board with a small section highlighting our Club activities. Building the new Y was now the focus for members and staff.

No, we will not have a bulletin board at the new Eugene Family YMCA. After the old Y closed, Jim Northrop and I met with the Y staff to remove the heavy Obsidian Board and haul it to the Lodge where we hope it can be mounted. Kari Porter, Senior Director of Member Experience at the Y wrote: *We’ve had a wonderful partnership through the years, Janet!*

Take time to visit the new Eugene Family YMCA on the Don Stathos Campus. You will not miss the bulletin board when you see all the stunning artwork—five new murals. It is exciting for our community to have a welcoming place, open to all, to develop health and wellness goals.



*Jim removing the bulletin board at the old Y.
Photo by Janet Jacobsen.*

The Y Behind a Name

Sue Wolling

GOING TO THE EUGENE YMCA SOMETIMES FEELS LIKE AN OBSIDIAN TRIP, minus the sign-up—there are always Obsidians at the Y. You might be one of the many who has been enjoying the magnificent facilities of our brand new Don Stathos YMCA—but you might also be wondering, “Who is this Don Stathos guy, anyway?”

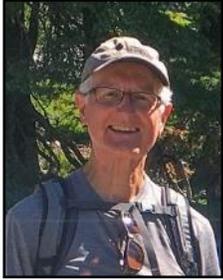
Don Stathos (1924–2005) was an Oregon State Representative from 1969–1972, but he did not represent Eugene. He was a Republican representative from Jackson County. Throughout his life, Stathos embodied values familiar to those who utilize Eugene’s Y: sustainability, vision, and compassion to meet the health and social needs of the entire community.

Stathos is best known as the father of the Oregon Bike Bill, signed into law in 1971 by Governor Tom McCall. This first-in-the-nation bill has two main components: (1) at least 1% of state highway funds must be spent on bicycle and pedestrian

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2024 Board Officers

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECENTLY CHOSE OFFICERS FOR 2024. Dave Hawkins returns as Club President for a second term in 2024. Denise Rubenstein will serve as Vice-President, Angie Ruzicka will continue as Secretary, and non-Board member, Laura Osinga, will continue to be Treasurer. Lisa Van Liefde and Sue Zeni are joining the Board as new members, while Dave Cooper returns to the Board after a break of two years. The other members of the Board are Russ Davies, Jean Harris, and Maryanne Reiter. If you find yourselves on an outing or at an event with any of these individuals, please be sure to thank them for be willing to accept a leadership role with the Obsidians.



Dave Hawkins



Denise Rubenstein



Angie Ruzicka



Laura Osinga



Lisa Van Liefde



Sue Zeni



Dave Cooper



Russ Davies



Jean Harris



Maryanne Reiter

(Summer Camp, continued from page 1)

group campsite, the Obsidians provide all meals, and we take turns with basic chores (dishwashing, food prep, etc.), so that during the day we can take off on hikes. It's like a week of normal Obsidian hikes, but in a new and spectacular setting.

So, where is it that we're going? There will be many more details to follow—but suffice it to say that the Obsidians have been to the Mount Baker area for Summer Camp several times in the past, and we keep going back because it's such an awesome place to hike and explore. So, in 2024, we're going Bak(er) to the Future!

At this point, you don't need to do anything more than mark your calendar and dream of sunny wildflower mead-

ows, glaciers and mountain views—unless you are a hiker who is NOT a camper. If you hope to stay in a room or cabin, you should make reservations as soon as possible, because there are really not too many options. Start your search at mtbakerlodging.com, or look on Airbnb or VRBO. If you see something appropriate, snag it! There are a few cabins at Silver Lake County Park, site of the actual camp—but they were all reserved within a few minutes of park registration opening. Nonetheless, there's no harm in checking online periodically to see if any cabins become available.

Otherwise, stay tuned for more news in the coming weeks—but we're going to Whatcom County, come what may!

Welcome New Members!

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Cinderella

Mike Smith

MY HEART SANK AS WE PADDLED AROUND THE CORNER into a bay where I had solo camped the year before, on a narrow spit between the mainland and a peninsula. I saw a rectangular-shaped, clearly unnatural object: a tent. The site was occupied. I had so looked forward to camping there with a sunrise/sunset view, sand beach, and two different routes off the campsite. But it was not to be.

We turned starboard southeast to the mainland side to a second site that had a great view from the top. We would have to haul our gear up there only once, but several times a day we might be going up or down steep grades. That gets old for a base camp. It was also closer to the first site than we liked. That left the small site on the point we had just passed on entering the bay, next to a small swamp on one side and facing the main travel route on the other, unless we wanted to go further down the lake towards Canada. We had already paddled 13 miles however, from the Fall Lake landing, outside of Ely, to nearly the Basswood River, on the Minnesota-Ontario border, and we were tired. We returned to the point, landed the canoe on a small sand beach, and got out. The site was uphill from the water with the swamp to the east, a small tent site near the water and a larger one up near the woods. From the latter, we could look north down the lake two miles to hills that were in Canada.

We decided to stay there, knowing we would periodically see paddlers on their way to or from the border. But we had room, and we got settled. Maybe the occupied site would open up the following day.

That night, a pair of beavers swam back and forth, not far from shore, from the swamp to their house, just down the shore on the west side of us, which we remembered seeing as we first came by. They carried branches in their teeth, and as we were quiet, did not seem to mind our presence. That was special. I didn't see any beavers from the other site the year before.

The following morning, we heard a loud crack from the swamp and watched a jack pine fall, the feller being one of the beavers. I hadn't seen that before, either. We headed out for a day trip to the border and back, seeing a log with several turtles on it in a small, barely navigable channel. That night, I noticed the northern sky brighter than I expected, since the nearest town in that direction was 50 miles. We had northern lights. The other site, still occupied, was deeper in the woods, and we likely would never have noticed an aurora from there.

Day three, after a short paddle to the south from our site, we passed a rock ledge and saw an otter come out of the woods, look at us, then scurry into the water. We'd seen otters before, but this guy appeared almost on cue. The same night, we heard wolves howling across the channel that separated us from the western shore. This campsite had everything, I thought. Day trips were good, the nightly beaver patrol entertaining, and while we didn't have sunset views, we had sunrises and great stargazing.

The last full day we were there, I said to myself that the only thing we hadn't seen was a moose, but I was grateful for everything else. Not thirty minutes later, I heard a loud crash in the woods, the sound that only one boreal forest animal makes, and sure enough, a big bull came into the swamp 30 yards away. For once, I had my camera right next to me, sat taking pictures and using the telephoto as binoculars. He was fabulous, stayed several minutes, making another racket as he disappeared behind the camp.

We came back to the same site the following two years, and sitting at home now, I can still see the view down the lake towards Canada. We will never be there again, but the 12 nights we did stay were some of the most pleasant I remember.

See you on the trail. If things don't work out as planned, always believe in a little magic.



NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES

November 1, 2023

From minutes by Jean Harris and Angie Ruzicka

Dave Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present: Russ Davies, Jean Harris, Laura Osinga (online), Maryanne Reiter, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein. Others present: Dave Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Zeni. The Board approved the minutes for the Annual and October Board meetings.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Jim Northrop - interim): Twenty-six Obsidians and guests enjoyed a fall color bus trip to Odell Lake Lodge on October 24. Revenue: \$1,572. Expenses: \$2,240. Loss on trip: \$668.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee wrapped up the 2023 climbing season in early October. We will now start to plan classes and climbs as well as the makeup of the Committee in the next few months.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): October sales totaled \$86.

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe and Angie Ruzicka): Two October activities sponsored by this committee saw 24 participants enjoy trees, trees, trees! Lane County's 2023 Tree Farmer of the Year, member Sue Zeni, led an enthusiastic group throughout her 75-acre farm off Deerhorn Road near Waltherville on the north shore of the McKenzie River. For 23 years she has worked hard to create a healthy forest that is biodiverse and resilient in case of fire. We really appreciated the tour and applaud Sue's woodlands stewardship. Late in the month, an urban tree walk with Whitey Lueck was combined with a UO Museum visit to an exhibit about the kelp forest.

Entertainment (Ane McKee): October's Potluck & Presentation had 51 diners and 75 folks show up to hear Valerie Metcalfe talk about her trip to Patagonia. A bonus near the end of the presentation was Jorry Rolfe providing additional information about a trip she and Randy Sinnott took to the same part of the world. Another fun GameNight! was held on October 12.

Finance (Susan Zeni): The draft budget has been updated to include all the input that was sent by Board and committee members. Thank you for taking the time to look at it. The budget will be discussed at the Board meeting.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): The "active member" log books will be closed November 1 except for recording the rest of the 2023 trips. The committee now begins to make plans to scan and then archive the active, inactive, and deceased logbooks in a secure place in the Lodge.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): Posted on Facebook and Instagram about the potluck this week. Along with Dave Cooper,

helped work through an attempted phishing attack on Obsidians Facebook account.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): AED was checked and new batteries purchased for the two-way radios. Possible articles for winter safety driving tips were discussed.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): Three activities were held in October. Meg Stewart Smith led a group of seven to Scott and Hand Lakes to clean up 14 campsites, then days later six people worked at Skinner Butte under Darko's direction. Just before Halloween, Matt Bell met five others on a cold morning for some trail maintenance. Much appreciated!

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): Only 23 trips this month. Must be a shoulder season thing. This is the end of Summer Trips. With the website change there will not be separate summer and winter trip seasons and committees. The Board will need to make the necessary changes to the Policies and Practices.

OLD BUSINESS

Nonprofit Property Tax Exemption (Dave Hawkins): Dave explained that we will revisit the process after the new year to align with spring dates for applying.

NEW BUSINESS

Lodge Rental Rates, Documents, and Brochure Discussion (Dave Cooper): Three forms have changes to be made. The ensuing discussion led to a committee forming to address the Lodge rental policy and what's best for Obsidians. They will report back for the January meeting.

Website Progress (Lana Lindstrom, Dave Cooper and Maryanne Reiter): Lana, Dave, and Maryanne have worked with the website folks and spent time testing the site. Progress has been made. A list of issues that still need to be addressed was given to the designers.

2024 Board Officers Election (Dave Hawkins): The following 2024 Board officers were elected: President: Dave Hawkins, Vice President: Denise Rubenstein, Secretary: Angie Ruzicka, Treasurer: Laura Osinga.

Insurance and Finance (Sue Zeni): Sue is pursuing insurance for liability and will continue to seek answers. She explained the 2024 budget draft.

Summer camp 2024 (Lana Lindstrom): Lana and Richard traveled to the Mt. Baker area and discovered the site used for 2004 and 2012 summer camps is no longer accessible due to a road washout. Silver Lake Group campground in Whatcom County fits the criteria. Steve Johnson will make a call on December 1 with hopes of reserving this site for a week.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

Committee chair nominations and approvals at December Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

December 6, 2023

From Minutes by Angie Ruzicka

Dave Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present: Jean Harris, Maryanne Reiter, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka. Others present: Carla Cooper, Dave Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Zeni. The Board approved the minutes for the November Board meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee assisted The Crux Rock Gym with hosting speaker Alan Watts at the Lodge November 17. Alan Watts is a Smith Rock climbing legend. He put up several routes at Smith and helped usher in the era of sport climbing.

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe and Angie Ruzicka): The Cons/SciEd Committee co-sponsored the November Potluck Presentation. Marli Miller, Geologist, Photographer and Instructor at the UO, gave an informative and entertaining presentation to 76 folks.

Finance (Susan Zeni): We submitted an application to an insurance agency that specializes in insuring non-profit organizations. This will give us an additional quote to compare against our current insurance. The audit of the Obsidian's 2022 General Fund was completed in November. Recommendations will be discussed with the Board.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): Two rentals are scheduled in December. The McKenzie River Trust and a new tenant, the Whole Earth Nature School are both having meetings. Fire extinguishers and emergency lighting have been checked. A new motion detecting light has been added near the doors of the storage building. Special thanks to Jim Northrop for cleaning the gutters and downspouts.

Lodge Grounds (Jim Northrop - interim): Clara Emlen worked eight hours over three days in November cutting and digging blackberries, English ivy, and poison oak along the west fence. Maryanne Reiter used a leaf blower to clear the driveways and parking spaces before the Alan Watts talk and the Marli Miller potluck. Michael King created a giant festive wreath for the gate. Thanks to all three.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): After Janet records the Dec/Nov trips in the logbooks maintained since the Club's beginning, they will be closed. Bert will continue his archival scans of the 50 plus active, inactive, and deceased logbooks. After the old YMCA closed, Janet and Jim Northrop met with the Y staff to remove the Obsidian bulletin board that Wes Prouty made in 2003. John Jacobsen hauled it to the Lodge. All of us met with Dave Cooper to discuss installation in the Lodge.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Total Membership—428. Members who had not renewed were sent a final reminder prior to the December 1 deadline. We had 111 members who did not renew (late renewals are still coming in). Of those who did not renew: members for one year or less = 53, members for 2–10 years = 34, members for over ten years = 24. The lack of renewal of our new members is a topic for further

discussion. One thought is that we do not offer a lot of easy hikes. This may be a problem for members who are new to hiking and are not able to do the distance or elevation of the moderate hikes.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): Two November work parties were held: one in much rain and one in much chilliness. That shows impressive dedication and commitment by participants! At Green Island, removal and pruning of plants and trees were carried out by 18 hardy volunteers. During monthly trail maintenance, 130 plants were put in the cold ground around the Spencer Butte Main Trailhead.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Summer Camp next year is going to happen! Registration for the site opened on 12/1 at 9 AM. Steve Johnson called in at just the right time because by 9:10 AM, he snagged a great week. He's amazing!! Detailed information will be in the January *Bulletin*.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Progress (Lindstrom, Cooper, Reiter): A small group met to discuss the move to the new website. When the site goes live, everyone will need to log in to the new site. Trainings and support are being planned to help people. The Board approved the formation of a new sub-committee (Website Training Force) which will be chaired by Lana.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes to the Lodge Rental Agreement (Dave Cooper): The Board approved raising the rental rates to \$110 per half day and \$220 per full day effective immediately for new rentals. A committee will continue to fine tune the rental agreement and supporting documents.

2024 Committee Chair Nominations and Approvals (Dave Hawkins): Board approved the committee chairs for 2024. Committee chairs will submit lists of their committee members for the January meeting. Diane Schechter will provide chairs with lists of members who have expressed an interest in specific committees.

2024 Summer Camp Planning Report (Lana Lindstrom): Steve Johnson successfully reserved our spot at Silver Lake Group Campground in Whatcom County, WA near North Cascades National Park for the week of August 12–18. Two members will be working with Lana to come up with a plan for food.

Charitable Contribution Matters (Dave Hawkins): For contributions greater than \$250, Laura will send a receipt.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

100th Anniversary (Jim Northrop): Our 100th Anniversary is coming up in 2027; Jim showed a book that Hendricks Park created about their history. He suggested it would be nice to do something like that to celebrate our history. The Library/Historian and Publications/Bulletin Committees would likely be involved. A variety of other ideas for celebrating our anniversary were discussed.

Wilderness Outdoor First Responder Course (Maryanne Reiter): We will partner with National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) to put on a Wilderness Outdoor First Responder course to be offered in early June for up to 30 participants.

ADJOURNMENT

TRIP REPORTS



Hikes

Zeni Tree Farm Tour

October 24, 2023

Leader: Sue Zeni

Photographer: Heidi Anderson

Hike: 2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD FUN EXPLORING the varied third-growth trees in the Zeni Tree Farm, and learning about the different species and how tolerant they are of shade. We traversed the majority of the 78 acres, and included two neighboring forests in different growing stages. One was a recent clearcut and the other was old growth (never cut, but with some fallen trees). Everyone came away with an appreciation of the many ways that trees can be grown and cared for. It was enjoyable to share the forest and ideas with fellow Obsidians! Members: Heidi Anderson, Linda Anson, Lorraine Cuevas, Patricia Esch, Nancy Hoecker, Kathy Hoeg, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Maryanne Reiter, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Sandra Sigrist, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Zeni.



Sue explaining the importance of the trees on the right having been thinned.

Tree Walk & Museum Visit

October 28, 2023

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Hike: 2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WHITEY LUECK'S TREE WALK in the south University of Oregon neighborhood was very interesting on this cold autumn morning. A large crowd greeted him and most of us stayed on his tour until after noon. He highlighted significant trees on the blocks between 19th & 23rd Aves., and Harris & Onyx Sts. Birch trees have recently been replaced by young oaks and maples. Many cedars, sweetgums and sequoias—and one remarkable Oregon myrtle—that were planted in the last 90 years are now tall. All were planted on land where no trees existed about 100 years ago! We walked to campus and

lunched at a long live-edge table in Unthank Hall, a campus dorm and eatery. Most of us then visited the Museum of Natural and Cultural History to view the new kelp exhibit. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, Patricia Esch, Jorry Rolfe, Lis Sorrell, Sue Zeni.

Finley: Autumn Loop

October 29, 2023

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 10 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

OUR HIKE WAS A TEN-MILE LOOP through the William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, home to the largest remaining tract of native Willamette Valley wet prairie. Our autumn exploration was held just at the end of the refuge's April–October open season. Our goal was to look for wildlife and observe changes on the land during this time of seasonal shift. The morning began on the cool side but quickly warmed to a comfortable temperature. Fields that had been barren several weeks earlier were carpeted with green. There was evidence on one field of a wallow where large animals had rolled—perhaps the elk that live in the area. Our group saw Oregon white oak, Oregon ash, and bigleaf maple. We also enjoyed seeing numerous ducks. While on Bruce Road and the Cheadle Marsh Trail, we witnessed several hundred geese flying overhead. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Mark Hougardy, Lis Sorrell, Meg Stewart Smith, Marie Stringer, Maureen Whalen. Nonmembers: Anne Coit.

Cemetery Saunter

October 30, 2023

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Hike: 4 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

ON A BRISK AND SUNNY MORNING, six Obsidians enjoyed sauntering through the neighborhoods, passing through two cemeteries, and descending 52 steps at one point. We stopped to feed the pot-bellied pigs with some apples and grapes that were growing nearby. Those slobbering, snorting, oinking pigs are something to behold. Members: Steve Adey, Joanna Alexander, Lynn Meacham, Sandra Sigrist, Lis Sorrell, Dorothy van Winkle.

Delta Ponds

November 9, 2023

Leader: Steve Adey

Hike: 6 miles, 10 ft. (Moderate)

THIS HIKE TOOK ABOUT TWO HOURS. The Ponds loop trail should be finished soon. Members: Steve Adey, Joyce Cedarlund, Vern Cedarlund, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Meg Stewart Smith.

Veterans Day Hike

November 11, 2023

Leader: Mike Smith

Assistant Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Photographer: Therese Bauer

Hike: 3 miles, (Easy)

A LARGE GROUP CAME TO THE CAMPBELL CENTER parking lot for the Veterans Day walk. We visited one memorial in the park and then walked downstream to the bridge where we split into two groups. One group went further downstream to

Owosso Bridge and back around, adding about 3.5 miles. The rest of us walked back to the Campbell Center area, stopping to visit the Vietnam Memorial. The weather cooperated, being windy and brisk but not an issue. It was really great to see many people out there!! Members: Jennifer Baer, Michael King, Mari Baldwin, Leland Barron, Therese Bauer, Kathie Carpenter, David Clinger, Robert Eriksen, Whitney Gould, Debra Higbee, Holger Krentz, Lynn Lary, Debra Messinger, Caroline Moore, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Lis Sorrell, Bojana Stefanovska, Meg Stewart Smith, Marie Stringer, Lisa Van Liefde, Dorothy van Winkle, Maureen Whalen, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Kirstin Jewell.



Veterans Day walk along the river.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

November 11, 2023

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

WHAT BEGAN AS A WINDY MORNING settled down for a pleasant walk along the maple leaf-covered trail to Hendricks Park. Guests were inquisitive and had the intention of joining. Always fun to meet new people who share the love of the outdoors. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper. Nonmembers: Jukka Naukkarinen, Terry Mesa, Steve Schmidt.

Eugene Mural Meander

November 12, 2023

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 3 miles, 60 ft. (Easy)

THIS SEASONAL WALK TO SEE THE MURALS AND STREET ART in Eugene revealed some great surprises, including some wonderful artwork featuring musician David Bowie. The weather for our walk began on the cool side but quickly warmed up. It was a great day to meander our way through the downtown alleys and streets to look at new artwork. Members: Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, Janice Silvestri, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Alice Krentz, Joe Silvestri.



Not all the art is building-sized...and you have to look carefully for it.

Trestle Falls Loop

November 12, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Jean Harris

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

OH, WHAT A LOVELY FALL DAY to amble along Brice Creek Trail and Trestle Falls Loop. Most of the leaves had fallen so the ones still on the trees were striking. Going behind Upper Trestle Falls is always a thrill. The lower falls was equally lovely. Many stops were made to study and admire the mushrooms. Visits with other hikers added to our enjoyment. Lunch along Brice Creek near the confluence with Trestle Creek was pleasant and calm. It was another lovely day in the great outdoors. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Jean Harris, Jorry Rolfe, Sandra Sigrist, Lis Sorrell. Nonmembers: Paula Rich.



At Upper Trestle Falls.

Alton Baker Park

November 17, 2023

Leader: Carla Cooper

Hike: 4 miles, 30 ft. (Moderate)

WE MADE A PLEASANT LOOP AT ALTON BAKER PARK where a number of herons were spotted in or along the edge of the canal. The exception was one that was sitting high and alone in a tree. Along the river, the big bird activity was a lot of noise and flurries. That might have had something to do with the raptor that had landed in the top of a tree. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Vern Marsonette, Meg Stewart Smith.

Turkey Trimming

November 23, 2023

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Assistant Leader: Jennifer Crim

Hike: 4 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

FIFTEEN HIKERS SHOWED UP TO TACKLE HUFFY-PUFFY HILLS on a lovely, dry morning. The hike started on a positive note with yummy chocolates supplied by our leader. Before heading into the south hills, we spent a little time sharing things that we are grateful for. We made a 4.5-mile clockwise loop up West Amazon and Owl Rd. to the Ridgeline Trail, and then meandered through neighborhoods, including a short detour to see EWEB's massive new water towers. The hike ended where we started on Martin Street. Members: Mari Baldwin, Leland Barron, Therese Bauer, Kathie Carpenter,

Marguerite Cooney, Jennifer Crim, Richard Hughes, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Lynn Lary, Lana Lindstrom, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Bojana Stefanovska.

Walk Off the Fat

November 24, 2023

Leader: Steve Adey

Hike: 8 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

THE LOOP TOOK ABOUT THREE HOURS at a moderate pace. Few others were out and about this morning. Members: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Whitney Gould.

Cummins Creek Loop / King Tide

November 26, 2023

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 9.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

NICE TRIP TO THE COAST on a cool, sunny, king tide morning. We started from Cape Perpetua and did the 9.3-mile loop, with a break for lunch facing south on the overlook. There we had an interesting (to the leader, anyway) discussion about tides. We then continued on and saw a flock of red crossbills (thanks to Randy Sinnott for IDing the photo). This was the first time on this trail that I've seen mountain bikers. The trail is in good shape—best hiked clockwise. We saw the transition between Sitka spruce and Douglas fir develop and noted the large change in the visible beach on the drive home. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Jean Harris, Evelyn Nagy, Sandra Sigris, Mike Smith, Lis Sorrell, Sue Wolling.

Ribbon Trail to Moon Mountain

November 30, 2023

Leader: Steve Adey

Hike: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

SPENT TWO HOURS CIRCLING down through Bloomberg Park and 30th St., then up to the junction for Moon Mountain. Members: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Janet Jacobsen.

Dan's Trail to Dimple Hill

December 2, 2023

Leader: Lisa Van Liefde

Hike: 8.4 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

THE EXPECTED BLUSTERY WEATHER for the original hike to Marys Peak resulted in the substitution of Dan's Trail / Dimple Hill, which ended up being a good decision. The weather was great—cloudy but with very little rain. Several participants, including myself, had not been there before. It's a lovely trail, a great workout, and has a nice view at the top with log benches to sit on for lunch. We took a slight wrong turn in the beginning, which added almost a mile for a total of 8.4 miles. No one complained! Will look forward to visiting again. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Steve Davis, Whitney Gould, Jonathan Jost, Randy Sinnott, Lis Sorrell, Lisa Van Liefde.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

December 9, 2023

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

TODAY WE MANAGED TO GET OUR HIKE COMPLETED between rain squalls. Three members shared info about the club and the Ridgeline Trail system expansion with three guests. The viburnum was already blooming in Hendricks Park. This hike is always very enjoyable and everyone is welcome. Members: Whitney Gould, Lis Sorrell, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Theresa Congdon, Garirae Gray, Mustapha Elshwahyk.

North Bank Habitat Management Area

December 17, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8.4 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

NOTHING MAKES A GREAT HIKE MORE MEMORABLE than enjoying it with your friends. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Darko Sojak.



Beautiful extravaganza.

Ramble by the River

December 23, 2023

Leader: Whitney Gould

Assistant Leader: Lis Sorrell

Hike: 6.5 miles, 10 ft. (Moderate)

NINE HEARTY SOULS BRAVED NEAR-FREEZING TEMPERATURES to walk 6.5 miles along the River Path, starting and ending at the Campbell Center. Afterwards, a few of us enjoyed hot beverages at the Fifth Street Market. Members: Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Whitney Gould, Holger Krentz, Hally McCabe, Ane McKee, Lis Sorrell. Nonmembers: Kim Cobbs.

Goodman Creek

December 28, 2023

Leader: Jean Harris

Hike: 4 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

OH, TO BE OUT IN THE FOREST IS JOYFUL ALL YEAR ROUND! This late-December trip filled our senses with lush moss and ferns, squishy mud, grand old-growth Douglas fir, maples, and the babble of a nearby stream. Goodman Creek Falls provided a tranquil setting for lunch. The huge log footbridge that used to cross the creek is now washed against the far bank. We did not wade across. The return trip was equally pleasant with occasional hikers and dogs on the trail. Members: Mari Baldwin, Kathy Brenner, Jean Harris, Hally McCabe, Ane McKee, Lis Sorrell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Sarah Kaufman.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail /

Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: 3.5–6.2 miles, 950–1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

John Miller: 11/1 18 Members, **11/15** 22 Members, **11/29** 12 Members, **12/13** 18 Members

June Miller: 11/8 18 Members, 12/27 11 Members
Sandra Sigrist: 11/22 15 Members
Karen Yoerger: 12/6 11 Members
Darko Sojak: 12/16 7 Members
Mike Smith: 12/20 12 Members, 1 Nonmember

Blanton Ridge Hikes

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

Leader, Tommy Young: 10/31 8 Members, 11/7 9 Members, 11/14 7 Members, 11/21 7 Members, 11/28 6 Members, 12/5 10 Members, 12/12 9 Members, 12/19 8 Members, 12/26 7 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 3.5–9.4 miles, 1,000–1,650 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

David Hawkins: 10/27 10 Members, 11/24 10 Members, 12/22 10 Members

Sandra Sigrist: 10/28 8 Members, 1 Nonmember

Heidi Anderson: 11/10 10 Members, 12/8 10 Members

Karen Yoerger: 11/19 12 Members, 1 Nonmember, 12/10 12 Members

John Miller: 11/20 4 Members, 12/1 6 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 11/26 17 Members, 12/21 21 Members, 12/26 6 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Angie Ruzicka: 12/25 3 Members



Stewardship

Spencer Butte Main Trail Naturalization

October 28, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

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

SIX STALWART OBSIDIANS MET ON A VERY BRISK MORNING for some trail maintenance. We quickly grabbed gloves and tools and started hiking up the Main Trail to keep warm. We stopped a little below the Junction Meadow to start our work. In this section of trail, a lot of gravel has migrated off the raised turnpike to cover a couple of feet of the trail side. We scraped duff (sticks, moss, fir needles, and leaves) into buckets and spread it over the gravel before adding bigger sticks and logs to help encourage people to stay on the trail. We stopped about halfway through the morning to enjoy chocolate zucchini bread made by Janet. Members: Matt Bell, David Clinger, David Cooper, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan.

Green Island, McKenzie River

Trust Stewardship

November 4, 2023

Leader: Darko Sojak

Assistant Leader: Angie Ruzicka

Work Party: 2 miles, 10 ft. (Moderate)

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS, as someone said. Oh, yes, literally. Our eighteen-volunteer-strong group arrived at our Green Island work site at 9 AM, just when the drizzle changed to solid rain, then started to pour. The so-called atmospheric river seemed to flow just across the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers, but it did not stop our mighty group

from dealing with the abundance of tasks to be accomplished. We used hand shears, long loppers, machetes, shovels, picks, pruning saws, and chainsaws to cut and hoe blackberries and to prune and delimb trees. It was a job well done. Thank you, volunteers! It was time to rush home to take a hot shower and dry our clothes. Well, not so fast for some of us. The leader and assistant leader responded to a 'mayday call' from one of the volunteers who had gotten lost in the road maze. She took a wrong turn and ended up behind two locked gates. We returned to Green Island to find our volunteer patiently waiting for rescue. Mission accomplished! Members: Steve Adey, David Clinger, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Wesley Curtis, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Clara Emlen, Nancy Hoecker, Annette Pfautz, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Lis Sorrell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Joshua Arreola, Nadav Steinberg, Brenna Cahill, Kim Cobbs.

Spencer Butte Main Trailhead Planting

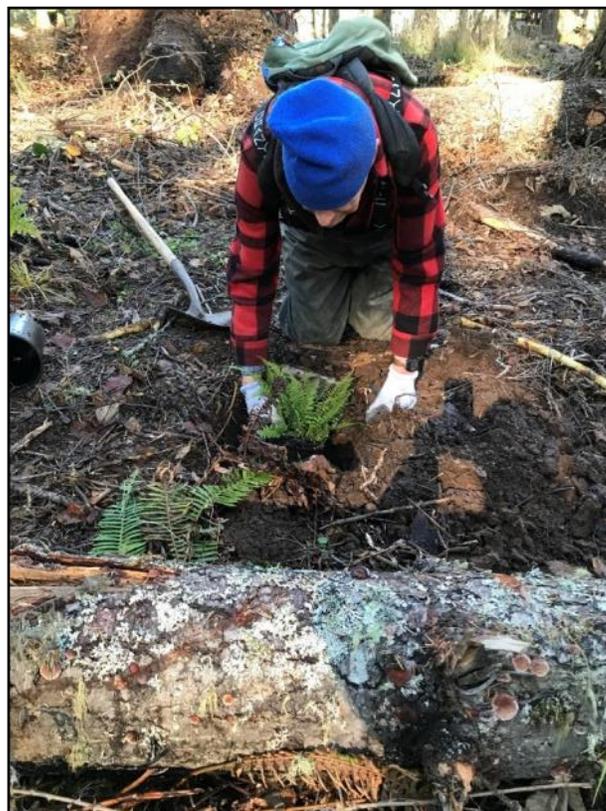
November 25, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

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

FOR OUR LAST OUTING OF 2023, we did a planting project around the Main Trailhead. Our group met up with three City of Eugene staffers on a very cold morning. It was so cold that the plants were frozen into their pots. We broke into two groups and focused on planting in separate areas where the City has been controlling the spread of blackberries. We planted 130 plants, including sword fern, ocean spray, thimbleberry, and vine maple. Special thanks go to Clara for her dedication and care in cleaning the Trailhead steps. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Fletcher Bell.



Dave plants the last of the 100 ferns.

Free the Forest

December 9, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Work Party: 2 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS A CRISP 36°F MORNING when five Obsidians met up with five other community enthusiasts at Hendricks Park. We planted two dozen ferns on a gentle slope along the west trail, then pulled out a truckload of invasive English ivy from the same area. The weather was perfect except for a short graupel shower. Thank you, volunteers. Members: Gwyneth Iredale, Annette Pfautz, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Dylan Pidek, Delaney Pidek.



Join us for Trail Maintenance!

Matthew Bell, Ridgeline Trail Maintenance Leader

AS WE READY OURSELVES FOR THE COMING YEAR, I am reminded that the Obsidians have volunteered with the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space division since October, 2004 and formally adopted the trails in Spencer Butte Park in 2011 (one of the City's longest running partnerships). The City asks us to volunteer in all of the Ridgeline System parks. Each year we donate hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars worth of volunteer labor in these parks.

I joined the Obsidians in 2007 and quickly found myself drawn to trail maintenance and snowshoeing. As my family commitments have expanded, I have stayed dedicated to trail maintenance for the Obsidians. I became chair in 2010 of the Trail Maintenance Committee, which is now merged with the Stewardship Committee.

We work monthly, sometimes independently and sometimes with City staff. We set the schedule of outings in advance each year but don't know what our project will be until a week or so before the outing, at which point we send out an email to our mailing list. We work for a few hours, just 9 AM to noon on Saturdays through the winter, and 5:30 PM to 8 PM on Wednesdays in the summer. Our tasks vary throughout the year and by season. For most outings we offer a variety of tasks so volunteers can focus on those that interest them or align with their abilities. These projects can range from picking up litter, to plantings, to building retaining walls or raised turnpike.

Trail maintenance is an excellent opportunity to give back to the trail system that we all use. I still remember adding raised turnpike to a muddy section of the Ridgeline Trail where I had lost a shoe while on a trail run. Some other benefits of participation include:

- Directly meeting our Club's mission of connecting our community to trails through stewardship.
- There are snacks. The City often provides Newman's cookies, and we are often blessed by the baking skills of Janet Jacobsen.
- As a former volunteer coordinator used to tell me, *the weather is always nice* for trail maintenance.



Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, and Dave Predeek dig holes for shrubs. Photo by Pat Soussan.

If you want to find out more about trail maintenance opportunities, you can join our mailing list. Just email trails@obsidians.org and ask to join the mailing list. Or join us on one of our upcoming outings:

- Saturday, January 27, 9–12
- Saturday, February 24, 9–12
- Saturday, March 30, 9–12
- Saturday, April 27, 9–12
- Wednesday, May 29 5:30–8
- Saturday, June 1, 9–12 National Trails Day
- Wednesday, June 26, 5:30–8
- Wednesday, July 31, 5:30–8
- Wednesday, August 28, 5:30–8
- Saturday, September 28, 9–12 National Public Lands Day
- Saturday, October 26, 9–12
- Saturday, November 30, 9–12

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infrastructure and (2) all new and/or reconstructed road and bridge projects must include bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Stathos, an avid bicyclist, was inspired to create the bill after he was cycling with his daughter and they were forced onto gravel at the side of the road whenever cars passed. Stathos was appalled that “in the richest country in the world...it’s almost impossible to go anywhere except in your car.”

Generations of Eugene residents have benefitted from the Bike Bill. Bike supporters in Eugene had already begun planning a bikeway system in the early 1970s, so when Bike Bill funds became available, Eugene was able to build nearly one-

third of our beloved riverfront path system while other cities were still just beginning to think about how to serve bicyclists. Building these paths early was fortuitous, because a 1980 Constitutional amendment prohibited spending highway funds, including Bike Bill money, in parks or recreation areas. Subsequent Bike Bill funds could only be spent on projects within the road right-of-way.

The new YMCA, conveniently located near the Amazon Path, is an apt tribute to the work of Don Stathos. Please consider honoring his legacy by developing the habit of walking or riding a bike to your workout or class at our new YMCA.



Photo by Carla Cooper.

Book Review by Lyndell Wilken

Grandma Gatewood's Walk

Author: Ben Montgomery

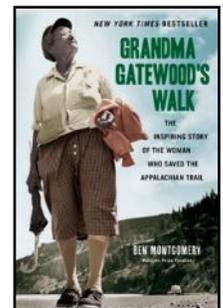
GRANDMA GATEWOOD, AFTER READING ABOUT THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, decided to go for a walk. A very long walk—2,175 miles. It was 1954 and she was 67 years old. Only five men had completed the entire Appalachian Trail before Emma Gatewood began her journey.

The National Geographic article had led her to believe it was a well-marked trail with not much adversity. She soon found out that was far from the truth. Wearing flimsy shoes, carrying a hand bag, umbrella, a blanket, and no maps to find her way, she somehow managed to endure long enough to catch the attention of the country. She never carried much food—instead she foraged for forest plants—a skill she had learned during her time as a farmer’s wife and provider for her 11 children. She slept in barns, on front porches, and she warmed rocks to lie on when the forest floor was cold and no shelter could be found.

As smalltown newspapers began to hear about Grandma Gatewood’s journey, reporters would wait for her to arrive and ask her for an interview. These were published locally, and were eventually picked up by the big news outlets in large cities. Emma’s children did not know what she was up to because all she had told them was, “I am going for a walk.” She finally sent them postcards informing them of her journey, for fear they would see her name in the news first.

After months of hiking, and reaching trail’s end at Mt. Katadin, she became an even bigger celebrity, thus bringing much needed attention to the bad trail conditions she had endured on her journey. She was then honored with the title: *The Woman who Saved the Appalachian Trail*. Emma did not rest on her new found fame. She took a break and completed the trail two more times in her 70s.

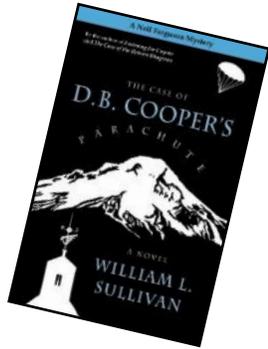
The grit and toughness in overcoming a difficult earlier domestic life is brought to the forefront as she is able to meet the challenges on her long walk. Grandma Gatewood could not understand why there was such a fuss over her accomplishment, because all she had done was go for a walk.



Campfire Tales with Bill Sullivan



LONGTIME OBSIDIAN, WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN, takes a short break from hiking to entertain us with campfire tales—legends and folk heroes of the Northwest from Bigfoot to Sacajawea, D.B. Cooper, and the Exploding Whale. Although Sullivan is best known for his popular hiking guidebooks, he has also written several books about Oregon history and half a dozen novels. Please join us for an entertaining evening with one of our own.



Potluck
 Friday, January 26, 2024
 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.

November Potluck

Photos by Darko Sojak



Ane McKee,
Entertainment Chair



Time to Eat



Obsidian merchandise for sale!



Marli Miller, guest speaker, offered her books for sale.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

January

9 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Jost 520-4841
 9 Tue GameNight!.....McKee 554-1364
 10 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**...Smith 520-488-9569
 11 Thu South Beach SP Yurts ExtTrp **E**.....Nagy 514-4110
 13 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E**..... van Winkle 485-7416
 14 Sun Mt. Pisgah 6 Miler Hike **M**Miller 255-6254
 16 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**.....Rolfe 206-9501
 17 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**.....Yoerger 510-2832
 19 Fri Mt. Pisgah 6 Miler Hike **M**Miller 255-6254
 22 Mon Mt. Pisgah 6 Miler Hike **M**Miller 255-6254
 23 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Jost 520-4841
 24 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... McKee 554-1364
 25 Thu Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M** Jacobsen 206-1251
 26 Fri Campfire Tales Bill SullivanPotluck
 26 Fri Pisgah East Side Loop Hike **M**..... Hawkins 505-0119
 30 Tue Blanton Ridge to Sp. Butte Hike **M**. Rubenstein 248-514-5092

February

2 Fri Ground Hog Day Hike **M**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 6 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Jost 520-4841
 7 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**.. Sigrist 916-612-5517

8 Thu GameNight!McKee 554-1364
 9 Fri Mt. Pisgah 6 Miler Hike **M**..... Miller 255-6254
 10 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E** van Winkle 485-7416
 13 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Sigrist 916-612-5517
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 20 Tue Blanton Ridge to Sp. Butte Hike **M**. Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 21 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**.. Miller 808-282-5201
 23 Fri Hiking the PCT Bob Welch Potluck
 23 Fri Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 23 Fri Pisgah East Side Loop Hike **M**..... Hawkins 505-0119
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 27 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Sigrist 916-612-5517
 28 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M** Miller 255-6254

March

5 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M** McDonnell 729-1474
 12 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Miller 808-282-5201
 19 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**Rolfe 206-9501
 19 Tue GameNight!McKee 554-1364
 26 Tue Blanton Ridge to Sp. Butte Hike **M**. Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 29 Fri Summer Camp Rally - Camp Fontana Potluck

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION about our activities, visit the Obsidians website: www.obsidians.org



GAMENIGHT! IS A MONTHLY GATHERING AT THE
OBSIDIAN LODGE 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM.

Come join the fun! *(In case of unexpected schedule changes, please confirm the date in the Online Activity Signup page before arriving.)*

Upcoming GameNight! dates are:

Tuesday, January: 9

Tuesday, February 8

Tuesday, March: 19

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Get-Acquainted Hikes— Not Just for Guests!

WE HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC LEADERS for our Get-Acquainted hikes, but we can always use enthusiastic members at these events. Long-time members and newer members are always welcome. Come meet and greet prospective new members and help answer questions about the Obsidians. You may even learn something new yourself. If you have questions, contact Dorothy van Winkle. 541-485-7416.

The next two Get-Acquainted Hikes are Saturday, January 13 and Saturday, February 10.



Thanks to Mike King for making us a wreath for the gate.



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The summit of our beloved Spencer Butte. Photo by Heidi Anderson.

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