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Dates to Remember

November 10	GameNight!
November 20	Potluck/Presentation
December 1	Logo Design Deadline
December 2	Board Meeting
December 8	GameNight!
January 1	*Bulletin* Deadline
January 6	Board Meeting

The next issue of the *Bulletin* will be published in January.

(There is no December issue.)

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LOVE YOUR LAKE STEWARDSHIP

Obsidians annual cleanup of two adopted lakes



Job well done. The group with their haul. Rosary Lakes are as pristine as ever. Photo by Lyndell Wilken.



Cleaning a fire ring at Bobby Lake. Photo by Holger Krentz.

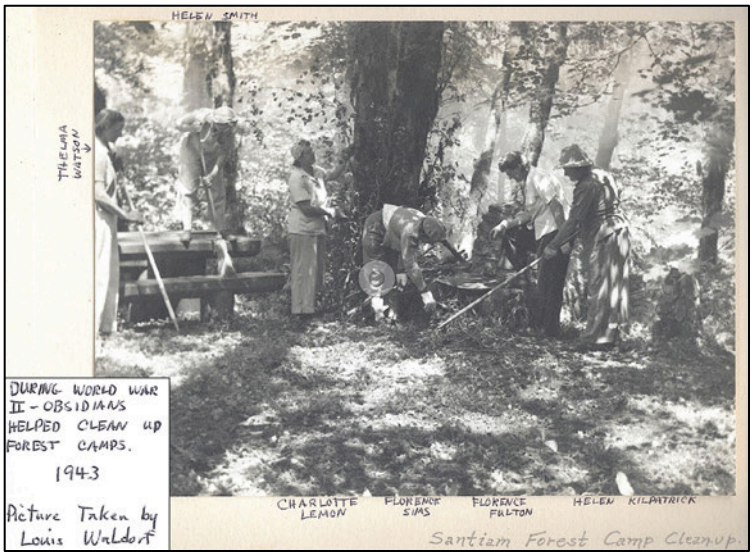
THE CASCADE VOLUNTEER LOVE YOUR LAKE PROGRAM, begun by Lyndell Wilken and assistant Heidi Anderson, worked with the Obsidians Stewardship Committee organizing trips to clean Rosary and Bobby Lakes. The task included cleaning campsites, shorelines, and fire rings. Obsidians members were the first volunteers to adopt lakes in the Willamette National Forest as part of a pilot program in 2019.

See more pics & details in the Trip Reports. Rosary Lakes Stewardship on page 15
Bobby Lake Cleanup on page 17

Photo from the Obsidians archives:

(Just one example of how Obsidians have stepped up, over the years, to maintain trails and campsites in the National Forest.)

Read the (humorous) trip report for the 'Cascadia Work Trip' in the September 1943 Bulletin (pp. 1&4)



2027 is the OBSIDIANS 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

We are celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2027, and planning is underway to honor the past and look to the future. The board and committee leaders met recently and are excited to plan special activities in five areas: celebrations, historical look backs, specialty merchandise, stewardship projects, and trips of all kinds (hikes, climbs, bikes, snowshoes, skis, paddles), including some challenges! We will be boosting our publicity efforts for our special activities.

If you would like to help in one of the five areas or with publicity, contact Angie at *angieruzicka@gmail.com*.

Thanks to those of you who volunteered to help on the Volunteer Interest Survey—you will be hearing from us soon!

100 Years! 1927-2027 100 Years!

Help us kick off the Obsidians 100th Anniversary with ideas for a new logo design that includes this spectacular milestone!

The logo must include the club name—Obsidians—and incorporate the official mountain logo found on our website.

Use a software program or hand-drawn design.

Email your entry as a pdf or jpeg file (take a photo of your drawing) to: *lisa.vanliefde@gmail.com* or *slmaenz@aol.com.*

Deadline: Midnight, Tuesday, December 1, 2026

The winning designer will receive a special item featuring their official 100th Anniversary logo! Show off your creativity and leave your mark on our history!



Summer Camp 2027

The Summer Camp Committee is exploring possible locations for an Obsidians Summer Camp in 2027! For updates during the coming months, check the Obsidians website or the January issue of the *Bulletin.*

Obsidians Mission:
Connecting our community to the mountains, waters, and trails of the great outdoors through exploration, education, and stewardship.

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IN MEMORIAM

Sabine Dutoit
1940–June 13, 2026

After joining the Obsidians in 2001, Sabine participated in 32 trips exploring the McKenzie and Willamette trails. In May 2004 she led her last Obsidians trip on the Alpine Trail above Westfir past Buckhead Mountain to Buckhead Shelter. In her trip report she wrote: *On a perfect high overcast day 13 Obsidians hiked on the Alpine Trail. Over 50 species of wildflowers were identified along the way. We could hear but not see several bird species. The leader spotted a racer (She loves snakes!)*

Sabine's passion for mountains and native habitats extended beyond Oregon. Her obituary in the October 21 *Register-Guard* noted that she was an *accomplished mountaineer who trekked more than 1,000 miles through the Himalayas and climbed some of the Northwest's most iconic peaks. She loved Oregon's wild places and devoted countless hours to preserving them, particularly through her work with Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah.* She is survived by her husband, Chaz. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah or the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Boyd Morgan
1931–August 15, 2026

Boyd Morgan's connection to the Obsidians spanned nearly seven decades. After Boyd and Obsidian Natalie Beckett married in 1957, they attended the 1959 Mt. Rainier Summer Camp, and continued their membership and support of the Club for many years. Following Natalie's death in 2023, Boyd spoke of the joy Natalie found in the outdoors and the friendships she developed with fellow climbers of the Three Sisters. In her honor, he continued his membership and made a Club memorial donation. Boyd brought Natalie to the Lodge for the 90th Anniversary Celebration, where she and Ray Harris delighted in discovering from their old log sheets that both had joined in 1950. Boyd and Natalie's son David wrote: *They spent a good deal of their younger years going on hikes, climbs and summer camps with the Obsidians. Both Mom and Dad remained members of the group long after they were still able to participate in actual activities.* Boyd is survived by his son David, David's wife Tricia, and grandson Nathan.

Dallas Cole
September 8, 1929–October 14, 2026

Dallas joined the Obsidians in 1981. She went on 117 trips and served on various Club committees, but her passion was the Conservation Committee that she chaired for five years. She designed black Obsidians mugs in honor of planet Earth and to discourage styrofoam cups. As President in 1986, Dallas was honored at the Camp Cole Summer Camp at Black Lake in the Seven Devils Mountains of Idaho.

She and her husband John moved to Wilsonville in 1994. When Dallas attended the Lodge Renovation Open house in October 2006, she could see the need for a mural to cover the outside of the retaining wall. Four years later 100 people gathered outside the Lodge to hear Dallas talk about her newly installed artwork, a ceramic relief mural titled "The Obsidians Spirit." It continues to welcome all to the Lodge. For the 75th Anniversary she wrote a birthday greeting to the Obsidians: …*May their descendants hike happily through the Old Growth and reach new peaks in the New.*

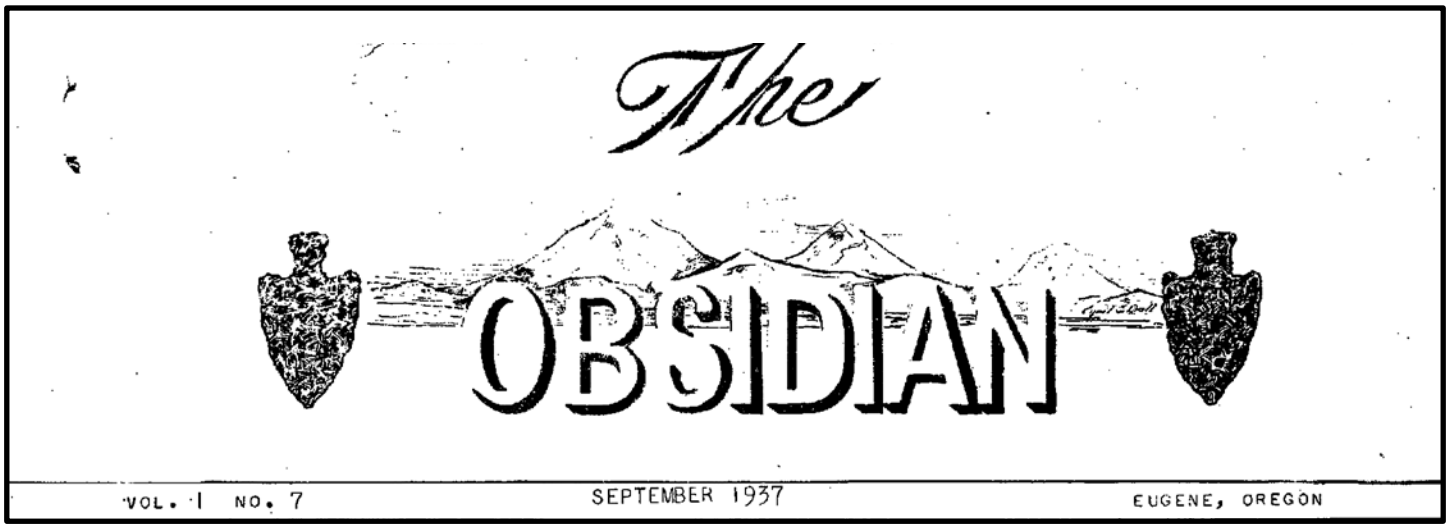
Dallas was predeceased by her son Howard in 1988, and her husband John in 2012. She is survived by two sons and a grandson.

A celebration of Dallas's life will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, December 12, 2026, in the chapel at Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego, with a reception following in the Nathman Room.

A link to her obituary: ***www.altogetherfuneral.com/obituaries/crown-cremation-services/tualatin-oregon/dallas-cole/october-2026***

To know more about her artwork, see the Dallas Cole section in the *Art and History Notebook* in the Lodge entry or follow The Obsidian *Bulletin* links below:

Mural Installation Begins ***October 2009 Bulletin***
Celebrate 'the Obsidian Spirit' ***April 2010 Bulletin*** (pp. 1–2)
Art, Inside and Out ***May 2010 Bulletin*** (pp. 3–4)
Take a Second Look at the Art Outside ***May 2024 Bulletin*** (p. 5)



The Librarian/Historian Committee located a missing *Bulletin* issue, Vol. 1, No. 7 (September 1937). In the front-page editorial, the Librarian Committee recounted the difficulties of producing the *Bulletin's* first seven issues. Librarian Committee chair Charlotte Lemon was the first *Bulletin* editor.

Editorial September 1937 Bulletin

It is with a vast sigh of relief, mingled with feelings of regret that the library committee gives up their place as moving power behind this little newspaper, and step aside for the new committee.

It has been fun. Lots of work. We'll never forget that first night, when we struggled with the mimeograph machine in the deserted fruit growers building 'way, 'way late into the night. The rain came down outside in torrents. We ruined reams and reams of expensive paper while we tried to figure out how to make the thing run. It was Reva Moore who was the heroine of the occasion, she finally figured it out and we all went home.

Then there was the multigraph machine. Multigraphing may be hot stuff for experts, but for a bunch of amateurs—oh, boy! Charlotte bravely had it set up in her home, and she spent hours and hours and hours and hours taking the little pieces of type, out of their little beds, putting them into the machine, and then putting them back to bed again. We'll never forget the night Margaret Thompson spilled several hundred of them all over the floor. Or the afternoon when we ran out of E's and T's. That was the time the paper came out urging everyone to go to winter camp, when winter camp was over and done with.

It was our advertisers, Reva Moore and Irwin Williams, who boldly stepped out to get enough ads to have The Obsidian printed for us. The rest of us thought that was too venturesome an undertaking by far. But lo, and behold! It turned out that the Eugene business people were actually eager to support a larger paper.

So here we are, an honest to goodness grown-up newspaper. Some of the members have made fun of us, like the time we spelled Dorr Hamlin's name D-o-o-r. That's all right—we have yet to hear of an Obsidian who wasn't perfectly familiar with everything we printed—river to river.

Cyrill Ball's beautiful drawing, Margaret Sprague's good stories and nimble typing, Beth Winstead and Lloyd Sims—in fact the whole Sims family—Bob Lemon, and many others have combined to produce *The Obsidian*. And then of course we have *Harold's Hooey*.

Not the least of our help has come from our advertisers. Korstad's have been wonderfully patient with our amateur "copy"; Ben Perlich's line of fine cheeses and imported lunch goods has filled out many an Obsidian's packsack; Danner's Service Station always has a special welcome for Obsidians; Rubenstein's a newcomer in this issue, have summer home furniture that would make your mouth water; Eric Merrell's have put a lot of money into their skiing department—the same is true of Babb's; and when it comes to Dot Dotson's photo shop, McCracken Bros. Freight, (Hi, Bill and Minnie) and Costelloe & Stocker (when you need an electrician, etc.) —well, none of them need any introduction to the Obsidians. All of them, and many others not in this particular issue, have given this paper their support and encouragement, and have been true friends of the Obsidian Club in many ways.

Some more interesting reading:

September 2020 Bulletin [p. 3] *History of The Obsidian Bulletin*

November/December 2017 Bulletin [p.3] 2 articles:
Obsidian Bulletin—November 1937 and *Publishing the Bulletin Before Computers*

July/August 2020 Bulletin [p. 6] *Bulletin Editors Play It Safe*

THINK WINTER OUTINGS!

Lynn Stearney, Trips Committee

Morning frost shimmering on the last leaves of fall, soft winds blowing against your face, snowshoes crunching across mountain meadows . . .

If these thoughts excite you, please consider leading a winter activity, whether an urban walk or a mountain hike, a cross country ski overnight to a remote shelter, or a day-long snowshoe adventure. In Obsidians world, we don't stop when the temperatures drop and the snow flies! The period from November through April brings out some of our area's greatest natural beauty and invites exploration of places that are too crowded, too buggy, or too hot for summer trips.

Your Trip Committee Chair invites you to expand our winter offerings this year, including hikes, snow shoe outings, and cross country / backcountry ski trips. For those who haven't led an Obsidians outing before, consider inviting an experienced leader to co-lead. Trip planning resources are plentiful, both on the Obsidians website and in resources located at the Lodge.



Tahkenich Dunes Loop.
Photo by Mark Hougardy.

Easy access to the beautiful Oregon coast, and to the Cascade and coast mountains and foothills, invites a wide variety of outings, many of them especially suited to winter adventures. For inspiration, here are some ideas for winter activities that Obsidians have undertaken in past years, and some new ideas. These trips range from easy to difficult in terms of location, length, and elevation.

Early in the season, easier hikes include the Ribbon Trail and the new South Eugene Meadows extension of the Ridgeline, right here in Eugene, or Sweet Creek Falls near Mapleton. For more of a challenge, hike to Deception Butte, a moderate 7.8-mile hike, to Marys Peak outside of Corvallis, or to North Bank Habitat Management Area, near Roseburg.

Mid-season, consider Dorris Ranch, an easy three miles, or circumnavigate Mount Pisgah, hiking from the Arboretum around to the east trailhead in Pleasant Hill and returning via the summit. Cape Mountain, just north of Florence, is another popular destination in December and January. Explore Finley Wildlife Refuge, just north of Junction City, or venture further north to Ankeny Wildlife Refuge. Take in the Tahkenitch Dunes hike south of Florence (and avoid that hot trudge through the sand that you'd encounter in July!). The McKenzie River Trail offers a plethora of options, all readily accessible throughout the season.

Once the snow flies, Salt Creek Falls to Diamond Creek Falls offers a moderate (3.5 miles, with some steeper sections) cross country ski or snowshoes outing. Explore the plentiful ski and snowshoe trails around Gold Lake Snow Park, or venture a bit further to Rosary Lakes and the Maiden Peak shelter, a challenging 12-mile ski or snowshoe to a remote and magical destination. For the hardiest among us, consider Island Lakes Loop, rated difficult, a ten-mile cross country ski outing.

For further inspiration, explore the *Event History* in the *Member Area* of the Obsidians website. Use the search function to find lots of ideas from past years outings.

Naturally, the whims of nature impact winter trip planning. Both trip leaders and participants need to be flexible and willing to reschedule. And, participants, don't forget: trip leaders rely on you to pitch in and drive. After all, a trip can't happen unless there are enough drivers!



Nickerson Loop snowshoe.
Photo by Daphne James.

Don't wait! Contact Trips Committee Chair Dave Cooper or his assistant, Lynn Stearney, to get your trip on the calendar. Include the name of the trip, the elevation, and the proposed date.

Welcome cooler temperatures and snow-covered vistas by signing up to lead a winter activity. We'll see you out there!

Editor's Note: This article is based on an October 2012 Bulletin article by Chris Cunningham, who was on the Winter Trips Committee.

OBSIDIANS 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

• October 9, 2026 • 47 people in attendance

From minutes by Jean Harris

Ice-cream social 6:30–7:00 PM

An ice cream social started the evening with folks enjoying vanilla ice cream from Prince Pucklers, a variety of tasty toppings, and fresh Asian pear crisp. A special thank you to Obsidians members Rick Sanford and Janet Jacobsen for arranging the ice cream donation. Thanks to Marian Sparks for the paper quilt design with our views of the Obsidians.



Photo by Darko Sojak

Business meeting call to order 7:00 PM by Angie Ruzicka

Angie shared our mission statement and used numbers to guide us through the year's accomplishments. 1 bus trip, 2 extended trips (Crater Lake and Suttle Lake), 3 tabling events, 10 science education outings, 10 climbs, 10 *Bulletins* published, 25 building rentals, 25 + 8 people took first aid (25 in one class, 8 in another), 33 stewardship events, 74 people at Summer Camp, 315 trips, 465 members, 581 attendees at potluck/presentations, 1,000-gallon septic tank pumped, and $1,466 collected on Obsidians merchandise sales.



Bea Fontana received Honored Member status presented by Jim Northrop, who shared her many accomplishments for the club spanning 49 years.

Photo by Darko Sojak

Board nominations for 2027 were Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Zeni, and Gordon Sayre. Lisa and Sue are returning for three more years, and Gordon is a new member—all three were approved. Thank you, Lisa, Sue, and Gordon.

2027 will be the 100th anniversary of Obsidians, which brought up three themes: community, learning and volunteerism. **Community:** chatting on the trail, post hike meal stops, and activities at Summer Camp and the Lodge. **Learning:** always curious about nature, science trips, and wanting more information. **Volunteerism:** we volunteer in many ways to assist other groups and our group is run completely by all our volunteer time and effort. Quite amazing!

Treasurer's Report

The 2026 Finances are on target this year based on our budget.

- Our membership dues are at 40% of the annual budget, but many of our members' dues renew in October so we expect to meet budget of $20,000,
- Our Lodge rentals have been very successful and will end the year at least $1,500 over budget of $3,500.
- We put on a Wilderness First Aid class this year, which netted a gain of over $2,400.
- The climbs group has brought in over $3,000 in income and they still have another class in the works.
- Our insurance expense went up significantly to over $9,500 which is $1,500 more than budgeted of $8,000. We expect this to keep increasing in coming years.
- Our generous members and former members continue their donations. All the $12,000 in donations has been put in our capital improvement fund and the 2027 100th anniversary fund. Please consider donating from your IRA using a qualified charitable distribution feature which will give you a reduction in your income taxes.
- We are still working on our capital projects.
  French drain costing around $23,000
  Fire hardening tree and brush work of $1,700
  Septic tank work of $650
- Kate Lange has agreed to be the Obsidians Treasurer in 2027. Sue will back her up in the position.

Leader and Trip Awards



Photo by Lisa Van Leifde.

100 trips: Christiane Hougardy, Margot McDonnell, Eva Mogart, Maryanne Reiter, Lynn Stearney, and Lyndell Wilken.
200 trips: Mark Hougardy, and Jonathan Jost.
300 trips: Jennifer Baer, Sandra Sigrist, and Karen Yoerger.
400 trips: Nancy Whitfield.
600 trips: Marguerite Cooney, Lana Lindstrom, and Lynn Meacham.
700 trips: Darko Sojak.



50 leads: Jean Harris, Sandra Sigrist, and Dorothy van Winkle.
75 leads: Lisa Van Liefde.
100 leads: Mark Hougardy, Jorry Rolfe, and Jeff Orendorff.

Photo by Darko Sojak

In Memoriam for the Annual Meeting October 9, 2026

Read by Fred Crafts

Pat Dark (Life Member) age 99

Pat married Bob Dark in 1979 and also attended her first summer camp at the Strawberry Mountains. They soon were strategic members of summer camps. Always with a smile, Pat fit right in with all these new adventures. For the 75th anniversary of our Club, she helped plan the banquet and painted cans black to hold the flowers for the table decorations.

Hal Busby age 94

Hal's life took a joyful turn in 1980 when he met and married Lindsay Pierce, whose enthusiasm for the outdoors soon drew him into Obsidians activities. Lindsay led his first two Obsidians trips—French Pete and Olallie Guard Station. Serving as Librarian/Historian committee chairs, Lin and Hal joined other Obsidians on June 28,1992 for the historic rededication of the Obsidians plaque on Macduff Mountain.

Mitch Daletas age 92

His application listed seven climbs. He climbed fourteen more mountains, some with his children who also joined the Obsidians. His son Ken was Climbs Chair in 1982. Their climbing records are tied together by rope and summits.

Ann Lichtenstein age 85

Ann's first trip was the 1985 Howard Prairie Summer Camp where she climbed Mt. McLoughlin. She was an enthusiastic supporter of her husband Ed when he was President and Summer Camp Lunch Responsible Person. They introduced tofu pâté, cream cheese, sliced cucumbers, peanut butter pretzels. She co-chaired the 75th anniversary banquet with Pat Dark.

Blyth Carpenter age 83

Blyth and her husband, Russ joined the Obsidians in 1994. Four years later Russ was President. Working as a team, they connected the Obsidians with Bhutan. Through nineteen trips to Bhutan—often public service projects—Blyth created opportunities for Obsidians to also travel to Bhutan.

Bill McWhorter age 83

In 1983 after leading a 20-mile overnight ski tour around Broken Top, he wrote: *This trip was billed as strenuous, and proved to be that, with 20+ miles of skiing and several thousand feet of elevation gain. However, it was also beautiful, fun, picturesque, and exciting.*

Guy Strahon age 81

His carpentry skills were invaluable for Lodge renovation and storage building construction, where he was one of the incredible core crew "who worked every day, in order to pull the job off."

Ken Parramore age 80

Ken joined after attending the 2014 Strawberry Mountain Summer Camp with his partner, Verlean McCoy. They quickly became familiar faces on trails and bus trips.

Sally Grosscup (Life Member) age 80

Sally and her husband Rick joined the Obsidians in 1980 after climbing the Middle Sister, later becoming Life Members. They attended 1982 Ruby Mountains Summer Camp with their son Aaron who became a junior member. A year later Sally was awarded the Ten Peak Award.

Patricia Bean 76 years

Pat joined after attending the Mt. Baker Summer Camp. She went to three more camps including the Ruby Mountains in 2016. During the North Cascades camp, she helped with concessions delivering a record-breaking earnings of $269.

Margee Wright

Margee Wright with her twin daughters alongside her joined in 1991. Her route encompassed 78 trips while leading 12. She attended six Summer Camps and served as Membership Chair from 1999 to 2002, a job that suited her, since she was happy sharing the Obsidians community and her love for the outdoors with all.

SKIMMERS

Mike Smith

The Queen Anne's lace I had just removed from the ground was the proper diameter for my non-dominant left hand to pull it out gently with tap root intact. My right hand is too strong when I pull with it and often breaks the stem. A few of us were at the arboretum for the second straight summer removing the plant, plus some tansy ragwort, hoping that after this removal there will be very few the following year, since Queen Anne's Lace is biennial.

Out of the corner of my eye I saw a flash. I was still kneeling on the grassy meadow, but I put out a hand, rolled a little left and slowly got to my feet. It's getting more difficult to do that.

Dragonfly. I spotted a dragonfly.

I watched it land, walked over towards it with my camera ready. It looked like it had spots similar to the eight-spotted skimmer I saw at Owen Rose Garden a week before, but then this particular insect took off. I followed it and watched it land again about 10 yards from my position.

Two weeks prior, a friend had photographed a skimmer on a sidewalk. I hadn't seen one before. Well not true. I likely had seen one, but I had not identified one before, and I identified this one for her. Skimmers have spots, and that particular one on the sidewalk had eight; hence, its name.

This dragonfly in the Queen Anne's lace meadow had only four spots, more dark quadrilateral markings each on the medial or inner surface of each of the four wings. Each spot was perhaps a third the length of the wing. In addition, the outer or lateral part of the wing was definitely white. This was not an eight spotted skimmer (*Libellula forensis*) but rather a widow skimmer (*Libellula luctuosa*), and the white spot made it a male. Just too cool. I had never sexed a single dragonfly before. I hadn't even known they were sexually dimorphic.

I've been around these insects all my life, but for the most part have left them alone and barely noticed them, although in the summer of 1992 when I took a leave of absence to work in the Boundary Waters, I remembered a specific date, 3 June, on Disappointment Lake, when suddenly two things occurred: there were dragonflies everywhere and the daily mosquito population plummeted, although not extinguished.

Effect from cause.

Dragonflies are voracious feeders of insects, and feed on other larvae in the nymph stage of their existence, too. These guys you want around. They are in the Order Odonata. They give their own order to the summer bug problem.

The widow skimmer took off again, flew around for half a minute, landing on grass, resisting my attempts to photograph it until my third attempt. The insects have 360-degree vision, so it's difficult to sneak up on one. Their wings are something different from other wings as well: port forward/port aft/ starboard forward/starboard aft. The spot on the leading edge of the wings is called a pterostigma and helps stabilize the rapidly fluttering wing. These guys weigh less than a gram and can fly nearly 55 km/h, or 34 mph.



Widow skimmer with pterostigma on the leading edge of the wing. Photo by Mike Smith.

Damselflies fold their wings. These dragonflies keep their wings down.

I wouldn't have even noticed any of this had my friend not sent the picture to me. At that point, well into my seventy-eighth year, I had no idea and no interest in the insect. But I looked it up, the spots making for an easy identification, and once I had that, when I saw another skimmer flying around, my curiosity was primed, and I stopped digging and started to see where it landed. And if there is another time in the future where I am out and about and see a dragonfly, it is a sure thing that I will be following it, see where it lands and try to get an identification.

Three or so arboretum work parties later, I noted dark patches of dirt in the same meadow. I asked Patrick, who works there, what they were. He told me when the dirt is pushed out in a semicircle it is a gopher. If there is a central hole with a small volcano shaped pile of dirt, the digger is a mole.

Neil deGrasse Tyson says he tries every day to learn something new and to be nice to a person. I like that philosophy which pushes me to be curious, which I am, and like to learn new things, and to be nice to those around me.

OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

October 14, 2026
From minutes by Jean Harris

Angie Ruzicka called the meeting to order. Board members present: Dave Cooper, Steve Davis, Jean Harris, Angie Ruzicka, Sandra Sigrist, Nancy Whitfield. Others present: Carla Cooper, Kate Lange, Lana Lindstrom, Gordon Sayre.

AGENDA ITEMS

Kudos: *Angie to Marian Sparks* for the paper quilt of members' reflections she constructed at the annual meeting and to all who helped with the annual meeting. *Nancy to Steve Johnson* for building the back steps and to *Charlie Ashmore* for sharing Obsidians information to a new person. *Jean to Dave* for all the French drain work. *Dave to Charlie* for help with the electrical wires. *Lana to Angie* for the best annual meeting! *Sandra to Darko* for super stewardship.

Approval of September Board Meeting and Annual Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report (Sue Zeni): Revenue was $3,946 (not including donations) and Expenses were $2,230 in the General Fund and $650 for Cap/Contingency (for extension of lid on septic tank) in September. Total revenue for the month in the General Fund was for a total net revenue of $1,170. I worked with Quickbooks (amazing what happens when I take the time to call and complain about their high price) to reduce the price of the annual subscription to $756, which is half the cost of their normal annual price. We paid for this in September, which put us slightly out of budget on Administration, but it will save us money in the long term. Kate Lange has agreed to start working on Obsidians Treasurer duties. We will start working together this year with a goal of me backing her up in 2027. Reminder to Committee Chairs to get budget numbers to Sue for 2027 budget.

Approval of September Expenditures

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy took us on a walk of the grounds to see the French drain project and other completed work and to discuss upcoming projects moving forward.

Membership Committee (Lana): The role of the membership committee changed with the new website in May 2024. New members receive an email welcome, but no longer a packet in the mail. Dorothy van Winkle does monthly "Get Acquainted" hikes on the Ribbon Trail starting at the Lodge; they have been effective in recruiting new members. The committee also provides greeters at each potluck to make new people feel welcome. Managing online memberships is complicated with payment options, collecting money, crediting the person, and timely email reminders to renew. In October and early November there are 130 members due to renew; other members' renewal dates are spread throughout the year, matching when they joined. Lana wrote an article for the October *Bulletin* outlining the steps to renew. Ninety percent of renewals are with credit cards ($1.40 expense each). Lana and Carla continue to work with Seth to improve the system. We expressed thanks to Diane Schechter, who has been chair for 14 years and will step down this December.

French Drain Project and Follow up Grounds Projects (Nancy/Angie): The French drain project was completed with a cost of $29,938.89 which was very close to the $30,000 that was approved by the Board in the 5-year Lodge/Grounds plan. As a result of the French drain project, the Grounds committee has additional projects to complete: replace the back stairs (done last week), reseed the bare soil, and build a 4-foot retaining wall. These projects have a total estimated cost of $7,300. The Grounds committee has some remaining funds in their budget from smaller projects coming in under budget but requested $6,000 from the Capital Contingency fund to complete the needed projects. After discussion, the Board approved $11,000 to have the wall be 7 feet instead of 4 feet, which requires permits and engineering and more time, but will have a better long-term outcome.

100-year Celebration (Angie): We discussed a spreadsheet of ideas compiled by Sandra and Angie. Our next step is to invite Board members and committee chairs to a 4-hour planning meeting in early November.

OLD BUSINESS

Interest Survey (Angie): An interest survey link will be sent to all members via MailChimp with the goal of increasing volunteers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbs (Steve Davis): The Climbs Committee ran two events in September. One was a new type of event that happened as a collaboration between Crux Rock Gym and the Obsidians climbers. The event was the brainchild of Miranda Trieston, Melanie Glock, and Maryanne Reiter with equal braininess contributed by Crux. The goal was to take established gym climbers (Crux certified to belay top rope and lead at the gym) and get them outdoors onto real rock. Crux X Obsidians was held on a Friday afternoon and evening at Eagles Rest and was enjoyed by all. Miranda led the trip with Maryanne as the assistant leader. The other event was a Mount Yoran climb led by Steve and Isac Pederson as a newly minted assistant leader. Miranda also helped out, and all climbers made it to the top on a crystal clear, cool fall day.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): September sales totaled $32. Thanks to Chris Shuraleff, Marguerite Cooney, and Nancy Whitfield for helping with the September potluck.

Entertainment (Ane McKee): For September's Potluck & Presentation, we had John Cissel give a very interesting talk about old-growth forest hikes. We hosted 70 for the potluck and 88 folks attended the presentation. We collected $11 from the donation box. A huge thanks goes out to Susan Wanser for emceeing the evening in my absence.

Librarian/Historian (Bea Fontana): Janet revisited her April 2017 *Bulletin* article about the history of the Spencer Butte and Ridgeline Trails and wrote an updated article for the October *Bulletin*. It includes highlights from the original article, and some new finds about old history, as well as info about more

recent additions to the Ridgeline Trail system. Bert is currently immersed in scanning several huge boxes of slides and papers that he recently unearthed from the upstairs storeroom.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): September was a busy month in several regards. We had six rentals that gave us $1,500 income. Of course, the French drain was completed. It was so satisfying when it rained to see water flowing out to the exit drain down slope from the Lodge. Much work on the grounds portion of this project remains but we won't have to worry about water under the building.

Lodge Grounds (Nancy Whitfield): Some lighting was updated in the parking areas. Little activity happened while the French drain project was ongoing.

Membership (Diane Schechter): 465 members

Online/Webmaster (Lana Lindstrom & Carla Cooper): We have good news and not so good news. In late September, we had another website update which included increasing the time before one is logged off to 30 minutes and giving assistant leaders the same access as leaders, plus some other enhancements like the Lodge calendar showing all activities if more than one activity occurs on the same day. On the disappointing side, the 30-day membership renewal notices ceased being sent (hopefully, to be fixed soon).

Publications/Bulletin (Lou Maenz): We published the *Bulletin* and mailed 200 copies.

Publicity (Denise Rubenstein & Lisa Van Liefde): We made a new connection at the University of Oregon. The Social Media Manager for the UO Bike shop and Barn will be including the Obsidians in a new community brochure that UOOP will make available to anyone interested in outdoor events, especially our climb school. The Mushroom Festival is Oct. 25, we'll have our table in the Non-Profit Alley behind the Pavillion.

Stewardship (Darko Sojak): Three stewardship outings took place in September. Thank you to the leaders and volunteers.

Summer Camp (Angie Ruzicka): Summer camp activities are winding down. Angie and Karen met to debrief, and Pam Caples has been tracking the final financial transactions. Karen is preparing the final trip report and an article for the October *Bulletin* including pictures submitted by campers.

Trips (Dave Cooper): Only 20 events total. On the bright side, recent updates to the online system have made it easier for leaders to complete that part of their role. The chair would like to thank Lynn Stearney for taking on a greater portion on the online aspects of this committee.

TRIP REPORTS

Extended Trip

Suttle Lake
October 5–7, 2026
Leader & Photographer: Jean Harris
Assistant Leader: Roy Nelson
Extended Trip (Mixed)

Wesley Meadow Lodge, near Suttle Lake, has 12 bedrooms, a kitchen and large gathering room suitable for dining, lounging, and enjoying companionship. Both evening dinners were delicious, with half the group providing each night's meal. On Monday, 11 participants gathered at Clear Lake Resort and hiked the 5.5-mile loop around the lake. With blue skies and warm temperatures, the amazing blue lake,



Near Gushing Springs on the Metolius, Roy, Ash and Sue.



Clear Lake Big Spring head of the McKenzie River. Photo by Sue Wolling.

in contrast with the conifers and maples, provided a beautiful outdoor experience to start our adventure. On Tuesday, six hikers went to Canyon Creek Meadows to enjoy the beautiful area, with Randy Sinnott leading the hike. A goat was spotted to add to their enjoyment. Four hikers ventured to the Metolius River. Starting at Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery, they hiked to Lower Canyon Creek Campground and back. Along the way, gushing springs roar out of the hill and into the Metolius River.



Marian and Sue admiring the view including Mt. Hood!
Photo by Lana Lindstrom.

The group enjoyed the fish hatchery, Camp Sherman, and the Headwaters of the Metolius. Departure day, Wednesday, found participants going in different directions, with six going to Tam McArthur Rim for a 5-mile hike guided by Lana



At the end of the trail! Tam McArthur Rim.
Photo by Lana Lindstrom.

Lindstrom. The views show numerous Cascade Peaks and surrounding Central Oregon. Three chose to enjoy the Suttle Lake area, which has a 3.5-mile loop hike. Fishing for Randy and geothermal exploration for Alan provided a pleasant day. Clear skies, bright sun, delicious food, and great companionship made for an amazing extended trip. Participants: Ash Connors, Cathy Ellis, Alan Foley, Sharon Friedland, Jean Harris, Lana Lindstrom, Jeanne Morris, Roy Nelson, Randy Sinnott, Marian Sparks, Sue Wolling.

Climbs

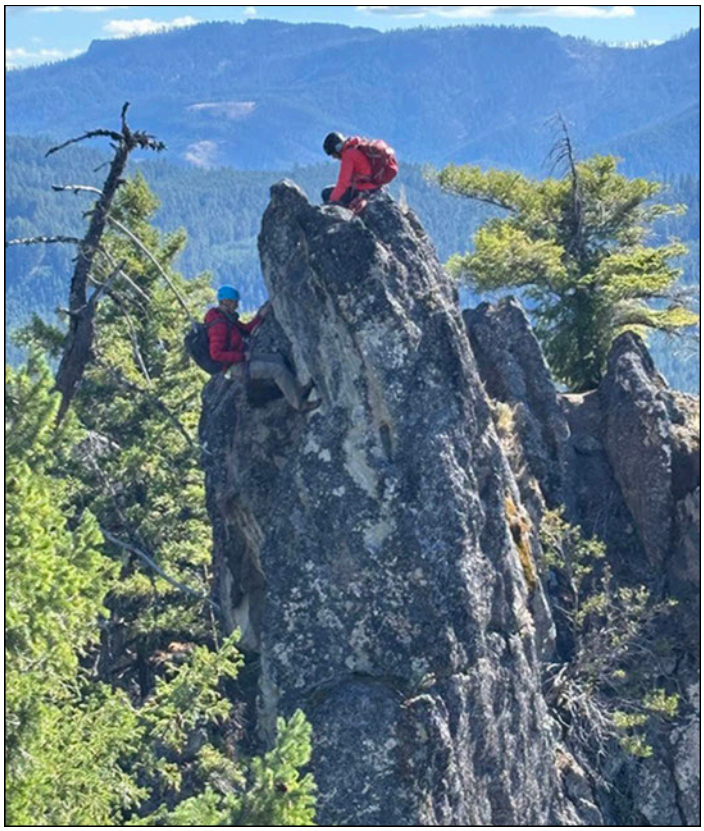
Acker Rock—Peregrine Traverse

October 11, 2026
Leader: Maryanne Reiter
Assistant Leader: Melanie Glock
Climbs: 4.0 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

Seven strong Obsidians scaled Acker Rock via the Peregrine Traverse, which is eight pitches long (we combined two pitches). The climb is in southern Oregon near the town of Tiller. The morning started pretty darn cold, but by the time we hiked to where the climb begins, it had warmed up nicely. The climbing involved the use of both sport and trad



Sheri leading up the second pitch. Photo by Melanie Glock.



Maryanne ensuring Gordon gets over the edge.
Photo by Katie Reynolds.



Enjoying the "beach" before the last two pitches.
Photo by Ivan Paskalev.

gear. To get off the route, there is a nasty rappel, but everyone managed to do it without bashing their knuckles on the rock. Everyone did really well and had fun on the climb. Participants: Sheri Gabert, Melanie Glock, Ivan Paskalev, Maryanne Reiter, Kathryn Reynolds, Gordon Sayre, Miranda Trieston.

Intro to Trad Climbing!
October 16–17, 2026
Leader: Hannah Waight
Assistant Leader & Photographer: Miranda Trieston

Six students joined the Obsidians for our Intro to Trad Climbing class. After learning the fundamentals in the classroom, we headed to the Columns to practice placing gear, building anchors, managing a rack, and putting it all together with mock leads. Huge thanks to our awesome students and volunteer instructors for a fantastic weekend of learning, climbing, and building confidence on the rock! Participants: Nicholas Allison, Matthew Graham, Isac Pederson, Joel Rice, Sandra Sigrist, Miranda Trieston, Jacob Walsh, Hannah Waight.



Nick mock leading.



Joel on mock lead, Hannah climbing to check his placement.

Hikes

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail
September 12, 2026
Leader: Marguerite Cooney
Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

Nice day, nice walk, good group! Hope to see all again. Participants: Cliff Alexander, Linn Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Alan Foley, Candice Kramer, Katherine Miller, Jorry Rolfe.

Erma Bell Lakes Loop
September 15, 2026
Leader & Photographer: Jean Harris
Hike: 9.0 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

The mountains, trees, gurgling streams, and beautiful lakes made for a wonderful late summer day to hike the



Along the trail.

Erma Bell Loop. We enjoyed every moment, including lunch near Williams Lake. Lack of rain created a dry waterfall between two of the Erma Bell Lakes. The gentle breeze made for a perfectly comfortable day. Participants: Elliot Bird, Tim Christie, Ash Connors, Jean Harris, Mollie Jackson, Roy Nelson, Guy Pritchett, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Delta Ponds #2
October 9, 2026
Leader: Steve Adey
Hike: 2.0–7.0 miles, 10 ft. (Moderate)

We encountered the following ducks and duck-like birds: double-crested cormorant, American coot, pied-billed grebe, green winged teal, gadwall, mallard, wood duck, ring-necked duck, and American wigeon. None were present in large quantities. We also saw two otters, a half dozen turtles, and evidence of recent beaver activity. The water level was unusually low. Participants: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Eva Mogart, Wayne Parker, Diane Schechter.

Clear Lake from Sahalie Falls
October 10, 2026
Leader: Lisa Van Liefde
Hike: 7.8 miles, 522 ft. (Moderate)

Originally scheduled for Iron Mountain / Cone Peak, unfavorable weather presented a no-win situation. The alternative was a clear winner, however! We planned to head to Clear Lake from Sahalie Falls, but with no available parking, ended up at Koosah. This provided a wonderful 8.5-mile lollipop. Our happy group thoroughly enjoyed the brisk and sometimes drizzly weather. The upside of cold temperatures—fewer people on the trail! Kudos to everyone for being flexible! Participants: Tamara Bressi, David Clinger, Marguerite Cooney, Martha Dyer, Whitney Gould, Barbara Hermann, Margot McDonnell, David Morris, Suzanne Porter, Guy Pritchett, Marian Sparks, Lisa Van Liefde.



Clear Lake. Photo by Marian Sparks.



The group in front of Sahalie Falls. Photo by Lisa Van Liefde.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail
October 10, 2026
Leader: Jorry Rolfe
Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

We had seven nonmembers who attended this beautiful autumn hike. Two of them told us that they had completed long trails: one had just completed the PCT, and the other completed the Appalachian Trail ten years ago! Always grateful to have members along for the hike. Participants: Jacob Chizum, David Cooper, Gwyneth Iredale, Melanie Martin, Lauren Mondroski, Shannon Nash, Wayne Parker, Jorry Rolfe, Robert Rushlow, Diane Schechter, David Schlosberg, Sam Tracer, Phillip Vance.

Divide Lake
October 11, 2026
Leader: Jeff Orendorff
Hike: 8.0 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

It was a very beautiful fall day to be out in the woods enjoying some very wonderful scenery. Participants: Elena Cantoran, Jeff Orendorff.

Four in One Cone via Scott Trail
October 18, 2026
Leader: Jeff Orendorff
Hike: 10.0 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

This was a wonderful, sunny, fall day for a hike. Scott Trail is a popular one, and I can see why. I will definitely be doing this one again. The mountain views were stunning. And it is always unique and interesting to walk through the lava fields. Participants: Jeff Orendorff, Guy Pritchett.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes
Hikes: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)
Various Leaders

David Clinger: 9/16 13 Participants **10/7** 9 Participants
Sandra Sigrist: 9/30 15 Participants
Janet Jacobsen, Jennifer Baer: 10/14 14 Participants
Margot McDonnell: 10/21 13 Participants
Eva Mogart, Janet Jacobsen: 10/28 11 Participants

Blanton Ridge Hikes
Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)
Various Leaders

Sandra Sigrist: 10/6 4 Participants
Jorry Rolfe: 10/13 4 Participants
Marian Sparks: 10/20 5 Participants
Margot McDonnell: 10/27 6 Participants

Mt. Pisgah Hikes
Hike: 3.0 miles, 1,040 ft. (Moderate)
Various Leaders

Sandra Sigrist, Heidi Anderson: 10/24 11 Participants

Stewardship

Willamette Confluence
October 2, 2026
Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak
Stewardship: (Mixed)

Organized by McKenzie River Trust, we worked near the confluence of the Coast Fork Willamette and Middle



Tim Christie and Jeff Lange with tarp with blackberry clippings.



Job well done.

Fork Willamette rivers on removal of invasive species, and on trail maintenance to allow activities for people with reduced mobility. Thank you to all of you volunteers, who understand that giving your time and energy back to the Earth is the highest form of gratitude. Participants: Wim Aarts, Tim Christie, David Cooper, Denny Ellis, Elizabeth Grant, Jeff Lange, Karla Rusow, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak.

Love Your Lake, Rosary Lakes
October 6, 2026
Leader & Photographer: Lyndell Wilken
Assistant Leader: Heidi Anderson
Stewardship: 7.0–8.0 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

The group enjoyed a beautiful day. Very productive cleanup, especially at Lower Rosary Lake. Hauled out several items



Lyndell, Denny, Betty, Teresa, Fred, Ane, Eva, Tamara, Paul, Heidi, Donna, Marguerite.



Marguerite and Ane removing ash.

that the USFS picked up at trailhead. A good time was had by all! Participants: Heidi Anderson, Teresa Bowen, Tamara Bressi, Marguerite Cooney, Donna Ellickson, Denny Ellis, Fredrick Goodrich, Elizabeth Grant, Ane McKee, Eva Mogart, Lyndell Wilken, Paul Winther.

Grounds / Lodge Workday

October 9, 2026
Leader: Nancy Whitfield
Assistant Leader: David Cooper
Stewardship: (Mixed)

Twelve industrious volunteers mowed and trimmed, pruned and tended to beds, cleaned up blackberries and debris, and cleaned the gutters. The grounds are looking well cared for. After the work session, the group toured recent improvements: the septic riser, the new water spigot, the French drain project, the awaited south end retaining wall, and the French drain outlet. We accomplish so much together. Participants: David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Jean Harris, Vern Marsonette, Roy Nelson, Doug Nelson, Maryanne Reiter, Karla Rusow, Jeffrey Rusow, Angie Ruzicka, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield.

PNW Forest Biodiversity with Adventure Scientists, Explora Trip

October 13, 2026
Leader: Sandra Sigrist
Assistant Leader & Photographer: Steve Davis
Stewardship: 10.0 miles, 1,000+ ft. (Difficult)

Thanks to Steve, Mark, and Wendy for a great day in the woods! We successfully retrieved three of four acoustic recording units (ARU) in the area assigned to us through the Adventure Scientists' Pacific Northwest Biodiversity Project. Participants: Steve Davis, Wendy Edmonds, Mark Kintigh, Sandra Sigrist.



How our morning started... an 'easy' thrash. Sandra, Mark, Wendy.



Sandra removing an ARU.



Sandra completes first task of an ARU retrieval. Mark pondering why someone chose this place to put it.

Green Island

October 15, 2026
Leader: Darko Sojak
Stewardship: 1.0 miles, 10 ft. (Mixed)

The sun greeted nine Obsidians volunteers at the first Green Island work party of the season. We teamed up on blackberry eradication along the Mill Slough pond. It was a great workout, fun, and a complete success. Thank you, volunteers. Participants: Bill Campbell, BJ Campbell, David Clinger, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Jeff Lange, Vern Marsonette, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Love Your Lake, Bobby Lake
October 23, 2026
Leader: Heidi Anderson
Assistant Leader & Photographer: Lyndell Wilken
Stewardship: 5.0 miles, 374 ft. (Easy)

A beautiful day spent at Bobby Lake at a clean-up with the Love Your Lakes and Obsidians. Starting temperature was 31 degrees with clear skies. We divided into two groups and worked to reduce the size of fire rings, extinguish a large burning fire, remove trash, and dismantle a large fort made of logs. The group gathered for a pleasant lunch overlooking the lake. Thank you!! Participants: Wim Aarts, Heidi Anderson, Teresa Bowen, Peter Graham, Holger Krentz, Margot McDonnell, Ane McKee, Lynn Meacham, Eva Mogart, Marian Sparks, Lyndell Wilken.



We found a hunter's blind had been built at the lake.



Dismantling begins.



The group by the lake. Photo by Wim Aarts.

Berggren Watershed Willow Planting
October 29, 2026
Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak
Stewardship: 1.0 miles, 20 ft. (Easy)

Located along the north bank of the lower McKenzie River, off of Camp Creek Road, the 92-acre Berggren Watershed Conservation Area is a jewel. This parcel is protected through its purchase by the McKenzie River Trust, with funding from the Bonneville Power Administration and the Eugene Water and Electric Board. The property was enrolled in the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program, which provides critical financial investments for important species in Oregon. This area has long been recognized for its agricultural importance, with farms specializing in the production of eggs and flowers. Together with the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission team and McKenzie River Trust regulars, we worked on a restoration project organized by the McKenzie River Trust. On the newly widened irrigation channel next to the farm, we planted a dense stand of over 800 willows and several dozen native shrubs in an attempt to prevent erosion. Thank you, volunteers! Participants: Andrew McIvor, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.



Planting the willows.



Denny Ellis.

POTLUCK

Friday, November 20, 2026

Hiking the Pueblos Mancomunados of Oaxaca

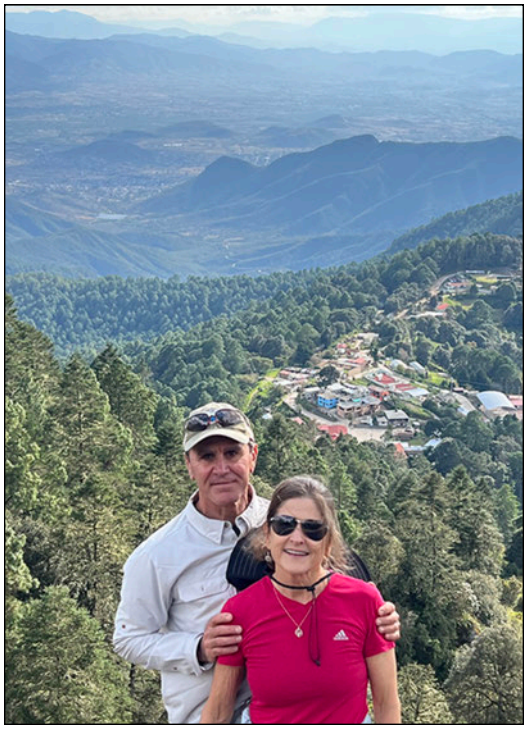
with Kristen Anderson & Michael Rowe

Imagine hiking from village to village through the spectacular highlands of Oaxaca, Mexico, where ancient Zapotec traditions, mountain landscapes, and community-based ecotourism come together. The Pueblos Mancomunados—a network of eight Zapotec villages nestled high in the mountains—opened their doors to tourism in 1994. Visitors can hike between villages at elevations often exceeding 10,000 feet, rest comfortably in *casitas*, and experience traditional crafts and skills ranging from bread making and adobe construction to medicinal herbs and local culinary arts.

In November 2025, Kristen Anderson and Michael Rowe spent nine days hiking a 55-mile loop connecting all eight villages, discovering spectacular scenery, fascinating cultural traditions, and an incredible diversity of wildflowers and plants along the way.

Come join us and discover this unique corner of Mexico—and experience the journey through their eyes! All are welcome.

For more information: ***obsidians.org/events/category/entertainment***



Michael and Kristen.



Kristen making adobe.



Bread making.



Medicinal herbs.

Potluck & Presentation

Friday, November 20, 2026
Obsidians Lodge

Social Time 6 PM
Potluck 6:30 PM Presentation 7:30 PM

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share along with your own plate, bowl, utensils, and cup that you'll take home to wash.

A small donation will be appreciated.

OBSIDIANS EVENTS

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Regularly Scheduled
Tuesday and Wednesday Hikes

Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte
Various Leaders
Distance: 8.5 mi. Elevation gain: 1,740 ft.

Tuesdays:
November 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Amazon Headwaters to Spencer Butte
Various Leaders
Distance: 6.2 mi. Elevation gain: 1,530 ft.

Wednesdays:
November 12 (rescheduled to Thursday)**, 18, 25**
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

CHECK FOR DETAILS & SIGN UP ONLINE
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STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Veterans Day Planting
9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Wednesday, November 11

Willow Creek Work Party
with the Nature Conservancy
10:00 AM–2:00 PM
Saturday, November 14

Arboretum Care
9:00 AM–Noon
Saturday, January 9

MLK-Day Planting
9:00 AM–Noon
Saturday, January 9

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance
9:00 AM–Noon
Saturday, November 28
Have a question?
Contact ***obsidians-stewardship@googlegroups.com***

Mt. Pisgah Sunset Full Moonrise

Distance: 3 miles round trip Elevation gain: 1,000 ft.

November 22, December 22

Guests welcome
CHECK FOR DETAILS & SIGN UP ONLINE
obsidians.org/events

Get Acquainted Hikes

Second Saturday of the Month:
November 14, December 12, & January 9
Members and nonmembers, please join us!
Sign up online.

This is an easy and always enjoyable romp through the woods.

Please contact Dorothy for the particulars.

dorothyvanwinkle@yahoo.com

541-485-7416, land line, no texting

Annual Veterans Day Walk

November 11, 2026 8:30 AM
Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US on our walk through Skinner Butte Park in honor of all veterans.

Sign up online for details.



Upcoming GameNight! dates are:

Tuesday, November 10
Tuesday, December 8

4:30 –7:30 PM at the Lodge

Be sure to check the Obsidians calendar before you arrive in case of a change in date or time.

For more information, go to the Entertainment page on ***obsidians.org/entertainment***

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View from the top of Tam McArthur Rim—all the way to Mt. Hood.
Photo by Marian Sparks. See the Suttle Lake Extended trip report on pages 11–12.

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