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FALL 2012 Issue



The Falls and the Lodge - Fall 2011 - by Teresa Kasner

Join Us for the

FOMF Annual Meeting

November 12, 2012

Multnomah Falls Lodge - Arrival at 6 pm

Buffet at 6:30 pm - Meeting to Follow

AGENDA

Election of Board Members & Officers

Volunteer Recognition and Awards

Proposed list of Officers and Board Members for 2012 Election at the Annual Meeting

Officers:

President: Teresa Kasner
Vice-President: Sharon Quade
Secretary: Katie Goodwin
Treasurer: Ron Goodwin

Board Members:

Billie Anger
Kathy Collins (New)
Flora Huber
Twila Mysinger
Phyllis Siebken
Joanne Tennant
Dan Tennant
Ron Goodwin
Katie Goodwin
Hal White
Maxine Wilkins



Twila Mysinger receiving her Volunteer of the Year Award.

If anyone would like to nominate someone from the floor at the Annual Meeting, they will need to get permission from that person prior to the meeting and election.

Joanne Tennant, Nominating Committee Chairman

In Memoriam - Max Wilkins

Max Wilkins, 87 passed away on September 19th, 2012. He was a very beloved member of the Friends of Multnomah Falls. He was one of the founding members of FOMF, a Charter Member and served on the Board of Directors for many years. Max always had a smile and a kind word for his friends.

Max was born in Chugwater, Wyoming and received his teaching degree from Nebraska State Teacher's College. He taught at Central High School in Monmouth and David Douglas High School in Portland. He was a math teacher, track coach and counselor until he retired in 1989.

Max was a jogger an avid bicyclist and rode in the Cycle Oregon for several years. He is survived by his wife Maxine and children, Pam Wilber (Roy) and Mark Wilkins, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be missed.



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Our Mission Statement:

"The Friends of Multnomah Falls are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the unique natural, scenic and historic qualities of Multnomah Falls while providing a memorable experience for our visitors."

US FOREST SERVICE REPORT By Nicole LaGioia

Hello Friends - Fall is here! The leaves are starting to turn, the temps are cooler, and soon the rains will start. As of the time I am writing this, we have had over 250,000 visitors in the visitor center, a 12% increase over last year's numbers! The outdoor interpretive table staffed by the Friends of Multnomah Falls on the weekends was also a huge success and extended the knowledge and guest information to thousands more visitors.

By the time you are reading this, Maribel and Silvia will both be back in school. Maribel is studying nursing at Columbia Gorge Community College. And Silvia is majoring in Social Work at Columbia Gorge Community College. I hope you all enjoyed working with these ladies as much as I did. There have been some changes in hiring procedures within the federal government, but I am hopeful that we will get both back next summer.



We still have one more interpretive event for this year, Salmon Festival, which is on Sunday October 28th from 10AM to 4PM. The salmon have arrived in some of the area creeks including Tanner and Eagle Creeks. If you are interested in helping at Salmon Festival, please let me know via email. There will be plenty of opportunities between the Friends and the Forest Service activities for people to participate. Mt. Hood Community College will be the lead partner for the event again this year, but there will be several other organizations, groups, and agencies participating.

I hope you are looking forward to "soup season" as much as I am and I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting in November.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Teresa Kasner

The leaves are finally starting to turn color, the warm weather has lingered longer this Fall, but it's finally looking like Autumn. I know it was a busy Summer at the Falls and I want to take this time to thank all of the Volunteers who gave of their valuable time to staff the Visitors Center.

I am looking forward to the Salmon returning to Multnomah Creek and hope that you will visit the Salmon Festival, the information is above in Nicole's column. I always love seeing them spawning in the creek and try to take a photo each year. If you get a good shot, be sure and send it to me and we can put it on the website and/or in this newsletter. Teresa@friendsofmultnomahfalls.org

Are you a volunteer with the Friends? If you aren't, do think about joining our team! We will be holding our Interpretive Volunteer Training Session this Spring on Saturday April 7th - and even if you're just thinking you'd like to try it, you are welcome to attend and meet the other volunteers and the board. Our Interpretive Volunteer Bus Tour will be in May - and we're going to be learning more about the Fruit Loop and Hood River growers and wineries, etc. Of course we have a really fun picnic for Volunteers the last Sunday in July. Details will be found in this newsletter as the events get closer.

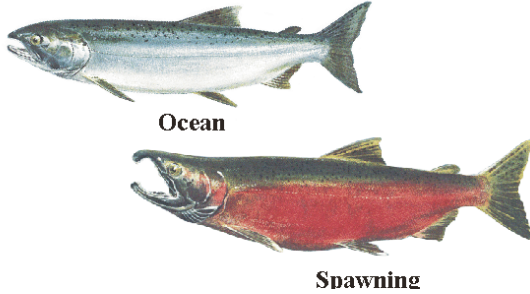


Do you have something you would like to share in an article in this newsletter? Let me know! Do you have a photo to share in the news or on the website? Send the jpg my way!

I am looking forward to another year working as your President. I am very proud of my involvement with this wonderful group and in this fabulous treasure - Multnomah Falls. See you in the Gorge!

Kind regards and thank you for all you do!

TO HONOR THE COHO by Ron Goodwin



There had been attempts to start a Pacific salmon fishery in the Great Lakes from 1873 on with little success. It wasn't until 1964 that the Coho eggs were sent to Honor, Michigan from the Bonneville Fish Hatchery. This is in the northern part of Michigan on the Platte River which had a fish hatchery. It has now become the Coho Capital with a festival every year and a "Coho Queen". From here the Coho have populated Lake Michigan and into all the other Great Lakes. There are hatcheries now in the surrounding states plus a natural spawning in many of the smaller streams entering Lake Michigan.

One of the main purposes of having a predator like the salmon is that there was an overpopulation of alewives and smelt in the lakes and they also dine on small fish like sardines and anchovies.

Chinook planting started in 1967 into Lake Michigan at Honor and in 1974 in Minnesota and Wisconsin in 1977. Seven of eight Chinook spawn naturally in Lake Huron but the other lakes rely on hatcheries for the Chinook population.

In September the Visitor Center had two people from Honor, Michigan who knew the salmon had come from Oregon, but not exactly where. The visitor commented that in his opinion the ones that spend three years in the Ocean taste better than the ones that spend their whole lives in fresh water. This might be because of the higher content of oils in the sardines, anchovies, etc. that are the prey here.

The Salmon Festival at Multnomah Falls this year is Sunday October 28th which is a great time to see the Coho in the creek along with activities for kids and adults in coordination with Mt. Hood Community College, USFS and the Friends of Multnomah Falls.

HIKING WITH HAL by Hal White

I have one standby hike for all seasons - it's Upper McCord Creek and Elowah Falls. It is a good hike for family and friends new to the gorge. It is rated as an easy hike with only a 3 mile round trip with an elevation gain of 600 ft.

Take I-84 to exit 35, follow the frontage road for 2.2 miles and park. The trail travels west past a water tower and is 1.1 miles along basalt cliffs with view of the Washington side of Mount Adams and Table Mountain. Along the way, in spring and summer, lots of wildflowers line the cliffs and trail, 39 varieties in all, such as stonecrop, penstemon, columbine, and Columbia tiger lily, are among the better known varieties.

Upper McCord Creek Falls are a pair of side-by-side falls fed by Upper McCord Creek. Go back to the junction, follow the trail east 4/10 mile to the Elowah Falls junction. Travel down the steep switchbacks into a natural amphitheater. Elowah Falls plunges 289 ft from steep basalt cliffs into an attractive pool. This is a favorite of photographers as it is only 8/10 mile from the parking area and is spectacular in all seasons. Cross the bridge over McCord Creek and you can hike 3 miles to Wahclella Falls. Don't forget your trail park pass.



Friends of Multnomah Falls Membership Form

Yes, I would like to become a Member Renewing Member

FOMF is a 100% volunteer, private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Check a tax-deductible membership:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Supporting | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Benefactor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Contributing | | |

Make checks payable to: Friends of Multnomah Falls, and fill out the information below.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send this application to: The Friends of Multnomah Falls, PO Box 426, Troutdale, Oregon 97060



FOMF VOLUNTEER PICNIC JULY 2012

On the left is the Group Photo taken at the Annual Picnic for Volunteers at Guy Talbot State Park at Latourell Falls.

These are always fun events where our volunteers get to know each other better. There is a potluck table with all kinds of home made picnic fare and a BBQ with hotdogs and hamburgers. This is one of the great events for our volunteers, so if you've thought of volunteering, this is another reason to sign up!

VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFO - by Aileen Ashley

Anyone showing interest in becoming a volunteer should contact Aileen Ashley, at aileen.ashley@comcast.net or phone 503-697-6598. Our Volunteers enjoy a flexible schedule and lots of fun training opportunities! We have the Interpretive Volunteer Training Workshop in March, a Bus Tour in the Columbia River Gorge in the Spring, a complimentary Sternwheeler Cruise and Mt. Hood Railroad trip in June, the Volunteer Picnic in July and the Annual Meeting in November! If you've ever thought of giving it a try, we'd love to have you on the FOMF team! :-)

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