

# FOCUS on the FALLS



## FALL 2013 Issue



Charlie White, Volunteer of the Year - 2013

## Join Us for the FOMF Annual Meeting November 18, 2013

**Multnomah Falls Lodge - Arrival at 4:30 pm  
Buffet at 5:00 pm - Meeting to Follow**

### AGENDA

**Election of Board Members & Officers  
Volunteer Recognition and Awards**

### Proposed list of Officers and Board Members for 2014 Election at the Annual Meeting

The 2013 Nominating Committee consisted of Sharon Quade, Joanne & Dan Tennant, Jim Jensen, Chris Meinicke & Billie Anger. After considerable input from the current Board and Friends of Multnomah Falls' members we nominate the following for a 2-year term to the Board beginning in 2014, to be voted on at Annual Meeting:

Teresa Kasner as President \*  
Ron Goodwin as Treasurer \*  
Katie Goodwin as Secretary \*  
Dan Tennant \*  
Joanne Tennant \*  
Hal White \*  
Phyllis Siebken \*

New Members Nominated  
for Election are:

Carl Collins \*  
Hank Bennett \*

Those Board Members/officers continuing a 2-year term that was begun in 2013:

Sharon Quade as Vice-President  
Flora Huber  
Twila Mysinger  
Kathy Collins

If anyone would like to nominate someone from the floor at the Annual Meeting, they will need to get permission from the person they want to nominate prior to the meeting and election.  
-- Billie Anger, Nominating Committee Chairman



**MT. HOOD COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE/USFS**

**SALMON  
FESTIVAL 2013 AT  
MULTNOMAH FALLS**

**SUNDAY 10-27-13 FROM 10  
AM  
TO 4 PM. FUN AND  
INFORMATION FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!**

THIS FREE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE MHCC GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT AND THE US FOREST SERVICE. FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT DR. CHRIS GORSEK AT THE MHCC SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION • BY PHONE AT 503-491-7321 / 7480 OR VIA E-MAIL AT [chris.gorsek@mhcc.edu](mailto:chris.gorsek@mhcc.edu) OR NICOLE LAGIOIA ON-SITE MANAGER MULTNOMAH FALLS VISITOR CENTER, COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NSA, 503-695-2372.

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## Friends of Multnomah Falls Fall Issue 2013

<http://friendsofmultnomahfalls.org>

### Newsletter Editor & Website Administrator

Teresa Kasner

### Board of Directors 2013

**President**  
Teresa Kasner

**Vice-President**  
Sharon Quade

**Secretary**  
Katie Goodwin

**Treasurer**  
Ron Goodwin

### Board Members

Billie Anger  
Kathy Collins  
Flora Huber  
Twila Mysinger  
Phyllis Siebken  
Dan Tennant  
Joanne Tennant  
Hal White  
Maxine Wilkins

Nicole LaGioia  
(Ex-Officio USFS)

Rick Buck (Ex-Officio)  
Multnomah Falls Lodge Co.

### 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."*

## USFS REPORT by Nicole LaGioia

Hello Friends,

A sure sign that Fall is upon us at Multnomah Falls...the visitor numbers are on the decline and the morning rains have started. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work through a very busy and different summer season. The total number of visitors in the Visitor Center for this fiscal year is up slightly from that of last year, but with the reduced staff it sure felt like more. I will have the final numbers available at the Annual Meeting for those interested. I am also planning on putting together some comparisons for you all showing the annual visitation from the last several seasons.

This summer, with the small summer staff of Jason and Jake, the joint effort of the Friends of Multnomah Falls and Forest Service were still able to make over 35,000 interpretive contacts outside of the visitor center. These contacts included participants in the Osprey, Leave No Trace, Pelts and Skulls, Salmon, and Pika interpretive programs, as well as guided hike participants and visitors to the Plaza Information Table.

If you have items for the suggestion box, please be sure to submit them by November 8th as we will be voting on the ideas for improvement at the Annual Meeting. If there is anything that you would like me to cover during my time at the Annual Meeting, please send me a note.

See you at the Annual Meeting!



## FOMF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Teresa Kasner

Summer is over and Fall is here! Time to enjoy the cooler temperatures and slower pace in the Visitors Center at the Falls. Our next big event is the Annual Meeting (details on Pg. 1) - I always look forward to seeing so many of our FOMF Members and Volunteers! The Board of Directors work tirelessly for you and the organization. We all have this in common, we love Multnomah Falls!

We updated the vests for the Volunteers this year. We have a colorful image of the FOMF logo over the heart and a large embroidered image of FRIENDS OF MULTNOMAH FALLS VOLUNTEER on the back. I'm very pleased with the updated look of our team as we answer questions behind the information counter. :-)

The Board and the Interpretive Training Committee will be meeting soon to plan the training workshop in the Spring. Is there something you'd like to learn more about? If you've got some ideas, please let me know - email me at [Teresa@FriendsofMultnomahFalls.org](mailto:Teresa@FriendsofMultnomahFalls.org) -- thanks!



In that vein, the planners for the Bus Tour would love your input on where you'd like to go to learn more about an area where you send visitors when they ask for help in the center.

If you aren't a current member of FOMF, please consider doing so with the membership form in this newsletter. If you like and support FOMF, you can help us with such projects as printing more maps, brochures and all the other wonderful projects this group accomplishes!

**See you in November at the Annual Meeting!**



**WHERE IS THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY?**  
by Ron Goodwin

**VOLUNTEER REMINDERS**  
by Twila Mysinger



One of the questions I have been asked this year has been --  
"Is this Highway 30 part of the famous Lincoln Highway?"

The short answer is no. Highway 30 started in Atlantic City, NJ , and the western end is in Astoria.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Highway which was designed as a cross-country highway. It is the 3rd longest highway in the U.S. at 3,073 miles in length. The Lincoln Highway is Highway 30 from Atlantic City to Granger, Wyoming where it becomes I-80 and ends in San Francisco. Long stretches of Highway 30 today parallels or is part of Interstate highways. Oregon's section enters the state at Ontario and follows much of the Oregon Trail through Baker City, The Dalles and the Columbia River Gorge.

\* We need to complete the Closing Procedure Checklist for the Visitor Center. When closing, complete all the items on the checklist and sign the form. When opening, confirm that the Center was closed appropriately, and put your initials on the right side of the form next to the closing volunteers' signatures. If you find that any steps were missed, please call the FOMF President Teresa Kasner at 503-866-1866.

\* Volunteers thought the mileage chart on the back of the donation box was too small to read. Nicole has enlarged that chart and it's on the ring hanging above the telephones. During those inevitable lulls in the Visitor Center, please fold three-way maps, put stickers on the summer/winter brochures, or restock the sign-in table from the right cabinet.

\* Wear your vest and badge every day you volunteer. Be sure the Lodge staff can see your vest/badge when you are ordering food/coffee so they charge you appropriately. They serve a lot of people during their shift, and they may not recognize us without our vests!

\* Volunteers working the afternoon shifts should park in the Forest Service lot east of the creek. If you have a morning shift, please park anywhere you like except the Forest Service lot - we need to save those spots for the afternoon volunteers when the rest of the parking places will be taken with visitors.

\* Remember: the visitor experience should be about what the guest needs/wants, not about the stories or information we like to share! Listen carefully to their questions.

**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:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <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

## A GEM OF A HIKE - by Hal White

Scenery on any gorge hike is spectacular. What is the physical price, in terms of effort and energy expended for this hike? Here is one that is almost free - Wahclella Falls, formerly Tanner Creek Falls. The Mazamas renamed the falls after an old American Indian village. The entire route loop is 1.8 miles and gains 300 ft. This hike features a 60 ft, two tiered waterfall splashing into a pool. There are wildflowers, a narrowing canyon, massive basalt cliff formations, a flowing creek (Tanner) populated by water-ouzels and massive rock formations formed by a 1973 landslide.

A hike for all seasons and hikers of all skill levels - take I-84 to exit 40 turn away from Bonneville Dam (right) and proceed 100 yards to a parking area. Is the hike too short you may think? There are plenty of options: you can proceed 3.1 miles west on the gorge 400 to Elowah Falls go west 2.2 miles to Wauna Viewpoint overlooking Bonneville Dam or continue a short distance, east 200 yards to Toothrock Trailhead, one of the most scenic sections of the Columbia River Hwy. Be sure to display your trail park pass BUT leave no visible items in your vehicle to entice vandals.



Photos by Hal White

## VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFO - Aileen Ashley

Anyone showing interest in becoming a volunteer should contact Aileen Ashley, at [aileen.ashley@comcast.net](mailto: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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Don't forget to e-mail Teresa Kasner at [Teresa@FriendsofMultnomahFalls.org](mailto:Teresa@FriendsofMultnomahFalls.org) if you want to receive future newsletters via PDF on the website to save printing and postage for FOMF.

**NEWS TO KNOW!** A record number of Fall Chinook, (63,870 adults & 4,961 jacks) went over Bonneville Dam on Sept. 9th which is the largest one day number since counts started in 1938 of the Fall run.