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🍂 **FALL 2016 Issue** 🍂

Join Us for the FOMF Annual Meeting

November 14, 2016
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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT & SLATE 2017

The Nominating Committee -- Billie Anger (chair), Dan and Joanne Tennant, Terry Hill and Chris Meinicke -- recommends the following for two year terms on the FOMF 2017 Board:

Dollie Rasmussen, Kathy Collins, Flora Huber, Sharon Quade, and Dayle Kasner.

We thank Charlie White for his term of service to the Board. Also, Charter Member Ron Goodwin who has served as treasurer for 25 years is retiring from that position. We thank Ron for his tireless dedication to FOMF. His duties as treasurer will be now in the hands of Dayle Kasner. Board members who will be continuing their second year are John Buddeau, Carl Collins, Katie Goodwin, Ron Goodwin, and Teresa Kasner and Lynn Rasmussen,.

We appreciate those who showed interest in being on the Board but were not ready to become a perspective Board member.

The Executive Board will be as follows:

Carl Collins	President
John Buddeau	Vice-President
Katie Goodwin	Secretary
Dayle Kasner	Treasurer

BUILDING OF THE LARCH MOUNTAIN TRAIL Part 2, by James Olsen

The 2nd installment of the story in the last issue of the newsletter is on page 3 of this issue.



2016 Interpretive Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
Photo courtesy of Teresa Kasner

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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."

USFS SITE MANAGER REPORT - by Matt Ramich

Well hello there everyone!! We have entered into the beginning of Fall. What does that mean for Multnomah Falls? A big one is the summer crowds have finally dispersed to manageable numbers that mostly show up on the weekends. People come rain or shine which shows the dedication they have to see the Falls. Many don't know what to expect. The leaves begin to change and color the landscape until they all fall off the trees. That is when Carlos and I begin to constantly rake up the fallen leaves as they create a slipping hazard as well as they block the drains, creating more flooding potential. Leaves on the paths make it less aesthetically pleasing.



I can't forget about the salmon migration. Many Chinook salmon are making their way up Eagle Creek as well as coming through the Bonneville Dam. Once this run is over, the Coho salmon begin to make their journey starting in late October and go till around the beginning of January. These salmon have been seen in our little creek, right outside of the Visitor Center. The distance they have isn't as great, but looking into the lower plunge pool, you can see them circling around. Adds more charm to an already unique area. This is a good time to mention the annual **Salmon Festival**. Make sure to mark on your calendar November 6, 2016 from 10 am. to 4 p.m. as busy because you need to "migrate" to Multnomah Falls for a day of fish related activities!! The past few years it has rained, but that doesn't stop the people putting on this great activity. It shouldn't stop you from coming either. So come on down to Multnomah Falls and have a swimmingly good time. I would like to give both Jake and Jason a huge thank you for helping me during another busy/crazy summer. I would not stay sane if it weren't for these seasonals coming to provide some comic relief or take some of the burden. That's about it!! Keep up the good work and may Multnomah Falls keep spirits high as well as inspire our visitors.

FOMF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Sharon Quade

As the Autumn starts and the geese are flying south overhead, we end this season sending our appreciation to you for a successful summer with the first shuttle service to the Falls.

Planning for the next interpretive trainings is underway. You are welcome to give ideas and volunteer to help to any of the Board members. The Annual Meeting is at the Lodge and we are guests of Rick Buck and his staff on November 14th at 4:30 pm. Be sure to save the date as you won't want to miss the delicious dinner. We will be celebrating our many accomplishments this year, giving special commendations to outstanding volunteers and a well-deserved thank you to retiring Ron Goodwin who has served 25 years as our Treasurer. We will also hold elections for our officers and board members. I will be stepping down as President and passing the gavel to your newly elected president. Hope to see you!

Do you agree with me that it is a privilege to volunteer at Multnomah Falls, work with the Matt and the whole USFS team and share our forest with beautiful trees, waterfalls, fish, birds, critters, and fresh air with nearly 4 million visitors? It has been said that just one day hiking is so invigorating that some call it "forest bathing" with benefits that last even more one day!



Sharon Quade & Smoky Bear by Ron Goodwin

Be sure to watch for the return of the coho salmon in Multnomah Creek this month and celebrate the annual Salmon Festival on November 6, rain or shine, with Mt. Hood CC. It is a fun day for visitors and their families with lots of exhibits and hand on activities. Contact Matt or any board member if you would like to help in our booth.

Thank you again from all of us on the Board for your amazing five thousand one hundred eight hours of volunteering this season. Yup, that's 5,108 hours!



BUILDING OF THE LARCH MOUNTAIN TRAIL Part 2, by James Olsen

(Continued from the Summer Issue)

The Progressive Business Mens Club Trails Committee acquired rights-of-way, obtained donated funds (Bensons \$3500 and USFS \$1500), creatively organized fund raisers by PBMC adding up to \$ 7500, and led the bushwhacking reconnaissance of the trail route.

However, the committee had reached its limits in expertise. They needed a job foreman, experienced trail builder, manager, overseer. Committeeman, Forest Supervisor, Thomas Sherrard had such a man in his employ-Ralph S.Shelley, a mountain man. Under Shelley's command the trail was efficiently carried out to completion. Shelley hired a total of 44 local men at various stages of the work. These men 'commuted' on horse and by foot from Multnomah Basin, Palmer and Bridal Veil.

It seems noteworthy that no survey mapping, nor any field notes have been uncovered in any archives thus far. We know that Shelley collected reconnaissance notes during the 26 man bush-whacking expedition of March 15th, 1915.

Shelley final-staked the trail location, procured tools, explosives, lumber, and hardware; he trained the crews, though they were woods-wise, seasoned hands. It was done in roughly five months. Clearing, rock blasting, tree felling, stump blasting, terracing, grading, bridging of streams; all was done within budget, on time, and ready for the opening of the new highway the next hiking season, 1916! A century ago.

"Larch Mountain Trail was dedicated on Sunday morning October 3, 1915, when twenty-six members of the PBMC unfurled our Flag, sang America, read St. Paul's Mars Hill Address, and, after the formal dedication was ended, the Trails Club of Oregon (TCO) was founded", Samuel Lancaster has written, in a TCO promotional piece.

Thus ended the Progressive Business Men's Club's trail venture.

The Larch Mountain PBMC original committee of six unanimously became founding members of Trails Club of Oregon, with none other than Samuel C. Lancaster became the new club's first President!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

By Teresa Kasner

The FOMF Board of Directors has a new committee to oversee the items available in the Visitors Center. Committee members are Teresa Kaasner (chair), Denise Hawke and Chris Meinicke.

Offered in the VC are Multnomah Falls pins, centennial postcards and 3 different posters, Wildflower, Old Growth Forest & Centennial posters. Visitors enjoy having the postcards available and often use them with the stamps we have at the VC desk. The funds raised pay for maps, stamps, improvements, etc.

FOMF put on a wonderful event one year ago - the Centennial Anniversary of Multnomah Falls as a public park. The postcard and poster commemorating the centennial were developed at that time. The postcard will continue to be available.

The poster is a limited edition - only 250 were ordered. The design is by the celebrated Oregon photographer, Steve Terrill.

I am happy to report that in one year we have sold 100 of the posters. This means that if you'd like one, now would be a good time to pick one up before they are gone. They are only \$10 each.



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A DAY WITH CEDAROAK PARK PRIMARY KIDS FROM WEST LINN by Carl Collins

The fourth graders of Cedaroak Elementary visited the falls on the 20th of May. Their teachers, Mrs. Estimada and Mr. Robinson joined with a handful of mothers that graced the group with watchful eyes arrived at 10am. The pounding of little feet interrupted an all ready busy plaza of visitors. The two classes were divided with one group staying in the plaza area with Ron and Katie, where the wisdom of these two volunteers was absorbed by the fourth graders. The life history of the Osprey was a hit.

Pictures and drawings were used to explain how important this bird is to the gorge. The other half followed Carl Collins along with Jake, one of the rangers, up to the main plaza to view the falls and talk about the 5 different layers of lava that could be seen. Many questions were asked from our little

friends. How tall is the falls, where does the water come from and how old is the bridge. We shared the story of the Bridge and who built it and talked about the rock that fell through the bridge in January, 2014. The big question from the kids was "What about the wedding party on the bridge?" The follow up question shared by many kids was "Is that story true?" Our rangers, out in force, made a big impression.

These three old volunteers had fun sharing and passing on the legacy of Multnomah Falls to these future volunteers.

FOMF VOLUNTEER RECRUITER - Chris Meinicke

Anyone showing interest in becoming a volunteer should contact Chris Meinicke at chris.meinicke@frontier.com or phone 503-645-3124. 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, 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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