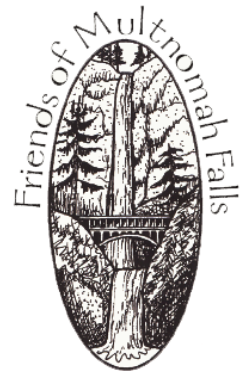


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## FALL 2010 Issue

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### Join Us for the FOMF Annual Meeting November 8, 2010 - 4 pm Social - 5 pm Dinner

**Arrival and  
“Meet & Greet”  
at 4:00 pm  
Buffet at 5 pm  
Meeting to Follow**

#### **AGENDA**

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



**Annual Meeting 2009**

Photo - from left: Dan Harkenrider, Area Manager USFS,  
Aaron Pedersen, On-Site Manager, Multnomah Falls USFS,  
Maxine Wilkins, President, FOMF, Elizabeth Kennedy, Supervising  
Park Ranger USFS, Sam Oakland, USFS Volunteer - Photo by Teresa Kasner

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS 2011**

Names with (2) need to be voted in for a two year term. Nominations from the floor may be made with prior consent from said nominee.

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#### **BOARD OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT:	Teresa Kasner (1)
VICE PRESIDENT:	Sharon Quade (2)
SECRETARY:	Katie Goodwin (1)
TREASURER:	Ron Goodwin (1)

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Billie Anger (2)	Dan Tennant (1)
Flora Huber (2)	JoAnne Tennant (1)
Jim Jensen (1)	Hal White (1)
Twila Mysinger (2)	Maxine Wilkins (2)
Phyllis Siebken (1)	

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### Newsletter Editor & Website Administrator

Teresa Kasner

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**President**  
Maxine Wilkins

**Vice-President**  
Jim Jensen

**Secretary**  
Katie Goodwin

**Treasurer**  
Ron Goodwin

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Flora Huber  
Teresa Kasner  
Sharon Quade  
Phyllis Siebken  
Dan Tennant  
Joanne Tennant  
Hal White

Emily Kessler  
(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."*

## MULTNOMAH FALLS USFS REPORT

By Dylan Lerch

Hello Friends of Multnomah Falls volunteers and members! It seems like just the other day I took over as acting site manager in Aaron's place. Over this summer we have been able to stay on top of numerous brushing and trail clean-up projects in addition to our interpretive duties. This is thanks to the experience Gordon, Susy, and our OYCC returning crewmembers brought with them in addition to the enthusiasm we all have for our jobs at Multnomah Falls. We have also seen a relatively quiet summer in terms of medical emergencies and searches.

As we approach fall our crew has reduced in size. Susy was the first to leave, and she is now beginning a graduate program at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Gordon has returned for his final year at University of Oregon. As you are reading this I will be continuing my own graduate studies at DePaul University in Chicago. With the regular autumn changes there will also be some changes on the Forest Service side of the house at Multnomah Falls. Beth Kennedy, Supervisory Park Ranger for the Scenic Area, is working tirelessly to ensure that whoever assumes the Multnomah Falls post will be of the utmost skill and integrity.

I would also like to express gratitude, both as a representative of the Forest Service and as an individual for the work you have done to help us this summer. The Friends are truly the glue that allows us to tackle all of the various projects we take on in support of our mission. With the loss of Aaron it was particularly critical for the Friends to back us up, and you did so. Thanks for all your good work!



### MAXINE'S MESSAGE

by Maxine Wilkins, President



Dear Friends; It is hard to believe the summer has gone by this fast and we are into fall and pushing into winter. We made it through our disappointment when Aaron moved on to another job, even though we still miss him. Many thanks and kudos to Dylan, Gordon and Suzy for their excellent job of keeping everything running smoothly. We will miss them and wish them all the best in any endeavor they pursue in life!!!

We will have a new Forest Service employee filling in starting September 26th through December 7th. Her name is Emily Kessler. I have met her and she seems very capable and friendly. Please make her feel welcome and give her any help she asks for.

Our Annual Meeting is in November, either the 8th or 15th. See you then! I would like to encourage all of you to consider serving on the board or as an officer. I am stepping down as President. There is always a time to get involved and a time to step back and see new ideas come into the mix. Thank you for your faith in me over these several years!! Much affection for all of you and all the best to you in the future!!!

## VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

by Ron Goodwin

Congratulations to the volunteers for the 2009-10 fiscal year as we have put in 4,317 hours staffing the Visitor Center. It adds up to a grand total of 7,586.5 hours including the board meetings, gardening, website and newsletter production, training, scheduling, Gorge Fest Week-end, etc., accomplished by our non-profit volunteer operated organization which the National Scenic Area (U.S. Forest Service) figured as worth \$116,518.52 using the volunteer time value of \$20.85 per hour. This is over 400 more hours than the last fiscal year.

We are also doing well in the donations as we have taken in over \$15,000 so far this year with one record high week the first of August of \$1,025.43. Even with the economy being down people really appreciate the volunteers being in the Visitor Center and helping them with our knowledge of the area. Being local and working with others make the volunteers a real asset to the visitors from all over the world. Thank you for continuing to take donations for the pins, maps and posters.

Come to the Annual Meeting to find out who is doing what, where the money is being spent, vote for the new board of directors, visit with the other volunteers and the USFS personnel. See you there!!

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## The Cheetah & Pronghorn Antelope

by Ron Goodwin

If you ever wondered why the pronghorn (antelope) in Eastern Oregon and other states can run so fast, the answer has come out that an American Cheetah was known to live in the same area 3.2 million years ago until 10 – 20,000 years ago. It is not the same as the African Cheetah but could run very fast. There have been many species of pronghorn and they lived together with the cheetah for about 3 million years. The running ability of the pronghorn is from the earlier time period since it now can outrun any living predator.

In fact, pronghorns are probably the greatest runners in nature while the cheetah has a higher top speed but can only maintain that speed for a few minutes and then takes around nine hours to be able to run again. The pronghorn can run almost as fast at first and then maintain a speed of 45 mph for 15 miles. The only explanation for their excessive speed is that they were hunted by a faster predator in the past. They also have lungs four times larger and legs four time stronger than other animals of the same size.



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The Visitor Center/Museum at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument has the information plus many great displays for what we have on the East side of the Cascades.

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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





FOMF Picnic 2010 at Guy Talbot Park near Latourell Falls

Photo by Teresa Kasner

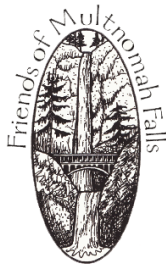
Your Membership is Important in our Mission!  
Contact Denise Hawke, Membership Chair  
at [FOMFMembership@gmail.com](mailto:FOMFMembership@gmail.com)

## Top 10 Funny Questions Asked at the Visitor Center By Phyllis Siebken

1. Can you see the Falls from here?
2. How do you get to the Falls?
3. Why aren't there vending machines at the top?
4. Why isn't there a road to the top?
5. Is there an elevator to get up there?
6. Telephone call: Tell me, is it really worth the drive to come out there?
7. Do they ever let people ride those big fish that are down at Bonneville Dam?
8. When do they turn the falls off?
9. How come you always have to hike to see the top of a waterfall?
10. Can you drive across the bridge on the falls?

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**NOTE:** The Coho are running in Multnomah Creek, be sure to check it out on your next visit!