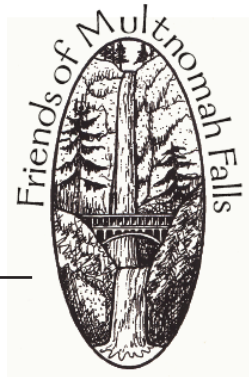


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Summer 2007 Issue



Please Join Us at the FOMF Volunteer Picnic!

Sunday, July 29th at 5 pm at Red Sunset Park in Gresham
(on Hogan or 242nd between Stark & Division, I-84 exit 16)



Photo by Teresa Kasner

Please join us and have a great time with your fellow volunteers and enjoy some hamburgers & sausage prepared by our expert barbecuers! Bring a salad, dessert, veggies or chips to share. Everything else will be provided (plates, utensils and condiments).

You don't need to wait to be called - RSVP to Katie (503-761-4751) or email us at ron.katie.pdx@juno.com or call Virginia at (503-663-9644)

Pikas at Multnomah Falls

Have you ever heard an "eenk, eenk" in the rock slide area along the trail to the tops of Multnomah Falls? Were you able to find who made this noise? It can be hard as pikas, which are what you are hearing can "throw" their "eenk, eenk" and their fur blends right into the rocks. At 6-8 1/2 inches and 4-6 ounces they are quite small, and they have no tail. All these characteristics help them elude their worst enemy, the weasel.

These members of the rabbit family do not hibernate therefore they must store food for the winter. It takes several bushels of dried plant material for each solitary pika. Unlike other rabbits the parents only have 1-3 babies, and at most two pregnancies per year.

Our Multnomah Falls pikas live only a few hundred feet above sea level, very unusual. Most pikas live at well over 6,000 feet which has protected them from people. Today global warming is threatening pika populations as they have adapted so well to cold temperatures that they no longer have a viable cooling mechanism (ability to sweat). Scientists are seeing colonies move higher and higher seeking cooler air, but their food supplies may be compromised plus eventually there will be no place higher to which to move.

Pikas have survived 25 million years of changes on the earth so perhaps the Columbia Gorge population will be a route to survival into the future this time. Meanwhile enjoy the sound of the pika and keep looking for this elusive cutie.



Submitted by Katie Goodwin

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



Photo by Teresa Kasner

Introducing New Board Member: Flora Huber!

Flora is the mother of five sons and has nine grandchildren. She loves family gatherings and enjoys skiing and hiking with her family. She has lived in Damascus for 45 years and was born in Portland.

Flora is a member of the Quinault Indian Nation, a descendent of 5 tribes & French & English pioneers.

She is a retired RN. A Mazama member for 53 years, she has climbed over 30 mountains and leads hikes for the Mazamas, her ski club and Friends of the Gorge. She belongs to a ski club and enjoys cross country and downhill skiing.

Flora is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is currently serving as a deacon and has served as an elder in the past. She loves to travel. She has a dog named Macaroni who loves the snow and to hike with her.

FOMF Bus Tour - May 12th

by Dee Conrad

We were so fortunate to have Bus Gibson lead a wonderfully informative and fun trip up the Columbia Gorge. Thanks to our FOMF Board of Directors the cost was only \$10.00 each and the day was well worth it. Bus shared a vast amount of knowledge with us: from the geology of the Gorge to the effects of the Ice Age, the flooding and loss of historic Native American lands and lifestyle resulting from the construction of the Bonneville Dam, (which thanks to the skill of Karen, our bus driver, we were able to drive out to the historic fisheries and the pulp mill in the Dodson area, & Moffett Creek Bridge. In Cascade Locks we viewed the potential site of the gambling casino and the historic homes in the city park area.

By eating our lunch on the bus we were able to go to Starvation Creek, Viento State Park, Hood River, Historic Mosier, The Dalles and even were able to stop at the top of the Rowena Loops and view the majestic gorge, beautiful wildflowers, and the wonder of the engineering of the Historic Columbia River Highway at its finest. We crossed The Dalles Bridge to the Washington State side and proceeded to Horsethief Lake State Park where we were able to see the Historic Native American petroglyphs that have been saved from the cliff walls that were covered by the flooding waters created by the Bonneville Dam.



Photo by Teresa Kasner

As you can tell this was a wonderful trip for all that were able to attend thanks to the incredible knowledge of our tour guide Bus Gibson and to the assistance of Flora Huber who was able to add a lot to the trip.

Thanks to all that attended & to the FOMF board for making this trip possible.

NOTE: The Coho Salmon fry are now swimming in Multnomah Creek.



Photo by Teresa Kasner

US FOREST SERVICE UPDATE - By Aaron Pedersen

We have been working for the last six months on some exciting new improvements for the Information Center and plaza area surrounding Multnomah Falls. These improvements include exhibits and displays on Native American history, Salmon life cycle, wildflowers, Missoula Floods, Basalt lava flows, a center kiosk and several others. I have written a \$140,000.00 dollar grant that was submitted to Spirit Mountain Community Fund. The potential we have of being funded is still looking good, yet we are anxiously awaiting the tribe's decision that is scheduled to come by the end of this month. The project has been running smoothly and on time despite some frustrations I experienced trying to upload our grant submission via Grand Ronde's online website.

That is, until Friday June 1st. PPI Exhibits and Displays is the company we chose to work with on this project. I received word that PPI was in receivership and that the company is no more. This has been a major set back for us and has left me scrambling to turn this bad situation around. We have already paid out \$8,000 dollars for the down payment on our center kiosk. At this point it is unclear what if any of this money we will get back. I am working closely with the former Interpretive Manager from PPI who has since landed a position with a new company called Stubs from Salt Lake City, Utah. It appears at this point we will be able to take the detail drawings and design of this kiosk as well as some physical materials that were started or gathered for this project. We are making every effort to turn this situation around and pick up where PPI left off. I have also contacted two other local companies for bids on our projects and have appointments to meet with them. More details are coming out every day and I will do my best to keep all you informed of them as they are made known to me.

Are We Ready For The Summer? By Beth Rode, USFS

You bet! The Forest Service summer staffing is looking remarkably better than originally anticipated, thanks to some crafty budget arranging and well, some plain good luck. Here is who will be on board with us:

Cindy Hernandez will be starting on June 10th. She lives in Parkdale, OR and just graduated from Hood River HS. She is extremely enthusiastic and is looking for new challenges and experiences this summer. She has customer service experience, is bilingual (Spanish), and worked for the Mt. Hood National Forest in 2005 as part of a youth trail crew.

Armando Gutierrez will start on June 18th. He lives in Hood River, OR and is just finishing his first year at Oregon State University. He also has customer service experience and worked on a Forest Service youth crew in 2004 in the Columbia Gorge, so he is familiar with some of our trails. He is also bilingual (Spanish).

New this year! The Forest Service has traditionally hosted youth crews for the summer and their focus has been trail work. This year we will have a mini-youth crew dedicated to Multnomah Falls which will include 3 kids (still to be named) and a crew leader, Jeanne Hart. Jeanne is thrilled about this new opportunity and has experience working for the Forest Service, the Hood River School District and tons of experience in working with a landscaping company. Additionally, you may see Renee Kelly, our summer student at Skamania Lodge. She is excited about spending a day or so a week at the Falls for some cross-training.

Jayme Margolin is a volunteer with a master in geology who is interested in developing and presenting geology related interpretive programs. Please give a warm welcome to all these new folks!

Friends of Multnomah Falls Membership Form

☐ Yes, I would like to become a Member ☐ Renewing Member

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

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CALENDAR

July 29th - Volunteer Picnic @ 5 pm
(See article on cover page)

August 25 & 26 - Art Festival

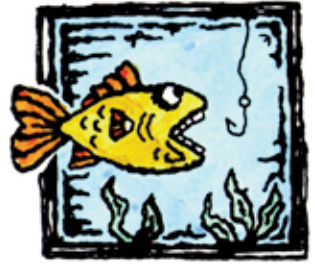
September 15 & 16 - Art Festival

NOTE: The Art Festival will focus on Artists of the Gorge and be held in open-air booths in the plaza at the Falls. Don't miss it!

WISH LIST!

The Friends need a DVD player for the display above the topo map in the Visitor's Center - do you have one you might donate? Let Ron know!

FISHING FOR RECRUITS

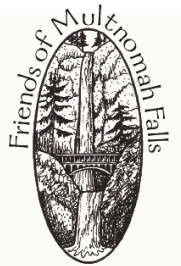


The Friends of Multnomah Falls were the featured booth at the Hood River Saturday Market on June 9, 2007. It was a windy, wet day but a perfect day for fishing and recruiting volunteers. All visitors were welcomed with brochures, maps, and told of the benefits of volunteering at the Visitor Center. Two people signed up for training. The highlight of the booth was Aaron's fishing pond for the children. If they could answer a simple science question, they got a fishing pole to try their luck at catching a fish (a small Smokey the Bear gift). Sara Patterson, the Market Representative, was so impressed with our booth that we were invited to come back again! Thanks to Aaron and the following volunteers of the day: Billie Anger, Sharon Quade, Katie and Ron Goodwin. Please contact any Board Member if you would like to go "fishing" for volunteers at our next recruiting venture.

Sharon "Shari" Quade

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