

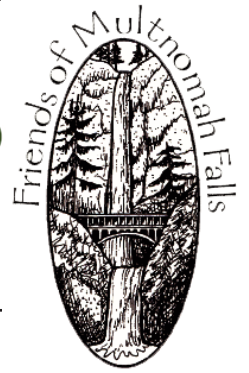
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# Focus on the Falls

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## JOIN US FOR THE FOMF ANNUAL INTERPRETIVE VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOP

March 18, 2017 - 9:00 am to 1:15 pm  
Clear Creek Church  
4100 SE 182nd Ave  
Gresham, Oregon 97030

### AGENDA

- 9:00 - 9:20 - Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:20 - 9:30 - Welcome - Carl Collins, FOMF President  
Bus Tour info - Make Reservations & Pay Now  
Membership Drive - Renew now!
- 9:30 - 10:15 - Guest Speaker, Laura Foster, Author  
of "Columbia Gorge Getaways"
- 10:15 - 10:30 - Break
- 10:30 - 11:15 - Guest Speaker, Scott Cook, author of  
"Curious Gorge"
- 11:15 - 11:30 - Break & light snack
- 11:30 - 12:15 - US Forest Service - Matt Ramich
- 12:15 - 1:00: Training Updates, Issues & Q&A
- 1:00 - 1:15 The Bus Tour & Final Announcements

Note: Both Authors will have their books for sale.

## FOMF BUS TOUR ITINERARY

May 6, 2017

- 8:45 AM Load the Bus
- 9:00 AM Bus leave Outlet Mall Parking lot
- 9:45 AM Arrive at Ft Vancouver  
Tour Ft. Vancouver and also visit the Confluence Project and  
the Vancouver Land Bridge dedicated Aug. 2008
- 11:45 AM Lunch - Restaurant TBD
- 1:00 Leave for Troutdale's Historical Society's  
three museums, Harlow House Built in 1900, Barn Exhibit  
Hall Rail Depot Museum and Caboose at Depot Park
- 2:50 pm Load bus and head back to parking lot



2016 Volunteer of the Year - Terry Hill  
Photo courtesy of Teresa Kasner

# FOCUS ON THE FALLS

## Friends of Multnomah Falls SPRING Issue 2017

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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

Let's start this Spring Issue with a big "Happy 2017!!" Boy, oh boy, the weather has truly been quite something. We have had a slew of rain/snow mixture, snow, back to rain, then freezing rain and ice. It just never seems to end. Hopefully by the time this issue is published, we will have gotten somewhat out of these cold, wintery days and broken into a sunny period of weather.

Talking about this weather, I have to mention the trail closure of the section going from the upper plaza, to Benson Bridge, and beyond. Not only have snowy/icy conditions up to the Benson Bridge made this section of trail very hazardous for hiking safely without traction devices on your shoes, but past Shady Creek bridge several snow drifts have covered the trail. Has this or the gate being closed past the upper plaza stopped the flow of people to Benson Bridge? Pictures and comments say with a resounding, no, this has not stopped people. Going back to the area where snow drifts have covered the trail, people have made a one way footpath to access the bridge. Certain days, this footpath has become very icy and is placed next to the edge. If anyone were to fall, they have a good chance of going over that edge and tumbling down for quite a ways. This hasn't happened and for the people going up to the bridge, this might not even be a thought that crosses their mind. For the people I have ushered out the closed area, I have let them know it takes about six rescue personnel to bring one person out of danger. That puts six other people at risk. Some visitors understand this comment, others just shrug it off.

I am sad to say that Carlos, our go-to guy for the lodge, an employee that has been working at the Falls for around 10 years, and hard worker, has accepted another position closer to home. His last day was January 16, 2017.

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## FOMF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Carl Collins

As the new President, I look forward to serving with so many great volunteers. I taught science at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, where I spent many years bringing students from the east Multnomah County area on field trips through the Gorge and fell in love with its geology, history and beauty. After retiring, joining FOMF in 2004 seemed like a natural extension of my connection with The Gorge. I took 3 years "off" in 2006 to live and teach in Taiwan but immediately joined FOMF again when I returned to the USA, signing up my wife, Kathy, as volunteers. We never tire of our volunteer days spent meeting people from all over the world and helping visitors find the "right hike" or the best place to explore.

This period of time could be called "The calm before the storm". Usually, the months of January, February and early March have less visitors than the hectic late spring and summer months. This year may be different. Visitor counts continue to be up over previous years but it is the nice weather that has made visiting more appealing.



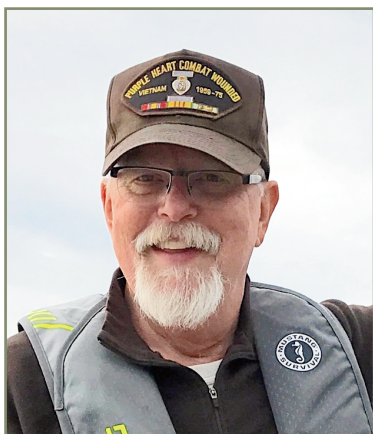
Carl Collins

Some may want to come to see the beauty of winter at the various falls but we must brave challenging driving conditions to staff the visitors center. Our many volunteers continue to be dedicated yet wise as to when they need to be on duty due to travel conditions.

Our volunteers will be attending the Annual Interpretive Training Workshop on March 18th at Clear Creek Church in Gresham. Both Scott Cook, author of "Curious Gorge" and Laura Foster, author of "Columbia Gorge Getaways" will be our featured speakers. Volunteers will be treated to lots of information that can be shared with visitors year round.

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## WELCOMING a NEW BOARD MEMBER



Dayle Kasner was elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting held in Nov. 2016 and was also elected as the new Treasurer for FOMF.

Dayle was born and raised in Portland, Oregon and graduated from Centennial High School in 1965. He flew a helicopter in the Army during the Vietnam War and was shot in leg while flying a mission in 1968.

He married his high school sweetheart, Teresa, in 1970 while working for Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. in Lafayette, LA. They have 3 kids and 6 grandchildren.

Dayle continued his career in transportation by becoming a Railroad Engineer for Southern Pacific RR in 1979. He served as Secretary/ Treasurer for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for 25 years.

He volunteers in the Visitors Center as a substitute with his wife, assists at all the events for FOMF and is looking forward to helping FOMF move forward as the Treasurer.

## IN MEMORIAM

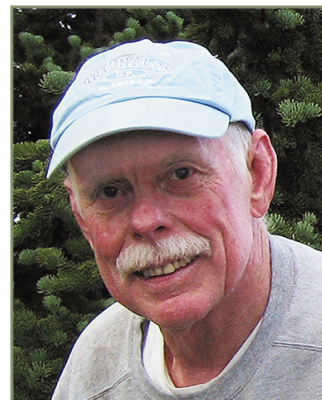


Elda Slack began volunteering at the Falls in 1998 and was faithful in the Visitor Center every Tuesday.

She was an active part of the Garden crew that kept the front flower beds up for years in front of the lodge.

Elda always paid her yearly membership and attended all of the FOMF events held during the year, the annual meeting, the bus tour and volunteer training workshop.

## IN MEMORIAM



October 10, 1941 – November 11, 2016

Haldane Ared White was a fourth-generation Portlander with a lifelong love of the outdoors. His heart and soul thrived on the trails of the Pacific Northwest

Hal called 911 during a heart attack while hiking at Catherine Creek in southwest Washington. He died where he was born, Legacy Emmanuel Hospital.

He began hiking in the Columbia Gorge in the 1980s and over the years became a trail expert, leading hikes for the Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Friends of Multnomah Falls, and others. He had a fine photographic eye and enjoyed documenting wildflowers. He completed a month-long camping and hiking trip to Oregon's Willowa and Steen mountains just two months before his death.

A tireless volunteer, Hal began in 1999 at the Multnomah Falls information desk and on their trails. He served on the Friends of Multnomah Falls board and was named their 2009 Volunteer of the Year. At Leach Botanical Gardens, he worked on garden and path maintenance. Hal was on the team that renovated the Tsuru Island Japanese Garden and bridge in 2013-2015. He volunteered for 17 years for the Friends of the Columbia Gorge doing trail work and as a hike leader.

## 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 box to select your level of membership:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Supporting | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Benefactor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Contributing |   |   |

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

(Cont. from page 2 - Matt Ramich) I am glad to have worked with him for these past three years I have worked at the Falls. Carlos will be missed and I hope for the best in his future endeavors.

I would like to lastly mention with all this extreme weather we have been having that everyone has done a great job communicating whether or not they will be coming out to the Falls. Thank you all for doing this!! That's about it!! Keep up the good work and may Multnomah Falls keep spirits high as well as inspire our visitors.

(Cont. from page 2 - Carl Collins) The annual bus trip is being planned for May so details for that event will be discussed at the January board meeting.

Also, I will be meeting with the Forest Service and other people in the next few weeks to begin an earnest discussion about making some upgrades to the visitors center. It is time to put some ideas on paper, contact the appropriate people and then put an action plan into place. I will be scheduling these meetings within the months of January and February. Please contact me if you have suggestions.

I am looking forward to a great 2017 with all of the dedicated FOMF volunteers and am looking forward to all the interesting people who will be coming through our doors!

## WELCOME TO NEW VOLUNTEERS

**Wayne Hodgin** lives in Camas, Washington.

He was a music teacher for 40 years in Visalia, California and is a life member of Toastmasters International.

He enjoys biking, hiking, traveling, camping, photography and kayaking. Wayne has been married for 56 years, they have 3 kids and 4 grandkids.



**Herbert D. Mohn** lives in Gresham, Oregon

Herbert is a returning volunteer and was a volunteer from 1993 to 1996. He is able to volunteer during the fall and winter months.

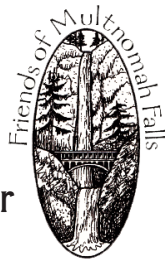
During the other months when Herbert isn't able to volunteer, he is in Montana working the family farm.

## FOMF VOLUNTEER RECRUITER - Chris Meinicke

Anyone showing interest in becoming a volunteer should contact Chris Meinicke at [chris.meinicke@frontier.com](mailto: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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