

FOCUS on the FALLS



Winter 2007 Issue

Training & Refresher Course for Volunteers

Saturday, March 10, 2007
Highland Community Church
4100 SE 182nd (1 block N of Powell)
Registration is at 9:30 am

Morning Events 10 am to Noon
Noon-1 pm - Lunch provided (\$2 each)
Afternoon Events 1 pm to 3 pm

Jeanette Kloos will be our speaker (our volunteer who recently retired from ODOT). There will be reviews on a variety of issues, a video about Sam Hill and the Historic Highway. A question and answer session will be held during the session. Virginia will be calling to remind you about the meeting. Invite a friend that might be interested in becoming a volunteer!

Volunteer of the Year!

I feel honored to have been selected as the FOMF Volunteer of the Year.



Photo by Ron Goodwin

When I realized that none of our members had the time to fully serve the coordinator role, my goal was to re-organize staffing to insure that we maximize coverage and do the best we can as volunteers. I hope the change will enable all of us to share in the duties and to make us as efficient and effective as possible.

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Website Address Change!

By Teresa Kasner, Website Administrator

We have changed servers for the FOMF which will save us a lot of money - SO, please bookmark the new address when you visit our website:

<http://friendsofmultnomahfalls.org>
The old URL was "multnomahfallsfriends.org"

Click on "VOLUNTEERS" to see our FOMF President, Billie Anger as the "2006 Volunteer of the Year" and check out all the volunteers receiving the rest of the awards given out at the Annual Meeting (you might find your name there!). You can also access the "Highlights" of the Friends since the inception of the group by clicking on "PROJECTS". There is a new addition to our site - check out "LINKS" where you'll find all our "Partners and Friends in the Gorge"! If you have any ideas, photos or suggestions for the website, please email me at Teresa@ByTeresa.com

<http://friendsofmultnomahfalls.org>

Friends of Multnomah Falls Columbia River Gorge Bus Tour

May 19 - 9 am to 3 pm
\$10 per person

Please pre-pay by May 1st to reserve your space on the tour.

Send a check to:
FOMF, PO Box 426
Troutdale, Oregon 97060

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Our Mission Statement:

*"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."*

In Memorium - Bob Kreifels

For years Bob Kreifels enjoyed bringing friends and family to the Falls, and in 2003 began volunteering with FOMF. He was an enthusiastic interpretive center volunteer and accepted a position as co-volunteer coordinator in October, 2004, joining the Board of Directors at that time. When the U.S. Forest Service cut back the number of rangers to one, Bob stepped in as volunteer on-site ranger one day a week in order to help keep the Visitors Center at Multnomah Falls open every day all winter. In addition to staffing the visitor's center, his other contributions to FOMF were numerous. A few examples are:

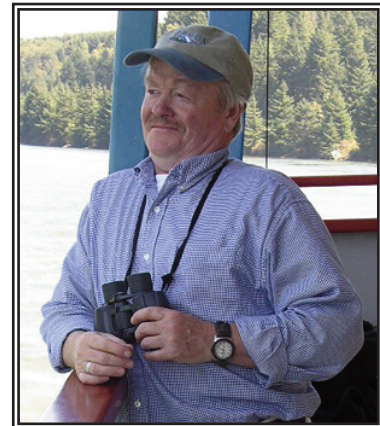


Photo by Keith Walker

- ❖ Bob was instrumental in recruiting many new volunteers.
- ❖ He kept track of volunteer hours for reporting at the end of the fiscal year, and mailed out the NW Forest passes.
- ❖ Bob helped with upkeep of native plant displays around the Lodge.
- ❖ He volunteered his time for Father's Day weekend events.
- ❖ Bob helped organize the Annual Training.

Bob passed away in December 4, 2006 after a long battle with cancer. His big smile, his warm, friendly manner and positive attitude will be greatly missed by all his Friends at Multnomah Falls.

Submitted by Aileen Ashley, Board Member

Volunteer of the Year - (Continued from cover page)

Learn as much as possible about the Columbia Gorge

I became a member to teach people about the many interesting places in the Columbia Gorge and to emphasize our common human connection to one another. The Friends of Multnomah Falls make a tremendous contribution to the success of the Falls as a tourist attraction by teaching people about the Falls and the area around it.

Accentuate the Positive

Focus on what you know to tell people about the Falls, and use your innate friendliness and interest in people to make a connection with the tourists who come to the Falls. Much of accentuating the positive is building on your own interests and knowledge, and your interest in people. Learn something new every day, either from the visitors you meet or from the abundant information in our Nature Center.

I wish to thank all of you who have given so generously of your time and money during the years.

Billie Anger, President FOMF

NOTE: At the end of March the Ospreys return from southern Mexico.



US FOREST SERVICE UPDATE - By Aaron Pedersen

Hello everyone, This summer we will be facing some new challenges here at Multnomah Falls due to another round of Forest Service budget cuts. The main impact in the Gorge will be a lack of boots on the ground. Between Multnomah Falls, Skamania Lodge and the Discovery Center last year we had 5 summer seasonal positions. This year we will be sharing 2 individuals between these three locations. There are numerous other positions in recreation that have been unfunded as well. This will spread the remaining resources very thin. As I reflect upon our current situation, I am reminded of the hard work you all do. Please know that your dedication as a volunteer organization is greatly appreciated. We would be unable to continue the high quality of service at Multnomah Falls without your efforts. It will be essential for the FS to create and foster partnerships such as ours to get us through these difficult times.

Photo by Teresa Kasner

Welcome to Multnomah Falls By Ron Goodwin



Sign Photo by Ron Goodwin

The second of five signs placed on site in 2006 to be highlighted is the Welcoming one at the location of the old sign at the south edge of the plaza before you start up toward the falls. The heading reads "Our nation's second HIGHEST year round waterfall". On the left is the copy of our Hiking Loop Map which is handed out in the visitor center and site regulations. To the right are the historic photos of the log bridge across where the present day Benson Bridge is located and of the Lodge when it was dedicated in 1925. In the center is a description of the site.



Perk up the Plaza Planters

Come join in for a morning of gardening Thursday, April 12th from 9:30 am - 12 noon. After their long winter nap our wanted plants need to be rescued from the weeds that did not nap! A snack will be provided so we have an excuse to stop to discover if we can still reach an upright position after all that bending over. On Thursday, May 10th we will do a quick re-weed, spread bark dust, put plants in the gift shop beds and any other planting that we decide to attempt. We have a pretty good selection of tools and plenty of buckets. You do need to provide your own gloves and certainly bring your favorite weeding tool if you would like. Contact Katie Goodwin to confirm or for further info: 503-761-4751



Native Wildflower - Columbia Tiger Lily by Teresa Kasner.

Friends of Multnomah Falls Membership Form

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

FOMF is a 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: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

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acknowledge these thoughtful gifts:**

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Did you know that you can
honor a special person with
a tax-deductible gift to
FOMF? Your gift will help
fund the mission of the
Friends of Multnomah Falls.

**Volunteer
Honored**

Congratulations to GARETH WILSON on receiving a Presidential Certificate for volunteering 5,015 hours with OMSI. Gareth has been a very loyal and reliable volunteer for FOMF. He also served on our board as well as on several committees. Gareth and his wife, DeAnn, spent August and September volunteering 40 hour weeks at Chaco Culture National Historic Park in New Mexico. They spent 5 months reading and studying about the area. Now that's dedication!

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