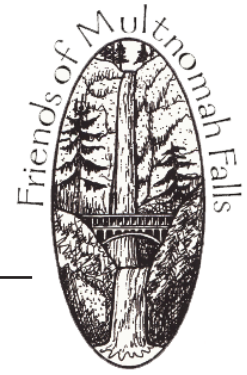


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Join Us for the FOMF Annual Meeting

FOMF Annual Meeting
Monday, November 10th
Multnomah Falls Lodge
Refreshments at 5 pm
Meeting at 6 pm



Photo by Teresa Kasner

FOMF Members and Volunteers are invited to attend the Annual Meeting at the beautiful and historic Lodge. Find out what is new with the organization and which volunteers will be honored. Members will vote on the new slate of officers & bylaw changes. Multnomah Falls Lodge Co. will generously offer delicious refreshments for those attending the meeting who arrive early.

FOMF Picnic on JULY 27th, 2008 at Latourell Falls



The Volunteers & Board Members pose in front of the Picnic Shelter at Guy Talbot State Park during the FOMF Annual Picnic

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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."

MULTNOMAH FALLS USFS REPORT

By Aaron Pederson

It seems like just last week we were making preparations for the busy summer months to come. I once again find myself bewildered as Labor Day, our yearly milestone, along with September coming to a close marks the passing of our busy season.

This summer posed many unique challenges for us and I believe we have risen to meet them all. For the first time ever the National Scenic Area managers identified interpretation as our number one priority in the Gorge. With this in mind, we at Multnomah Falls received an army of nine Forest Service employees ready to tackle the task. In the past we have had as few as one and as many as four employees stationed here at the Falls to meet, greet and teach the public about the wonders of the area.

I appreciate the patience and understanding you all put forth as I know it was necessary for everyone to make adjustments to accommodate so many new bodies in our tiny little nest. I believe we did a great job as our new fledglings gained confidence, led numerous programs on their own and have now gone south for school this winter. At this point, none of our seasonal staff from this year have committed to coming back next summer. We will have to wait and see if anyone returns, we hope so!

I would like to once again thank each of you for your continued volunteer commitment and membership with the Friends of Multnomah Falls. Your individual efforts are what enable us to continue to exceed all expectations and what truly made this summer another great success!



EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space limitations in this issue, Part 2 of Sam Oakland's story will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

THE SALMON ARE RETURNING

By Ron Goodwin



This appears to be the year of the Chinook and Sockeye salmon in the Columbia River system with large numbers passing us as they return to their home streams in Idaho. The ocean conditions made a significant difference in their return.

The 2008 numbers of the Coho salmon are not so big as they return to Eagle Creek to sustain their hatchery programs. We still have the late run of wild Coho in Multnomah Creek. This run in late October into early November is about the latest of any except for along the coast.

Coho, like other salmon, die soon after spawning with their flesh providing nutrients for the aquatic plants and insect life in the stream. This then helps sustain the fry next Spring as the cold clear water otherwise would have little food for them. Come by and see the Coho in Multnomah Creek.

A NOTE OF FAREWELL FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends of Multnomah Falls,

I mark the end of four years as your President. These four years have offered challenges and rewards. Together we have continued a proud and distinguished tradition of serving the US Forest Service and its mission at Multnomah Falls.

The main reason I am stepping down after four years is it is important to rotate leadership of any volunteer organization to ensure there is positive change and evolution. One change (and not very difficult) I have presided over is the transition from a single scheduler to seven daily schedulers, thus distributing the responsibility and work.

The Board continues to serve its role to oversee the FOMF efforts. I encourage more of you who have not been on the Board to volunteer your services for those monthly meetings. The strength of any organization is a combination of continuity and turnover leading to new ideas without forgetting old ideas that didn't work.

Aaron Pederson has been the leader of the Forest Service for us during my tenure. He is an outstanding representative of the Forest Service and has made our job as volunteers very easy over that time. The physical changes in the information center are due solely to his continued effort and perseverance. Sadly, one attempt that was not successful during my tenure was to support an increase in his salary to recognize his level of responsibility and effort in overseeing Multnomah Falls. Bureaucracies are difficult to move.

The Friends are a strong group of contributors. You are positive in interactions with the public and serve the Forest Service and the public well. People respond very positively to all of our Friends. I am proud to have served you.

Thank you,
Billie F. Anger

Remembering Volunteer Al Hewitt

Retired NE Portland resident and children's dentist Al Hewitt passed away on June 12th of this year. He and his wife Lorna became volunteers after talking with Ron and Katie in 2005 while hiking in the Gorge. They started volunteering together two times a month on Monday mornings in 2005. Al was a member of the Friends of the Columbia Gorge. His love of the Northwest forests and mountains were unending, and he particularly loved the Gorge that he felt was the most beautiful place in the world.

His first love were the native children who often were very poor, but very rich in standards and values. He had deep compassion for the disadvantaged, it gave him great satisfaction to make a difference to them through health care.

By Ron Goodwin



Friends of Multnomah Falls Membership Form

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime |
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Goodbye to another LOYAL FRIEND

Our LOYAL FRIEND and VOLUNTEER LAURA FOSTER passed away on July 15, 2008. Laura was a resident of CASCADE LOCKS and volunteered every Friday morning. Due to a series of illnesses she was unable to volunteer the last couple of years but I told her we would keep her spot for her on Fridays.



Laura was also a good cook and kept the Friday crew in delicious baked goods. Most of you do not remember when we had several policemen on duty in our area and on Fridays the information center became the "Dunkin Doughnuts" of the Gorge.

Laura was always an upbeat loving person and will be greatly missed by THE FRIENDS as well as her family!

By Maxine Wilkins

Nominations for Elections For November Annual Meeting

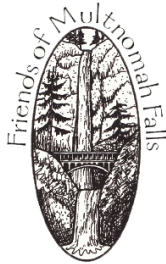
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expire on Dec 31st!**