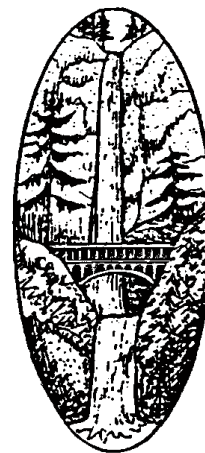


FOCUS on the FALLS



Fall 2006 Issue

SOME INNOVATIVE NEW CHANGES

By Billie Anger, President, Friends of Multnomah Falls

Aileen Ashley has volunteered her time as Volunteer Coordinator for the past two years. The time has come for her to depart from the duties of coordinator and enjoy a "regular" volunteer position for FOMF. We appreciate the time she has given to the Friends. We also thank Bob Kreifels for his time and work as Assistant Volunteer Coordinator.

No one stepped forward to take the job of volunteer coordinator, so a system has been put in place that is divided among Board Members. The plan is to share the responsibility. Volunteers will encounter only a few changes.

The main change is that the bulk of the scheduling will be carried out by seven Day Schedulers. If you attended the annual picnic you were asked to fill out a 3 by 5 card which asked you for preferences in days and times you would like to volunteer. If you have not filled out a card, please ask for one to be sent to you. Henceforth, you will be contacted by a designated Day Scheduler. It is the Day Scheduler's judgment on who should work considering availability, number of times recently worked, whether experienced or new, seasonal, etc. The Day Schedulers are:

Sunday	Roger Buss	503-407-9856	Thursday	Al & Trudi Kempin	503-761-3705
Monday	Ron & Katie Goodwin	503-761-4751	Friday	Maxine Wilkins	503-252-8248
Tuesday	Keith Walker	503-665-7307	Saturday	Flora Huber	503-658-5710
Wednesday	Ben Thompson	503-256-2734			

If you have not been called this month by a Day Scheduler for September, please call the appropriate person to be placed on their list. For those who have been on leave and indicated that you would call us when you are ready to return, you certainly will be welcomed when you are ready.

Monthly Procedure - The procedure will be that I retrieve from each Day Scheduler the work shifts for the coming month, either by email or telephone (Billie Anger b.anger@comcast.net or 503-635-2199). Realistically, by the last week of each month, the schedule for the coming month should be in place. A master calendar should be ready for the Forest Service to post by the 28th of each month. If you cancel, call the Day Scheduler to find a replacement. If they are not available, please call Billie.

The Day Scheduler will attempt to find a substitute. If no one is available, the Forest Service will be notified of the immediate vacancy. It is not expected that the Day Scheduler will fill the vacancy. If you as a volunteer will call as soon as you know you cannot fulfill your time commitment, it will be easier for that vacancy to be filled. If you can substitute at the last minute, please let the Day Schedulers know.

Other Coordinators - Virginia Gehrke is the Social Coordinator and will keep you informed of upcoming events. Dee Conrad is our Training Coordinator. Teresa Kasner is the Editor the "Focus on the Falls Newsletter" and the FOMF Website. Maxine Wilkins is in charge of publicity and recruitment. Aileen Ashley and Ben Thompson will continue to serve as the on-site manager when the USFS is not scheduled for duty. If you have any questions please contact Billie.

FOCUS on the FALLS

Friends of Multnomah Falls

Fall Issue 2006

<http://multnomahfallsfriends.org>

Newsletter Editor &
Website Administrator
Teresa Kasner

Board of Directors 2006

President
Billie Anger
Vice-President
Maxine Wilkins
Secretary
Katie Goodwin
Treasurer
Ron Goodwin

Board Members

Aileen Ashley
Roger Buss
Virginia Gehrke
Teresa Kasner
Bob Kreifels
Paul Nama
Sharon Quade
Ben Thompson
Hal White

Aaron Pedersen
(Ex-Officio USFS)
Beth Kirschhofer
(Ex-Officio CRGNSA)
Rick Buck (Ex-Officio)
Multnomah Falls Lodge Company



The Volunteers and Board of Directors enjoy a great picnic at Red Sunset Park. President Billie Anger welcomes everyone! Thanks goes to Linda Galligani for organizing the event and her husband for manning the BBQ!



What A Sport!

Hal "Skip" White is 65

You're invited to help him celebrate the big birthday.

Saturday, October 14
2 ~ 4 p.m.

Multnomah Falls Lodge
Doyle Room

Bring stories, photos, good wishes, and appreciations.

Please R.S.V.P. no later than
October 9 to (360) 341-2434
or sewhite@whidbey.com



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."

NOTE: The Coho will be arriving at the end of October and the first of November if you want to see them pairing off and spawning.

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:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Benefactor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Contributing | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Supporting | |

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

US FOREST SERVICE UPDATE - By Aaron Pedersen

Here at Multnomah Falls when Labor Day rolls around, we consider this to mark the end of the busy summer months. From this point on you can come out to enjoy the beauty Multnomah Falls has to offer minus all the crowds. It is the perfect time for those of you who enjoy viewing wildlife, observing the Falls swollen with recent rains and explore the trails as the forest starts to make the dramatic changes entering into autumn. It also initiates our shift to winter hours of operation here at the Forest Service Information Center which are 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Winter hours also means that school has started back up again. Todd was the first to leave back to California around August 21st. Danielle left a few weeks later. Danny took off for an adventure in Spain for a few weeks before she starts school. She left September 6th. Jarrod will be putting in another couple weeks of work as he is the last one to leave for school. Jarrod's last day the 23rd of September then he heads back for his final year at Portland State.

All of the kids have been a great asset to the programs and day to day operations here at the Falls. Due to the fact Jarrod will be starting on his new career path and that next year is the beginning of the big crunch in our budget here at the Falls, this may end up being the last summer Jarrod, Todd and Danielle are able to work with us. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this is not the situation.

We recently hosted our first annual "Celebrating Columbia Gorge Artist" event. We had a great turn out from local artisans interested in displaying their work. A wide variety of art was available for display. Everyone involved had nothing but good things to say about the event. It was very profitable for the individual artists involved. This in turn left the FOMF with a sizable donation of \$1,392 dollars. Each artist paid a \$25.00 entrance fee and donated 10% of total sales.



Digital Photos & Fire Memories By Ron Goodwin

DIGITAL CAMERAS AT THE FALLS - A visitor comes in the Visitor Center trying to describe a wildflower seen along the trail and they want to know what it is. They start out saying it is yellow with 4 petals on a long stem seen at the top of the falls. We then ask, do you have a picture and sure enough they do. Looking at the digital display we discover it is really pink with five petals and about 6" tall, a Filaree. Then in comes a man with a story about seeing a deer at the top by the viewing platform and sure enough he has a digital picture of a 3 point buck. Modern technology is great.

1991 FOREST FIRE - We have just passed the 15th anniversary of the Forest Fire that almost destroyed the Multnomah Falls Lodge on October 9, 1991. Most people know about the fire and for those who do not, one (in the front flower bed) of our five newly placed signs on site describes the fire. Oregonians were really lucky that there were so many firefighters available to fight this fire because of the strong east winds at the time. The fire started up on the trail above the falls and as the vegetation burned, it rolled downhill to start new fires and came to within about 10 feet of the propane tank at the west end of the Lodge. It then burned west to Bridal Veil and up over the top along the Devils Rest Trail.

Hiking in the area today shows how much growth has taken place since the fire. The first few years it was easy to see where the fire had been, especially up on the Devils Rest trail where it had burned on the one side and green on the other side of the trail. Now in the spring there are the equal amounts of wildflowers on each side of this trail. The canopy opened and more ground cover has come.

Not all of the trees were killed as fires tend to be spotty as they burn up a ridge and then skip over to another area. It is easy to tell where the wind whipped fire burned on the Douglas firs because the back side has burn marks up much higher than on the side from which the fire was approaching. It has taken all these years to get the black not rub off on clothing if you touch the tree.

One of the first things I noticed in the first years was that the wind dried moss burned and that helped burn the bottoms of the maple trees killing most of them. Walking up the Angels Rest trail at the first rock slide where the fire burned the moss and on top of the rocks, the sword ferns were the first to return. Farther up the trail are a lot of dead fir trees that give a ghost appearance in the winter and the views today toward the Columbia River are many compared with the pre-fire years.

One of the first invasive plants was the Herb Robert geranium (Stinky geranium) that covers the rock slide areas at Wahkeena Falls. Yes, it blooms all year and has a pretty little pink flower but it sure fills in on disturbed areas. It is easy to pull out (hint) and now some of the native plants are starting to return in that area including our native poison oak. The Wahkeena area was covered with 3 - 4 inches of moss which burned, leaving only rocks.

Look up from the Multnomah Falls parking lots and you will see many burned and dead trees as a reminder of the wildfire that could have been a real disaster. Be observant as you hike the Multnomah Falls - Wahkeena loop and any large trees with burn marks on the east side of Multnomah Creek are from 104 years ago and on the west side are from 15 years old.

Calendar



DON'T MISS THE FALL PROGRAM - SEE YOU THERE!

Duane Ray: Mazamas Past and Present
October 15, 2006 - 3 pm to 5 pm on Sunday
Doyle room- Multnomah Falls Lodge



**Coming soon:
Hike of the Month!!**

Elections for Board Members

The Nomination Committee will meet shortly and then submit names of volunteers to be voted in as board members for the coming two years. If you, or anyone you know, wishes to serve on the board, please contact any member of the Nomination Committee. They are: Aileen Ashley, Joanne & Dan Tennant, and Virginia Gehrke.

Board members serve a two-year term and need to be re-elected at the end of their term if they wish to serve again. Since the board members are elected in different years, they do not always come up for re-election at the same time.

All nominees will be voted on at the annual meeting in November. If anyone wishes to nominate a volunteer from the floor at the board meeting, they will first need to speak to that person to find out if they wish to serve on the board.

Joanne Tennant

FOCUS on the FALLS



Teresa Kasner, Editor
PO Box 426
Troutdale OR 97060

Please e-mail Ron Goodwin at ron.katie.pdx@juno.com if you want to receive future newsletters via e-mail to save the Friends printing and postage.

NOTE:
Now taking
memberships
for 2007!!