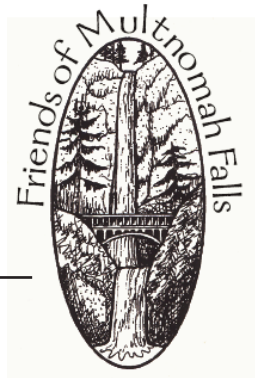


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Fall 2007 Issue

Please Join Us at the FOMF Annual Meeting!

Monday, November 12
Refreshments at 6:00 pm
Business Meeting at 7:00 pm

It's that time of year when we get together and share the happenings of the past year and elect the board members and officers for the coming year. The by-laws state that a nominating committee shall prepare a slate of officers and board candi-

dates prior to the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted during the meeting (prior consent needed). A proposed budget must be approved so we can continue operating. Contact Virginia at 503-663-9644 for more information.

But also it's time to recognize volunteers and their many accomplishments. We hope to see YOU there!



Board from left: Teresa Kasner, Maxine Wilkins, Shari Quade, Hal White, Ron & Katie Goodwin, Billie Anger, Aileen Ashley, Virginia Gehrke & Ben Thompson.

Rick Buck, Multnomah Falls Co. Donates to FOMF!

At the Friend's Summer Picnic the group was pleased and happy to learn that Rick Buck, President of Multnomah Falls Company, brought a check for \$1,000 to donate to the Friends of Multnomah Falls!

The donation will be used to pay for all the wonderful projects that the Friend's fund, such as maps, brochures, trail signage and helping with the new interpretive displays being built for the visitor center.

From left is FOMF Treasurer, Ron Goodwin, President, Billie Anger and Rick Buck.



Photos by Teresa Kasner

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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."*



The Mythical Pacific Giant Salamander

In the display case with the chipmunk in the Visitor Center is a replica of a Pacific Giant Salamander which catches some people's attention. "Is that the real size of this salamander"? Yes, they do grow to be 14 inches long as the largest land salamander in North America. Its coloration of brown, gray or purplish with marbled blotches allows it to hide under rocks, logs and mosses which means few are ever seen. Most of the time it lives underground and only comes out when it rains or at night. I have only seen two adults and twenty immature ones in many years on the trail. The latter were in a pond near the North Sister.

The Pacific Giant Salamander's life expectancy is about twenty-five years and it is only found west of the Cascades from Santa Cruz to S.W. British Columbia in or near cold clear streams. Their first three to four years are spent underwater eating small insects and fish. At this stage they have gills which are outside the body behind the eyes. At about six years they breed and the female lays about one hundred eggs which she protects until they hatch in six months.

The adult's diet consists of small fish, other salamanders, small rodents and I have seen one eating a large banana slug. People have reported hearing a small "bark" when one is frightened and it is the only salamander in our area with a true voice. It is also the only one that is known to bite and its strong jaws can draw blood.

Once in a while someone will report seeing one at Multnomah Falls or one of the other streams in the area. Their habitat is limited as they do not tolerate silty water from logging, road building or other development along small streams.

Submitted by Ron Goodwin

NOTE: The osprey have left for Mexico and the native Coho salmon will return to Multnomah Creek at the end of October to spawn.



Photo by Teresa Kasner

US FOREST SERVICE UPDATE - By Aaron Pedersen

Dear Friends - Thank you all so much for the invaluable efforts you each contributed. It is truly our volunteers that make the difference. Without you, the programs and services currently available to the public would not be possible. You helped to make the past 4 months a great success.

In July we received word from Spirit Mountain Community Fund that our grant for \$50,000 dollar challenge grant was awarded. I was happy to have been awarded the grant, yet surprised because my original request was for \$140,000 dollars. Being funded at the lesser amount meant I would again have to seek funding from additional outside sources.

To make a long story short! A check for \$50,000 dollars was recently deposited into the FOMF bank account from Grand Ronde's Tribal Council. These funds will be used to meet the challenge grant Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded to us. By the time you are reading this newsletter we should have a total of \$100,000! Big changes are coming for the Information Center and area surrounding Multnomah Falls this winter.

Those of you who have been volunteering lately have noticed the woodwork for the center kiosk has arrived and has become part of the Information Center. The panels that will contain the printed information will be installed soon.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas regarding any of the future projects please contact me directly with them. I would love to incorporate everyone's ideas and vision if possible to achieve the best overall impact possible. It may be another 15 years before the next remodel.

Those of you working lately also noticed that we have been without a Ranger for almost a month. I was off fighting fire in Idaho as part of a twenty man fire crew. As you may have guessed I returned home safely. I greatly appreciate you all picking up the extra slack in my absence and apologize for the added headache.

FOMF Nominating Committee Results - 2008 Elections

The nominating committee is composed of Aileen Ashley - Chairperson, Virginia Gehrke, Sharon Quade and Roger Buss. The slate of officers and board of director candidates for 2008 are as follows:

Officers (1 year terms) and Board Nominees:

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

Ron Goodwin
Jim Jensen
Teresa Kasner
Joanne Tennant
Dan Tennant
Ben Thompson
Hal White

Board Members (2 year terms)
Katie Goodwin (continued)

Board Members Serving
2nd Year of Term:
Billie Anger
Aileen Ashley
Flora Huber
Sharon Quade
Maxine Wilkins

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:

☐ \$15 Individual
☐ \$20 Family
☐ \$50 Contributing

☐ \$100 Supporting
☐ \$250 Sustaining

☐ \$500 Benefactor
☐ \$1000 Lifetime

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

FOMF Board and Volunteers Enjoy Summer Picnic!



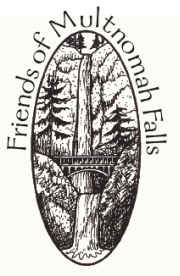
SAVE THE DATE - JULY 27th, 2008 - FOMF PICNIC TO BE HELD IN THE GORGE!

The picnic will be moving to Guy Talbot State Park located in the village of Latourell west of Multnomah Falls . More details later, but save the date!

Above is a photo from the picnic in July - lots of hotdogs, burgers and fun! Left, Aaron Pederson receives a gift of appreciation at the Summer Picnic!

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

**NOTE: Now Accepting
2008 Memberships!!**