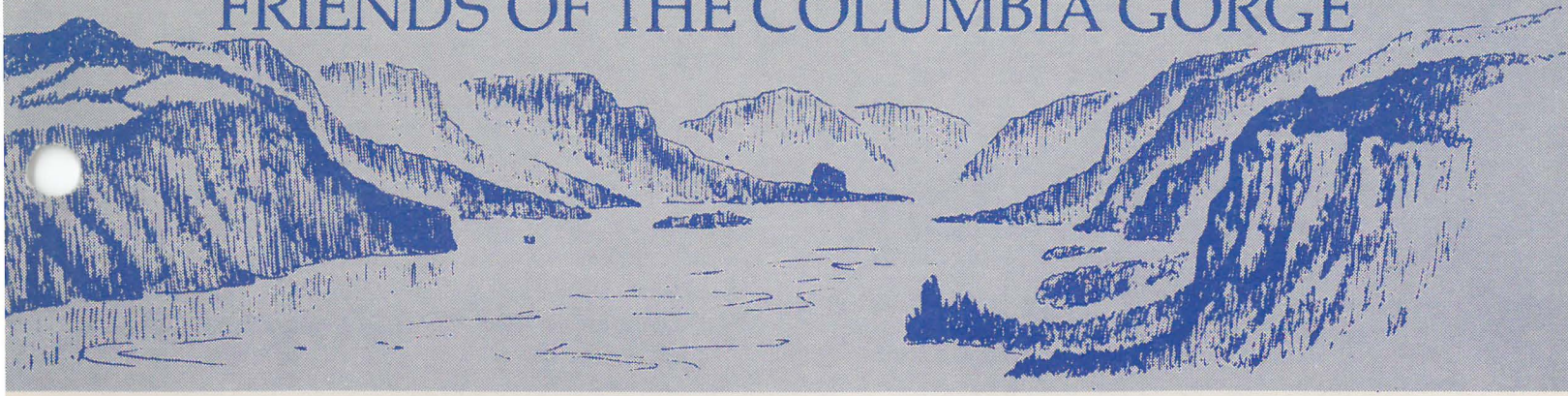


FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE



SPRING 1987

The following letters from two senior members of the Friends seem to encapsulate enduring interest and commitment to the preservation of the Gorge (Sarge Goodwin) plus the vision, humor and high-energy level of a recently honored volunteer (Elva Michael). These qualities, alive and abundant for over 80 years, typify Columbia Gorge preservation advocates throughout the world.

March 5, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I am a peer of yours, having been born in the same decade as you although slightly on the sunnier side. I am wistfully hoping that our viewpoints may coincide because of memories of times past when there weren't quite so many people to despoil our natural environment.

It has been my lot, but not misfortune, to be immobile for the past four months with a broken kneecap. The good fortune is that I have had lots of time to think, evaluate, and digest.

Now I would like to discuss something with you. When you were a senior at Dixon (Illinois) High School, I was a freshman at Washington High in Portland, Oregon. I used to spend my summery afternoons on the beach of the Columbia River at Rooster Rock, probably at the same time you were swimming in Rock River, somewhere between Dixon and Oregon, Illinois. Wouldn't it have been nice if our country could have stayed as unspoiled as it was in those days?

What I've been thinking about mostly is saving the remarkable and beautiful environment of the Columbia River Gorge. There is a great deal of talk currently about the amounts of money you want to spend, or invest, for defense. I think invest is the better word. If we are going to invest huge sums to

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October 20, 1986

Friends of The Columbia Gorge:

Let me tell you briefly about myself and the Columbia Gorge for I doubt there are many on your staff or members of the Association who were born when I made my first trip and it is history today.

I was just a kid reporter on *The Morning Oregonian* when Sam Lancaster, the famous engineer, told the City Editor that he had organized a party to take a first hand view of the Gorge. (1913)

The City Editor assigned me to the trip and what a

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Two students from Dick Shoemaker's Catlin Gabel class enjoy spring break in the plaza at Multnomah Falls.

Photograph by Ted Dignan

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defend this country, we first have to save something to defend. It appears to me that our culture and environment are deteriorating faster than improving. We need something to save besides asphalt and fast-food emporiums, even though the old Columbia River Scenic Highway was one of the first asphalt thoroughfares in America.

Presently, there are four bills in Congress aimed at protecting the natural beauty and resources of the Gorge. In my opinion, the bill which affords the best protection is the AuCoin/Bonker bill, HR 4221, which corrects flaws in earlier and current bills and provides enforceable means of protection.

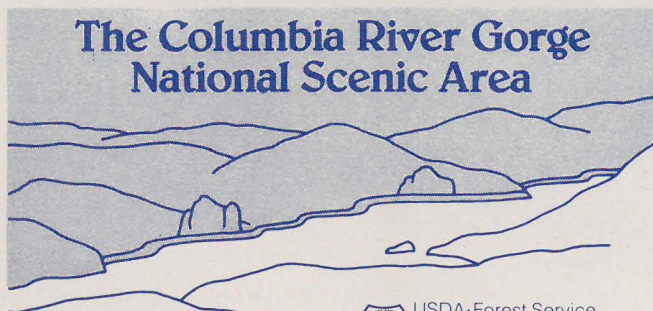
Mr. President, I am convinced that if you could get Ferdinand Marcos out of the Philippines without his body being eyelet-embroidered with bullet holes, you can do anything. Don't you think you can use your wiles, wit, and wisdom to please a lot of old-timers? I believe you can.

Speaking of old-timers, I remember meeting you a long time ago at the Coconut Grove in the Biltmore Hotel. I was with some MCA people and Lon Chaney, Jr., and you were escorting a stunning blonde. (This was before Jane and Nancy.) You told me about your mother, whose name was Nelle, I believe, and how she loved to act. You were celebrating the release of your first picture, "Love Is On the Air."


Well, Mr. President, love is on the air right now, and I will love you forever if you will please use your uncanny abilities to get a bill passed in this session of Congress that will provide protection for one of the Almighty's finest creations, an achievement which even the most highly skilled scientist or engineer could never duplicate today.

In signing off, let me tell you that I certainly got a bang out of your unscheduled recitation of Robert Service's masterpiece last evening on television.

Blessings to you, Mr. President,
Elva Olson Michael



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 USDA-Forest Service
902 Wasco Ave., Suite 301
Hood River, OR 97031

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trek it was. We left Portland on a Saturday night, slept on the sawdust piles at the Bridal Veil Lumber Company Saw Mill and at daybreak, Sunday, Mr. Lancaster started us on our way. We talked, of course, all the way along the Gorge to Multnomah Falls where around 4 p.m. the Union Pacific Railroad passenger train was flagged down and we came on into Portland.

Mr. Lancaster explained the possibilities of the Gorge as we walked along it. As I recall, the party was made up of members of the Progressive Businessmen's Club (now extinct) but perhaps merged with some other civic minded unit.

The only one I remember in the party was Marshall N. Dana who represented *The Oregon Journal*. He's long gone. I often have wondered if there are others still alive or am I the lone survivor? It was in early September 1913, as I recall.

No doubt Mr. Lancaster's early day notes made reference to that historic journey.

I wonder if your Historian in researching the early day history of the Gorge ran across accounts of that journey. No doubt in Mr. Lancaster's early day notes, he made reference to the trek.

I'm 92 years of age so I imagine there are few if any others still alive. Anyway, along the line, there should be some reports relative to the historic journey.

With kindest regards, I am Affectionately,
Earl R. Sarge Goodwin.
1000 SW Vista, #809
Portland, OR 97205

P.S. Briefly about myself: After winding up my newspaper days on *The Oregon Journal*, I became General Martin's Congressional private secretary for four years in Washington, D.C. For 28 years I was the chief announcer for the Portland Boxing and Wrestling Commission. Ha Ha!

7th Annual
Friends' Hiking
Weekend — see
page 6 for details

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Friends' offices have been a blur of activity since the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act was signed into law by President Reagan last November 17.

State Legislation.

Numerous hearings before the Oregon and Washington state legislatures have been held regarding state ratification of the federal Act. Friends of the Columbia Gorge has actively participated in those hearings. Through the careful guidance of Governors Gardner and Goldschmidt the state ratification appears to be winding to a successful conclusion. Currently, the Oregon legislature has passed the ratification compact as has the Washington House. We hope that the Washington Senate will have concurred and both Governors have signed the state Acts by the time you receive this newsletter.

Other legislative issues, such as reconciling the federal Act with Oregon's land use program and enacting a state bill to restore portions of Oregon's magnificent Columbia River Scenic Highway, must be successfully resolved.

Implementation of the Federal Act.

The U.S. Forest Service must adopt interim management guidelines for the entire National Scenic Area — excluding designated urban areas — by May 7. The guidelines are of paramount importance since they will establish development parameters for approximately the next 4 years, as well as set the precedent for the comprehensive management plan due in 1990. Public input to these guidelines were sought as early as late March. The Friends will closely review the guidelines and provide any necessary suggestions.

Once the States have ratified the federal Act, a 12-person voting commission will be formed to manage approximately 45% of the Gorge (the Forest Service will directly manage another 45%, while the remaining 10% constitutes exempted urban areas). The Friends is participating in the appointments process — six appointments from the Governors, six from the counties — to assure that qualified candidates are chosen.

Special Events.

The Friends is also scheduling its usual combination of special events. The seventh annual hiking weekend will occur on June 13 and 14 with over 40 hikes scheduled. We also may co-sponsor, with the

Historic Preservation League of Oregon, a cleanup day for the Scenic Highway this summer.

On June 20 and 21, Oregon River Experiences will lead raft trips down a beautiful Gorge tributary, the Klickitat River.

Development.

Passage of legislation does not mean the National Scenic Area is automatically protected. We now, however, have the necessary tools to begin the long, complicated process to assure that the Columbia Gorge will be adequately — and fairly — safeguarded.

Recent proposals — including a 40-acre gold placer mine in Skamania County; three rezones that would allow a high level of commercial activity in Rowena; and industrial development in Corbett — confirm our responsibility to see that the letter and spirit of the National Scenic Area Act are strictly observed.

In the words of Washington State Senator Dan Evans:

“ . . . you can pass the strongest pices of legislation in the world, and if people think it is strong enough that they can stop being vigilant, they are crazy. It always requires that.”

Staff.

Two important staff changes have occurred this spring. Associate Director Marie Pampush has left to join Congressman Don Bonker's Washington, D.C. staff as a legislative assistant. Marie's warmth, intelligence, perseverance and sense of humor are already greatly missed.

Patty Martin, our office manager, also has left for Washington, D.C. to join the staff of the A.C.L.U. Patty singlehandedly held the Portland office together during the rush to enact legislation and also is a real loss.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge continues onward, however. With state ratification and new laws necessary to complete protection for the Gorge, a regional commission to be appointed, interim guidelines to review, development proposals to monitor and perhaps challenge, special recreational and educational events to sponsor, and a host of other activities to lead, Friends of the Columbia Gorge remains a healthy, vigorous organization.

It is your continued interest and membership that have made our past accomplishments possible and our future tasks achievable. Please renew your membership. Your support is needed more than ever.

FOCG ANNUAL MEETING

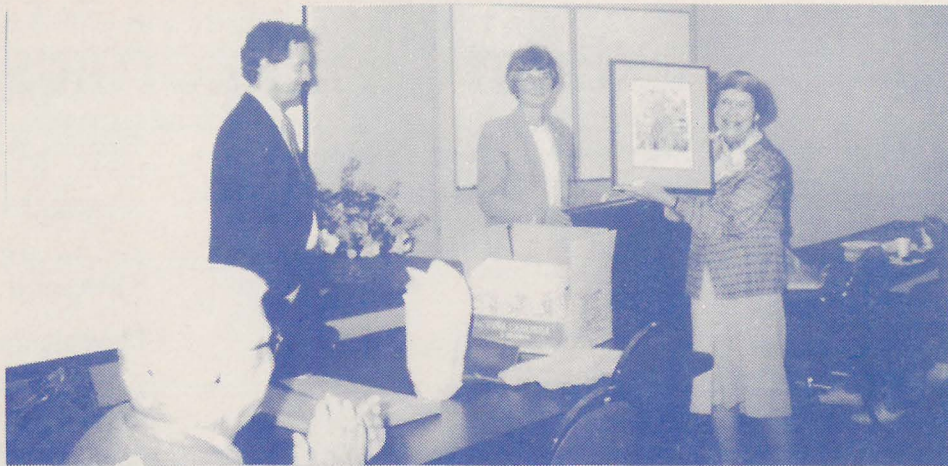
Mitch Bower read the Treasurer's Report; Dave Cannard announced an FOCG membership of 3,800 paid members and read the slate for the 1987-1988 Board of Directors.

Attending members quickly ratified it. Bowen Blair recapped the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act as the annual meeting audience of more than 90 ate victory cake and passed cups of caffeine on March 17.

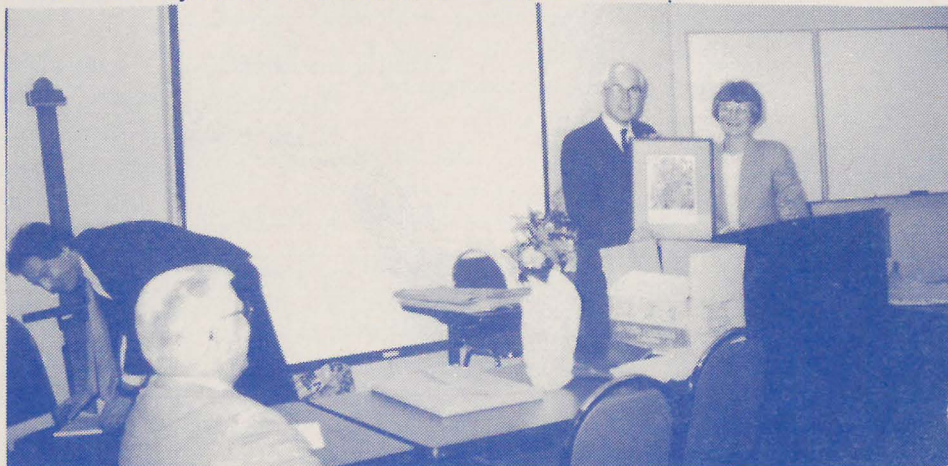
But the evening belonged to three specially honored volunteers plus three esteemed FOCG founders of this 6-year old successful organization — belonged to the honorees AND the raging hailstorm outside Portland's Willamette Center Building that caused many members, including President Nancy Russell, to arrive late. But history of the Friends proves that "the show goes on" and Bowen Blair announced the "nonexistent" volunteer awards (riding in the Russell Volvo) be presented to BROT BISHOP and ELVA MICHAEL.

Brot Bishop, Chairman of the Board of Pendleton Woolen Mills, was honored for his critical role in winning support from the business community for protection of the Columbia Gorge. Elva Olson Michael, a long-time volunteer at the Friends' office, was given an award in recognition of her many years of service to the Friends. A young-at-heart senior citizen, Elva Olson Michael has been a volunteer for all seasons and cheerfully and consistently aided the Friends' professional staff in a broad variety of activities.

President Russell arrived to present the third award to DON CLARK, member of the Friends' Board of Directors, Executive Director of Central City Concern, and former Multnomah County Executive "who was with us from the beginning with support, political knowledge and a corner of an office and part-time staff." Bishop, Michael and Clark individually received personally inscribed framed prints of Gorge wildflowers.



Dave Cannard, Washington Co-Chair, Bowen Blair, Executive Director, President Nancy Russell and honored volunteer, Elva Michael.



Blair, Cannard and Brot Bishop, Chairman of the Board, Pendleton Woolen Mills, with Nancy Russell.

Friends' Directors and Founders Nancy Russell, Dave Cannard and Mitch Bower were honored for their many years of service for protecting the Columbia Gorge and received special tokens of affection. Of particular note was the presentation to Nancy of a Senate bill concerning Gorge protection with a personal tribute from Washington Senator Dan Evans: "Nancy, this is *your* bill. Dan Evans."

John Dierdorff recalled some of his memories of Frank Branch Riley and introduced *Singing Waters*, Riley's early '30s Gorge film. Bonneville Dam's upcoming 50th Anniversary was detailed through a slide presentation of the history of this historic Columbia River Dam.

The Flying L Ranch in Glenwood, Washington, donated a door prize of a weekend's lodging. Nancie and Don McGraw were the winners.



Nancy Russell and honoree Don Clark, Executive Director, Central City Concern

1987 SATURDAY HIKES

*"On bokes for to rede I me delyte, . . .
Save, certeynly, whan that the month
of May*

*Is comen, and that I here the foules singe,
and that the floures ginnen for to springe,
Farwel my book and my devocion."*

— Chaucer

Put down the book and rest the lawnmower; it's time for wildflower outings. Join the Friends for the following springtime Saturday hikes in the Gorge. ★

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1987

Rowena Plateau, 10:30 a.m.

Hike led by Barbara Robinson. We will climb to the summit of a 64-acre flower-covered 1711-foot promontory that rises above the Tom McCall Nature Preserve on the plateau. The trail is rather steep in places and muddy during rains. Distance approximately 1 mile round trip.

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Mayer State Park Viewpoint on the Rowena Plateau.

Take the Mosier Exit #69 from I-84 5 miles east of Hood River, Oregon and proceed 6.7 miles east on Highway 30 to the Mayer Viewpoint. Allow 1 hour and 45 minutes driving time from Portland.

Leader: Barbara Robinson
(503) 631-2054

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1987

Catherine Creek, 10:30 a.m.

Sara Barnum of Friends of the Columbia Gorge and the Native Plant Society of Oregon will lead this wildflower tour in the newly designated Burdoin Mountain Special Management Area of the National Scenic Area. Great views and flowers.

Meet at the small market at the Washington end of the Hood River Bridge at 10:30 a.m. The market is just east of the bridge. Allow 1½ hours driving time from Portland to this point.

Leader: Sara Barnum (503) 639-3353

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1987

Dog Mountain, 10:30 a.m.

Wildflowers, a good workout, and great views all come together on Dog Mountain. Elevation gain 2800 feet; 7 miles round trip. Hikers must be in good shape.

Meet 10:30 a.m. at Dog Mountain trailhead on Washington Hwy. 14, 12 miles east of Bridge of the Gods. Allow 1½ hours from Portland.

Leader: Tom Kuhns (503) 246-5811;
work (503) 224-4610

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1987

Rowena Plateau, 9:30 a.m.

A day on the Rowena Plateau with Barbara Robinson. We will meet at Mayer State Park Overlook at 9:30 a.m. to join the Nature Conservancy for a "Knapweed Pull" from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Then we will stop for our brown bag lunch. At 1:00 p.m. we will hike to the summit of the 1170-foot promontory recently acquired by the Nature Conservancy. This is a repeat of the April 25 hike. See driving instructions for April 25.

At 3:30 p.m. we are invited to the home of Native Plant Society member, Susan Koffahl, who lives nearby, for refreshments.

Leader: Barbara Robinson
(503) 631-2054

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1987

Short Stops on the Scenic Highway
9:30 a.m.

We will travel from Womens Forum State Park to John B. Yeon State Park with short stops and side trips, ending with a longer walk up to the waterfalls on McCord Creek in John B. Yeon Park. We will look at new construction at Womens Forum, Crown Point, and Bridal Veil; we will see Shepperds Dell, Wahkeena Falls, Oneonta Gorge, Horsetail Falls and have lunch at Ainsworth State Park before ending the day with the easy 2-mile round trip to the McCord Creek waterfall.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Womens Forum State Park. Take Corbett Exit #22, 4 miles east of the Sandy River, and climb up the hill to the intersection with Hwy 30. Turn left and proceed east 1.6 miles to Womens Forum State Park.

Leader: Nancy Russell
(503) 292-8518

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1987

Table Mountain, 10:00 a.m.

Hike to the summit of 3420-foot Table Mountain near North Bonneville. Meet at 10:00 a.m. on north side of the Bridge of the Gods in parking area east of the bridge. Allow 1 hour driving time from Portland. Very steep, strenuous hike. Bring lunch and windbreakers. Great views and flowers.

Leader: Sally Russell Lane
(503) 389-3295

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1987

Hamilton Mountain, 9:30 a.m.

Hike 4 miles to 2100-foot summit. Wonderful flowers. Meet at 9:30 a.m. 35 miles east of Vancouver, Washington on Hwy. 14 at picnic area in Beacon Rock State Park on north side of highway where the trail starts. Allow 1 hour driving time from Portland.

Leader: Mike Adler (503) 227-4420

*Hike leaders recommend the following:

- (1) Sturdy hiking shoes
- (2) Long sleeves and long pants
- (3) Bring lunch and beverage
- (4) Prepare for rain and/or shine
- (5) Children are welcome *only* if attended by responsible adult. Participating hikers accept responsibility for own safety.
- (6) Any questions? Call hike leader.

— *Hiked and Compiled by*
Nancy N. Russell

7TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE HIKING WEEKEND

The 7th Annual Columbia Gorge Hiking Weekend coordinated by Friends of the Columbia Gorge will occur on *Saturday, June 13 — Sunday, June 14, 1987*. Both sides of the Columbia River Gorge will echo with the sounds of approximately 40 hikes. Free and open to the public, the Annual Hiking Weekend is now seen as an expected tradition in Gorge recreation.

Development of Gorge Hiking Weekend

Our first Annual Hike in 1981 was a small affair that started with a speech by Tom McCall in a grassy square at the Lloyd Center, followed by the rousing send-off of a rock and roll band (volunteer) before boarding busses for the Gorge. The band leader had looked in the window of our tiny Dekum Building office while window washing and became interested. Thanks to interested civic and political leaders like Tom McCall and enthusiastic citizens like the window-washer/band leader, both the Friends and our Hiking Weekend have progressed nicely. From our two busloads of hikers in 1981, we grew to about 275 participants in 1982, 500 in 1983, 1000 in 1984, and 1500 in 1985. In 1986, 25 organizations provided 42 different outdoor recreational experiences. And the 1987 Annual Hike promises to be just as successful. This year's hike chair is Julia Ferreira, who has a long-time commitment to Gorge hiking.

Purpose of the Hiking Weekend

While the main purpose of the Hiking Weekend is to provide the physical activity of hiking, we have incorporated the following elements into the hikes themselves:

- Flower and tree identification
- Photography

- Prehistoric Native American Art
- Geology
- History of early wagon roads and the 1915 Scenic Highway

We also offer opportunities to ride bicycles.

In the afternoon, following each hike, participants are invited to a "Hike Rendezvous" picnic at Eagle Creek Overlook Park. This year, on Saturday, during the picnic, Marvin Beeson, Geology professor at Portland State University, will talk on the Gorge's geology. On Sunday, Mike Spranger, Director of the Washington Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, will speak on the Indian legends and battles, pioneers and portages.

In addition to providing hikes, the goals of the Hiking Weekend are to:

1. Focus attention on the Columbia Gorge
2. Introduce more people to the multiple attractions of the Gorge
3. Demonstrate the value of the Gorge as a recreational resource
4. Disperse use away from overused areas such as Multnomah Falls by demonstrating the variety of Gorge trails
5. Work together with the broad range of outdoor clubs and agencies in Oregon and Washington to interest them in protection of Gorge resources
6. Introduce the public to a variety of groups representing a particular emphasis, i.e., birds, plants, geology, preservation, etc.

We know that this weekend provides an opportunity for people to have a first-time Columbia Gorge recreational experience. Media interest helps to make that happen. The resulting coverage reaches great numbers of people who previously knew little about recreation in the

Gorge. The Hiking Weekend is truly a public service.

Full details of the hike will be found in the brochure that will be mailed separately to Friends members in May. Mark the dates, June 13 and 14, on your calendar now so you won't miss the Gorge Hiking Weekend.

— Sharron Lankton

JUNE RAFT TRIPS

The Friends of the Columbia Gorge office wants Friends' members to know about the Klickitat River raft trips sponsored by Oregon River Experiences, Inc. (ORE). One-day Klickitat trips are scheduled for June 20 and 21, 1987.

Known as "the River Guide's choice" of all the Gorge tributaries, and "the crown jewel of the Gorge," the Klickitat is an ideal setting for a raft experience. Because the Friends cannot obtain its own insurance policy for such trips we cannot sponsor or endorse these trips, nor suggest that you attend, but we do support the need for them and ORE has been a past outfitter to the Friends. Oregon River Experience, Inc., makes a donation each year to the Friends of the Columbia Gorge.

For information about their trips please contact ORE directly at:

Oregon River Experiences, Inc.
30493 Lone Pine Drive
Junction City, OR 97448
(503) 689-6198

Advance deposits to ORE must arrive by April 15, 1987 at their office.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

April-July, 1987

(Listed chronologically)

Many organizations are just completing their spring & summer schedules as we go to press. If we have omitted an area or organization of special interest, please call them for their program.

APRIL

MARYHILL MUSEUM

Event: The Museum's Contemporary Gallery will show photographer Stu Levy's photographs of the Columbia Gorge.
Where: Maryhill Museum, Maryhill, Washington
When: April 14, Tues. • May 11, Mon.
Museum and Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.
Phone: 509/773-3733 for additional information.

HOOD RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Event: Blossom Festival continuing tours and information
Where: Port Marina Park, Hood River, Oregon 97031
When: April 18, 19 • Sat., Sun.
Phone 503/386-2000 for full details.

COLUMBIAN GARDEN CLUB

Event: Club's Annual Plant Sale
Where: Corbett Fire Hall, Corbett, Oregon
When: April 18, Sat., 9 a.m. — "until all the plants are sold"

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

Event: Rowena Plateau Hike
Where: Tom McCall Nature Preserve at Rowena
When: April 25 • Sat.
Refer to *this* newsletter's article, 1987 *Saturday Hikes*.

CITY OF GOLDENDALE

Event: Rock Creek Indian Root Festival
Where: Goldendale, Washington
When: April 28, Tues. • Apr. 30, Thurs.
Phone 509/773-3400

MAY

VISTA HOUSE

Event: Spring and summer opening and hours
Where: Crown Point, (Corbett, Oregon)
When: May 1 • Fri.
Daily hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 7 days a week.

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE (May Hikes)

Event: Catherine Creek Hike
Where: Catherine Creek, Washington
When: May 2 • Sat.
Refer to *this* newsletter's article, 1987 *Saturday Hikes*.

Event: Dog Mountain Hike
Where: Dog Mountain, Washington
When: May 9 • Sat.
Refer to *this* newsletter's article, 1987 *Saturday Hikes*.

Event: Rowena Plateau Hike
Repeat of April 25 hike. See April calendar.
When: May 16 • Sat.

Event: Short Stops on the Scenic Highway Hike
Where: Scenic 'Old' Highway, Oregon
When: May 23 • Sat.
Refer to *this* newsletter's article, 1987 *Saturday Hikes*.

Event: Table Mountain Hike
Where: Table Mountain, Washington
When: May 30 • Sat.
Refer to *this* newsletter's article, 1987 *Saturday Hikes*.

WINDSURFING

Event: Glide & Jibe
Mt. Hood skiing combined with Columbia River windsurfing competition and exhibition.
Where: Mt. Hood Meadows and Hood River, Oregon
When: May 2, 3 • Sat., Sun.
Phone 503/386-5787

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CITY OF WHITE SALMON

Event: May Fest
Where: White Salmon, Washington
When: May 15, Fri. - May 17, Sun.
Additional details available by phoning
509/493-1560.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Event: Tom McCall Preserve at Rowena:
Wildflower Hike & Weed Pull
Where: Tom McCall Nature Preserve
When: May 16, Sat. Free
Call The Nature Conservancy for full details.
503/228-9561.

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

Event: Columbia River Gorge Kite Festival
Where: Stevenson, Washington
When: May 16 • Sat.
Phone 509/427-5460

ALL-INDIAN RODEO

Event: Rodeo featuring only Indian cowboys from
Warm Springs Indian Reservation in all events
Where: Tygh Valley, Oregon
When: May 16, 17 • Sat., Sun
For information contact Tywama Saddle Club,
P.O. Box 176, Tygh Valley, OR 97063 or
phone 503/544-2581.

TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Event: Local farm and garden tour featuring the
former Eaton home and the Hope Gardens.
Tickets are \$7. and are available at the Harlow
House, 726 E. Columbia St., Troutdale, Oregon
Where: Troutdale, Oregon
When: May 17 • Sun., 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Phone 503/665-0423 (Sharon Nesbit) for
additional information.

CITY OF LYLE, WASHINGTON

Event: Pioneer Days
Where: Lyle, Washington
When: May 23, 24, 25 • Sat., Sun., Mon.
Memorial Weekend
Phone 503/773-3400

THE DALLES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Event: Riverfront Park Weekend
Celebrating the opening of the park on the
Columbia River. Windsurfing clinics will be
held for beginning, intermediate, and
advanced boardsailors.
Where: The Dalles, Oregon
When: May 23, 24, 25 • Sat., Sun., Mon.
Memorial Weekend

JUNE

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

Event: Hamilton Mountain Hike
Where: Hamilton Mountain, Washington
When: June 6 • Sat.
Refer to *this* newsletter's article, 1987 Saturday
Hikes.

Event: Festival of Flowers
Friends' volunteers will distribute Hiking
Weekend brochures
Where: Portland, Oregon, Pioneer Courthouse Square,
downtown
When: June 10 • Wed., *Nature Day*.

Event: 7th Annual Columbia Gorge Hiking
Weekend
Where: 40 hikes — *both* sides of the Columbia Gorge
When: June 13, 14 • Sat., Sun.
Refer to *this* newsletter's article, 7th Annual
Friends of the Columbia Gorge Hiking Weekend

Event: Klickitat River raft trip
Where: Klickitat River, Washington
When: June 20, 21 • Sat., Sun.
Contact Oregon River Experiences, Inc. for

available space and particulars: 503/689-6198
and see *this* newsletter issue's article on
the trip.

THE DALLES AREA

Event: Ft. Dalles Mexican Rodeo Show
Where: The Dalles, Oregon
When: June 27 • Sat.

WINDSURFING

(Phone 503/386-5787 for *all* windsurfing
information)

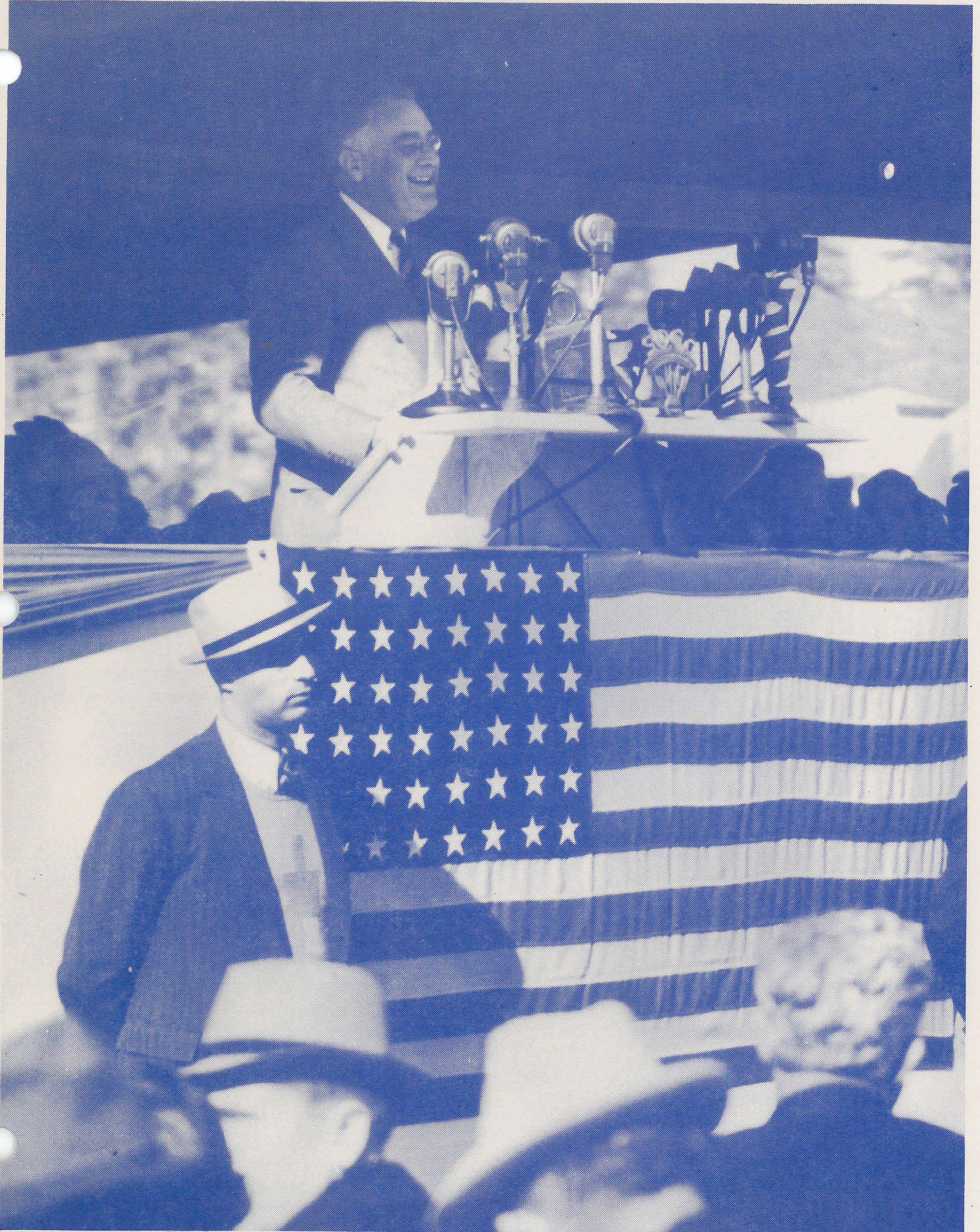
Event: Monday Longboard Series
Where: Hood River Marina, Oregon
When: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • Mondays

Event: Tuesday Slalom Series
Where: Hood River Marina, Oregon
When: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • Tuesdays

Event: Betty Birrell Clinic (High Wind)
Where: Hood River Marina, Oregon
When: June 17, 18, 19 • Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Event: High Wind Classic
Where: Hood River Marina, Oregon
When: June 27, 28 • Sat., Sun.

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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dedicating Bonneville Dam, 1937.

(U.S. Army Corps of Engineers photograph)

WINDSURFING

(Phone 503/386-5787 for *all* windsurfing information)

Event: Betty Birrell Clinic
Where: Hood River Marina, Oregon
When: July 1, 2, 3 • Wed., Thurs., Fri.

CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON

Event: Frontier Days Celebration
Where: Washougal, Washington
When: July 2, 3, 4, 5 • Thurs. - Sun.
Phone 206/835-5437

CITY OF GOLDENDALE, WASHINGTON

Event: Jaycees Demolition Derby
Where: Goldendale, Washington
When: July 4 • Sat.
Phone: 509/773-3400

WASHINGTON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION CAMP OUT

Event: Fiddlers' contest and music for all.
Where: Goldendale, Washington
When: July 4, 5 • Sat., Sun.
Phone: 509/773-3400

CITY OF HUSUM, WASHINGTON

Event: Husum Days Celebration
Where: Husum, Washington
When: July 10, 11 • Fri., Sat.

WINDSURFING

Event: Columbia Gorge Pro-Am
Where: Hood River Marina, Oregon
When: July 10-19 • Fri.-Sun.

FORT DALLES

Event: Fort Dalles Days & Rodeo — largest NW Rodeo Association approved truck and tractor pull on Saturday plus wild horse racing, steak feed and chili cook-off.
Where: The Dalles, Oregon
When: July 16, 17, 18 • Thurs., Fri., Sat.

CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON

Event: Camas Days Celebration
Where: Camas, Washington
When: July 23, 24, 25 • Thurs., Fri., Sat.
Phone 206/834-2472

TOWN OF KLICKITAT

Event: Canyon Days
Where: Klickitat, Washington
When: July 25, 26 • Sat., Sun.
Phone 509/773-3400

BONNEVILLE LOCK AND DAM 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Event: Folkfest and fireworks display
(in cooperation with Stevenson and Cascade Locks)
Where: Stevenson and Cascade Locks
When: July 4 • Sat.

Event: Columbia Gorge Pro-Am Windsurfing World Class Speed Slalom on Lake Bonneville (in cooperation with Hood River)
Where: Lake Bonneville
When: July 10-19 • Fri.-Sun.

Event: Dedication of Lower Cascade Historic Site and unveiling of permanent marker at convergence of Lewis & Clark and Oregon Trails at Bonneville.
Where: Bonneville
When: July 11 • Sat.

Event: Indian Ceremonial Tribal Dancers (in cooperation with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs).
Where: Bonneville
When: July 18 • Sat.

Event: Bluegrass Festival (in cooperation with Skamania County Chamber of Commerce)
Where: Bonneville
When: July 25-26 • Sat., Sun.

Event: Bonneville Dam 5K walk
Bonneville Dam 10K run
Where: Bonneville
When: Aug. 1, 2 • Sat., Sun.

Too late for itemization on calendar, but please make note of excellent programs by City of Portland, Parks and Recreation, 503/796-5132 and Clark County Parks and Recreation, 206/699-2467. Call for brochures detailing great activities.

If you have knowledge of events appropriate for the Calendar or are familiar with an association or group who *should* be included, please send details to: Friends of the Columbia Gorge Newsletter, Attn: Andy Dignan, 519 S.W. Third Avenue, #810, Portland, Oregon 97204.

MULTNOMAH FALLS LODGE — THE EVOLUTION

One of the most readily visible features of the Columbia Gorge is Multnomah Falls. It is interesting to discover the evolution of sightseeing and recreation at the Falls.

Sometime between 1880-83, a log bridge was constructed over Multnomah Creek (Bridal Veil Creek) at the location of the current Simon Benson arch. This bridge connected to trails from the train and boat stops, to allow visitors on the regularly scheduled Union Pacific and Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company vessels a close view of the Falls.

It is noteworthy that in June 1907 there were letters from the Mayor's office requesting the land around the Falls be withdrawn from the proposed "Multnomah National Forest" pending protection from the Department of Interior by creation of a National Park Monument.

The events of 1914 and 1915 set the stage for development of Multnomah Falls as we now know it. 1914 saw the construction of the Simon Benson footbridge across Multnomah Creek (Bridal Veil Creek). The structure was one of the first continuous pour concrete bridges and took approximately 2½ days to complete.

In July, the next year the scenic highway was completed in this section and by September the trail to Larch Mountain was constructed. The fund raisers among us like to recall that initial trail construction funds were raised by a day's railroad excursion to the Gorge that saw the first recorded climb of Rooster Rock, vaudeville acts, and a baggage car dance with live piano.

It was during the planning of the Larch Mountain Trail that the concept of a lodge at Multnomah Falls arose. The first thought was to have the lodge built upon the bluff to the east that overlooks the Falls. These thoughts, however, lay dormant for a few years while a wooden depot, comfort station and concession faci-

lity known as "The Hazelwood" was constructed and operated. A major obstacle for providing public access and recreation was obtaining a single title for the various land parcels at the Falls.

Ultimately, C. P. Keyser, who was superintendent for Portland Parks, convinced the Oregon and Washington Railroad and Navigation Company to donate a large parcel of land with the provision that the Bureau build a lodge. Simon Benson was very active in these negotiation efforts as well and in 1925 he donated a large tract of land at the Falls. The groundwork for these land transfers was preceded in 1915 by a very difficult condemnation in of the Jennie M. Griswold property.

Griswold, who was infirm, was represented by a Washington, D. C. attorney, Richard P. Evans, who wrote extremely pointed letters to Portland's mayor and congressional representatives.

Multnomah Falls Lodge was designed by A. E. Doyle and was built in 1925. The original building ended at the east fireplace and was used somewhat differently from today.

The lower level was a covered picnic area and contained heating equipment. The main level contained a Kitchen and Dining Room (currently the Coffee Shop) and a "Great Room" Lounge. The second floor contained private overnight rooms



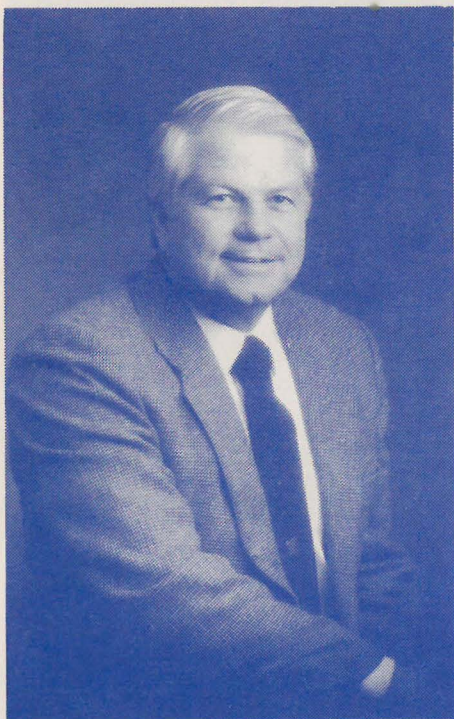
1926 Essex 'light six' parked in front of Multnomah Falls Lodge.

Arthur M. Prentiss, photographer Oregon Historical Society #377-A

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He's Arbitrator & Umpire; Gritty & Gray-Haired

Art DuFault, Manager, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, addressed the FOCG Board of Directors at their Winter Board Meeting at Multnomah Falls Lodge on February 3, 1987. His talk took the Board through the initial setting up of the Interim Management group, into the 50+ meetings that he has had with public and private groups, into the "borrowed" but totally committed staff in the headquarters offices in Hood River. Blended with all the



*Arthur DuFault
Manager, Columbia River Gorge
National Scenic Area*

brief but exciting history of his team and daily challenges was DuFault's admonition to us: "You must watch and understand the implementation of the Gorge Act *carefully* and *constantly*."

In carrying out the intent of the legislation, the team must rely on case histories to process the applications by local individuals and groups and it consults general counsel before making final decisions. Interpretation is an ongoing process, carefully administered.

Departments include Real Estate,

Land Uses, Planning, Public Affairs and Business Management. The services of each of these divisions will be shared jointly when the Gorge Commission is in place.

Manager DuFault senses that the new Commission could be in place by June — the existing high energy level among all concerned citizens and groups is key to this process. In his conversations with these people he sees a definite softening of attitudes. His team is dealing with misinformation by getting out the facts and by being accessible to all. Two groups specifically mentioned for supplying invaluable groundwork and information were The Trust for Public Lands — "they have captured a 'snapshot in time'" and Friends of the Columbia Gorge for resource work of "inestimable value."

Currently there are some boundary discussions going on and DuFault sees language within the Act for some changes, particularly within the cities. He is reluctant to ask for additional legislation until there has been adequate time to use the present legislation. Financially, there is \$1.5 million in hold-over monies with another \$4.5 million available for this fiscal year.

This writer visited the Headquarters in Hood River in mid-March and headed back to Portland with strong impressions: Art DuFault's ease of manner coupled with strength of purpose and commitment to making the Gorge Act work was felt as I heard him speak and when I talked with other members of his team. They are dedicated and excited about the future. Ann Matejko from Utah, Public Affairs officer, is filled with enthusiasm about the resources available to all citizens. Jurgen Hess, on loan from the Rogue River National Forest and in charge of Land Use, is compiling the special studies necessary for the development of Land Use Designations by the Commission.

John Curry, Coordinator, Human

Resources (including volunteer groups), is on loan from the Okanogan National Forest. The team is in temporary quarters in Waucoma Center in Hood River. Permanent headquarters will be acquired by June 1, 1987; public bids for the offices have been let and are now being considered. Because there will be no interim move, the offices will be permanent as of June 1, and although the location is not known now, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area office will be within its 253,500-acre Gorge home.

As the FOCG newsletter deadline for copy looms, we have received this information from DuFault's offices:

... "The Interim Guidelines team carefully reviewed the Scenic Area Act, and picked out standards for land uses which are spelled out in the Law, and cannot be changed (developed February 1987). Then they [the team] worked together discussing, writing, reviewing, and fine tuning other Draft Guidelines which will help us determine which new uses will be consistent with the Legislation. The team consisted of twelve individuals representing a variety of professions. . . ."

The Interim Guidelines are a set of criteria to determine whether proposed land uses are consistent or inconsistent with the Scenic Area Act. Working Sessions will be held in The Dalles, Corbett, Stevenson and Vancouver, with full notification of all citizens through Oregon and Washington media. Additional responses are welcomed by the team. Manager DuFault points out that the Interim Guidelines will neither affect nor change existing uses. "Interim Guidelines are for land use situations where changes are proposed." Your comments should be addressed to: USDA-FOREST SERVICE, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Avenue, Hood River, Oregon 97031.

— Andy Dignan



FRIENDS JOINS FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Once again, the Friends will be represented in Pioneer Courthouse Square's Festival of Flowers which bursts into bloom on May 29 through June 14. Our participation is scheduled for Nature Day, *Wednesday, June 10, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.* Long-time Friends volunteers Elva Michael and Jeanne Norton will staff a Friends table filled with Hiking Weekend brochures. Consider stopping by to say hello as well as view this fantasyland of color.

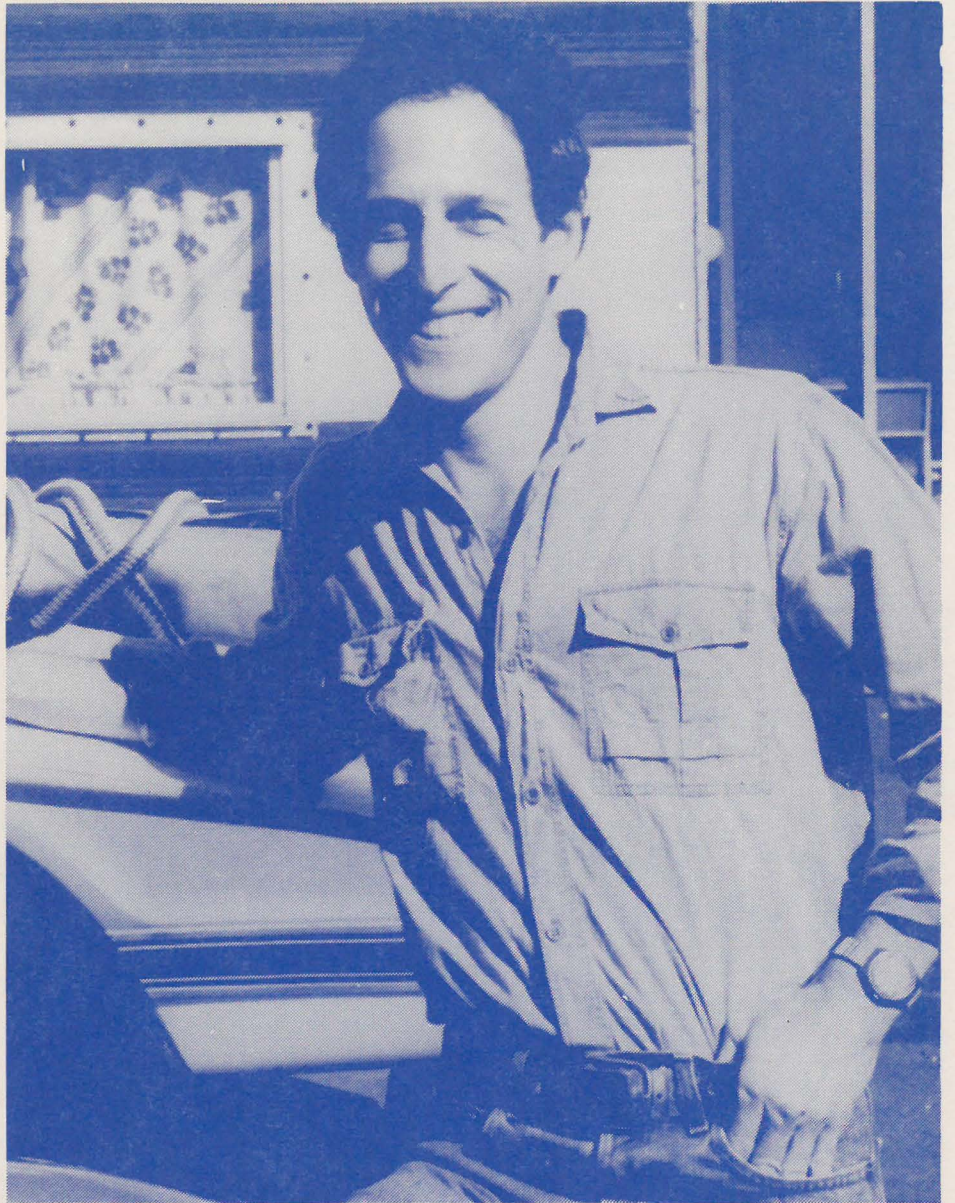


TYPEWRITER DONATION REQUESTED

The office desperately needs an IBM Selectric correcting typewriter, hopefully dual pitch pica and elite typestyles, or single pitch elite.

Please call the office at 241-3762, and a staff member will be happy to pick it up.

— *Michael Kaplan*
Director of Development



Michael Kaplan, FOCG Development Director

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Michael Kaplan, a native of the Midwest (Illinois and Wisconsin), and resident of Oregon since 1984 has been hired as our new Director of Development. Michael comes to the Friends' office with a varied employment background in social service agencies and government. He also has a long-standing personal interest in environmental issues.

The new Development Director's most recent position was with the Burnside Community Council where he was in charge of planning and development. Among his achieve-

ments were numerous successfully funded grant proposals that helped improve life for some of Portland's homeless citizens. For example, one proposal enabled the Burnside Community Council to fund the design and construction of 50 cots for residents of the Council's emergency shelter.

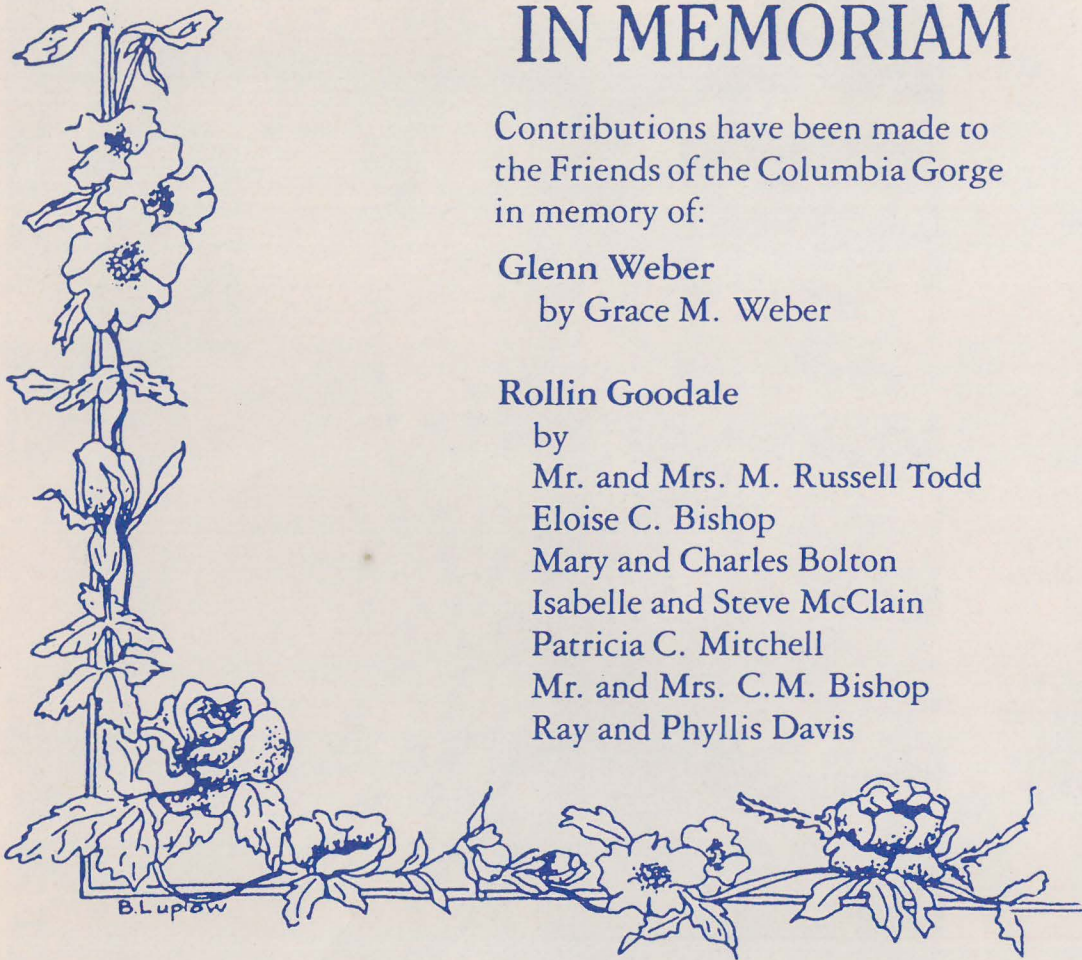
Michael is very excited about his new position and would like to encourage members to stop by the Friends' office so he can get better acquainted with their concerns. Welcome, Michael!

IN MEMORIAM

Contributions have been made to the Friends of the Columbia Gorge in memory of:

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1987 WINTER PICNIC WRAP-UP

The Friends of the Columbia Gorge 1987 Winter Picnic was held on February 21 in the New Market Theater. Approximately 350 people attended the Winter Picnic, which generated more than \$4,000 in funds for the Friends. Chairperson Mary Anne Boardman and her committee of dedicated volunteers did a first-rate job in organizing the festivities, and the evening proved to be a wonderful success.

The Winter Picnic Committee members deserve great thanks for their efforts: Mary Anne Boardman, Linda Anderson, Wendy and Tom Baertlein, Kay Bassett, Jane Egelhoff, Kris Elliott, Jo Ann Estep, Mary Harrington, Joan Kingsley, Elva Michael, Judi Morrison, Jeanne Norton, James Reynolds, Jo Sherman, and Lee Winn. Thanks also are extended to the E.C.H.O.

Volunteers from Pacific Power & Light.

In addition, Friends of the Columbia Gorge would like to thank the businesses and individuals in the community who donated goods and services to the Winter Picnic. Without this support the Friends would be unable to hold special events such as the Winter Picnic that help to fund other Friends of the Columbia Gorge educational and recreational programs.

COLUMBIA

book by Pamela Jekel
update

Pamela Jekel's book *COLUMBIA* (reviewed in the 1986-87 Winter Newsletter) will be available in paperback in July of this year. Ms. Jekel's historical saga is the first novel based on the history of the

Columbia River and spans six generations of Pacific Northwest peoples. *COLUMBIA* received the "Oppie" award for Best Historical Fiction of 1986 and has been published in seven foreign languages.

POSTERS

Ron and Maria Cronin, outstanding photographic and design team and long-time friends of FOCG, have published their tribute to the passage of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act with a poster that is available through the Friends' offices, or local framing companies.

A second poster, produced and donated by Jubitz Truck Stop, also is available at the Friends' office.

All proceeds from the sale of both posters go directly to Friends of the Columbia Gorge.

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Second floor dining room addition, looking northwest, Multnomah Falls Lodge. Robert Dortignacq, A.I.A. Photograph by Ted Dignan

and a women's dorm. The men's dorm was on the third floor. Within 2 years (by 1927), the city built the addition to the east that contains the restrooms. A. E. Doyle's office did not do the design of this addition and the resulting work significantly weakens the well proportioned and strong lines of the original building.

The area remained much the same for years. In 1939, the city deeded the property to the U. S. Forest Service who currently manages the area. The Lodge has always been operated by permittee. Until it was shut for World War II it was run by Simmon's restaurants. The current hosts began operations in 1963, with the Buck families joining the operation in 1976.

The addition to the second floor dining room was begun in 1983 and designed by Robert Dortignacq of the Portland architectural firm of McMath, Hawkins, Dortignacq.

Dortignacq also planned the A.E. Doyle room, a small balcony overlooking the dining room that is used extensively for small meetings and private dining and is furnished authentically with period pieces of the 1920s. The outside plaza area surrounding the front of the Lodge was designed and constructed by the U.S. Forest Service.

Through its first 60 years, the lodge has seen its use change from overnight excursions to that of day use and freeway attraction. Use has changed from weekend to everyday/night, year round. While the most popular time to visit is a warm sunny summer day, it is especially wondrous after a snow quilts the hills and ice forms a glaze on the numerous falls.

— Robert Dortignacq, A.I.A.
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HERE'S HOW TO GAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM YOUR COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA OFFICE

The USDA Forest Service Office for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area has been set up to help implement the Scenic Area Act. We can answer your questions in more detail. Copies of the Bill, maps and additional information are available for review at our office and other locations throughout the Gorge. Call us and we'll help you find the location most convenient for you.

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If you would like specific information about National Forest trails, firewood, timber sale contracts or similar information your local Forest Service Ranger District will be happy to assist you.

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Our objectives are to preserve the open space of the Gorge, to focus future development within incorporated cities and their urban growth boundaries, and to provide for a single, uniform management plan for the whole Gorge.

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