

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

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FOCG Looks Back on Successful Year

Prepares for new challenges in 1995

In 1994 Friends of the Columbia Gorge marked its 15th year of working to protect the extraordinary beauty and unique resources of the Gorge. Like any other year, 1994 was full of challenges, successes and some disappointments. As we enter a new year, we look back on some of our accomplishments from 1994, and look forward to new challenges in 1995.

Protection of Gorge Resources

The Friends successfully persuaded the Oregon Department of Transportation to change its plans to build a massive freeway interchange within the National Scenic Area. The interchange would have added irresistible development pressure to the Scenic Area. Instead, the interchange will be located within the existing The Dalles Urban Area.

Our detailed comments on the Oregon State Parks Master Plan brought the Plan into compliance with the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan.

We supported the successful transfer of 32 miles of Klickitat River Trail to Washington State Parks under the Rails to Trails program. This will be a fabulous new recreational opportunity in the Gorge.

We supported increased federal funding for purchase of private land within the Gorge, including the fields and forests of Cape Horn across the

river from Crown Point.

The Friends worked with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon State Parks to keep alive the vision of a new "linear park" in the Gorge for hikers, bicyclists and people in wheelchairs. This new park will be focused around the historic Mosier Twin Tunnels, and will provide spectacular Gorge vistas along the site of the Historic Columbia River Highway, free from the noise, pollution and danger of car traffic.

Our Forest Protection Project has increased forest resource protection and promoted ecologically sustainable forestry. (See page 4)

Education Outreach

The Friends held a successful 14th Annual Gorge Hiking Weekend on June 18 and 19, sponsored by Moe Jubitz and the Jubitz Corporation. More than 1,200 hikers participated during the event, which featured 45 great hikes and volkswalks.

Our Citizens Leadership Workshop at Skamania Lodge brought together 65 enthusiastic citizens to learn how they



Photo by Dean Smith

The Friends' Citizens Leadership Workshop at Skamania Lodge brought citizens together to learn how they can get involved in Gorge protection. L to R: Paulette Carter Bartee, Former FOCG executive director, Sue Dicipple, Anthony Boutard, Phyllis Clausen and Michael Lang.

can get involved in protecting the Columbia Gorge.

Disappointments

Clark County failed to adopt a consistent Gorge ordinance, and adopted a county Growth Management Plan that includes the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area boundary. (See page 3) Hood River County adopted a blatantly inconsistent ordinance. Klickitat County has refused to adopt a Gorge ordinance.

New Challenges in a New Year

In 1995, we will hold our 15th Annual "Gorge Hiking Weekend" and our spectacular spring hikes. (See page 7)

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Executive Director's Letter

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. . . indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

—Margaret Mead

As I write this letter, it's two days before the end of 1994 and the beginning of the new year. These days, I'm thinking a lot about a small group of committed citizens.

The new year will bring a new Congress and new Oregon and Washington legislatures. There will be aggressive efforts by the anti-environmental movement (so-called "wise use" groups) to repeal or weaken federal and state land use laws such as the Gorge National Scenic Area Act.

Will Congress stand firm on the Gorge Act? Will Congress continue to provide funds to purchase and protect special Gorge lands? The answers to these questions depend on citizen involvement. Citizens who support Gorge protection must speak out and get involved.

The Gorge Act passed because citizens got involved. From one small group of committed citizens — Nancy Russell, Don Clark, Tom McCall, Dave Cannard, Jack and Kate Mills, Phyllis Clausen, Debbie Craig, Jeanne Norton, and Mike Ryan, to name just a few — grew the Friends of the Columbia Gorge, the National Scenic Area Act, and a chance to protect the Gorge for future generations.

Passage of the National Scenic Area Act was only the beginning. The Act provides a framework for protection, but the Act is only as good as its continuing support from the public.

There are many ways you can make a difference. You can lead a hike in the Gorge, write a letter to the editor, call your legislators, attend a meeting, talk to your friends and neighbors, or continue to support the Friends with your membership.

In 1995, the Friends will be strengthening its citizen involvement program to get more citizens involved in working for Gorge protection. You can help "kick off" our citizen involvement project by filling out the enclosed membership survey and citizen involvement project survey. We hope to see you at Gorge meetings and on the Gorge trails!

Best wishes for a peaceful and successful 1995.

Lauri Aunan

Lauri Aunan
Executive Director



Columbia Tiger Lily
Photo by Ken Denis

Mission Statement

Friends of the Columbia Gorge shall vigorously protect the scenic, natural and cultural resources within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

We fulfill this mission by ensuring strict implementation of the National Scenic Area Act; promoting responsible stewardship of Gorge lands and waters; encouraging public ownership of sensitive areas; educating the public about the unique natural values of the Columbia River Gorge and the importance of preserving those values; and working with groups and individuals to accomplish mutual preservation goals.

—Adopted February 3, 1994

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Deadline for the April newsletter is March 6.

Urban Sprawl Threatens National Scenic Area

Clark County and Washougal seek to roll back Scenic Area boundaries

On December 20, the Clark County Board of Commissioners adopted a Growth Management Plan for Clark County. The Washington Growth Management Act requires counties to adopt plans to manage future growth and protect natural resources.

At the urging of the City of Washougal, Clark County's plan targets about 250 acres in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area for urban and industrial development. Pastoral rural lands east of Washougal are targeted for urban development at 20 times the density allowed under the Gorge Management Plan. Open Space in the Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge is targeted for industrial use. This urban and industrial development would be clearly visible from key viewing areas in Washington and Oregon, including the Crown Point Vista House.

Urban development would also endanger the Gibbons Creek watershed. Gibbons Creek supports runs of coho salmon, steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout. Federal and state fish and wildlife agencies have opposed urban development in this area due to the resulting high risk of pollution and damage to the creek and wetlands in the wildlife refuge.

The National Scenic Area Act and Management Plan do not allow urban or industrial development in the Scenic Area. Washougal will try to convince Congress to roll back the existing boundaries of the Scenic Area. With a new Congress, Washougal may get a sympathetic hearing in 1995.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge opposes any boundary change and op-



The rural character of the Gorge east of Washougal, Washington, is threatened by Clark County's plan to allow future urban and industrial development in the Gorge National Scenic Area.

poses urban and industrial development in the Scenic Area. We will be monitoring any bills introduced in Congress to change the National Scenic Area Act or Scenic Area boundaries. We will pursue appropriate legal challenges to Clark County's Growth Management Plan.

What You Can Do

Our members and supporters can help ensure that urban sprawl will not expand into the National Scenic Area. Some of the things you can do: Write a letter to the editor of your local paper, and call or write your senator and representative.

U.S. Congress members who have jurisdiction over the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area:

OREGON

Senator Mark Hatfield (R)
(503) 326-3386 (202) 224-3753

Senator Bob Packwood (R)
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Address letters to:

(Your Senator), United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510 or
(Your Representative), House of Representatives,
Washington, DC 20515

For more information, contact Joe Walicki, Conservation Director, (503) 241-3762. ▲

Forest Service Releases Sandy River Delta EIS, Open House Scheduled

All Friends' members and supporters are urged to attend this open house (See calendar on back page). The Forest Service will brief the public on how they plan to develop the Sandy River Delta and build the new I-84 interchange at Jordan Road. Your letters are needed on this issue. Contact the Friends for a copy of our position paper. ▲

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Forest Protection Project – Accomplishments

by Michael Lang

FOCG has always supported protection of forest resources in the Columbia Gorge, but increasing threats to Scenic Area forests made forest resource protection a higher priority in 1994. The first year of our forest protection project has resulted in greater protection of scenic area forests and more clearly defined the challenges that lie before us.

Monitoring Forest Practices

FOCG now receives copies of all timber harvest applications in the Scenic Area. This enables us to more closely monitor forest practices for compliance with the Management Plan and state laws that protect forest resources.

SMA Forest Protection

We gained greater protection for Special Management Area (SMA) forests. Our work with the Forest Service, state forest practice agencies, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Gorge Commission has led to closer agency attention to the resource protection guidelines in the Management Plan. This translates to better protection of fish and wildlife habitat, rare plants, biodiversity and scenic beauty.

Our lawsuit against the Forest Service, Gorge Commission, and state forest practice agencies has already helped to attain better protection of SMA forests. For the first time, Washington DNR is requiring SMA forest owners to work with the Forest Service and the Gorge Commission prior to issuing permits to harvest timber. The Gorge Commission has also increased its involvement in SMA forest protection.

Sustainable Forestry

Another way to protect the Gorge forests is through the promotion of sustainable forestry. Sustainable “natural selection” forestry allows for the harvest of forest products and protection of the outstanding natural resources and scenic vistas in the Columbia Gorge. Successful examples of sustainable forestry already exist in the Columbia Gorge area.

In November, FOCG organized a tour of Rahane Forest Farm with Dave Sell and Jurgen Hess of the U.S. Forest Service office in Hood River. Sell and Hess oversee forest practices on non-federal, SMA forest land in the Scenic Area.

Rahane Forest Farm, owned by Don and Karey Shawe, consists of 160 acres of second growth forest in Hood River County. The forest is an overstory of Douglas Fir and Grand Fir with an understory of dogwood, black willow, golden chinquapin, bigleaf maple and vine maple. The Shawes use natural selection forestry that encourages superior stock to develop



Which photo shows forest land in the Gorge National Scenic Area (NSA)? Answer: Top photo is a 220-acre clearcut in the NSA. Bottom photo is the Rahane Forest Farm in Hood River County. Top photo by Dan Dancer

and also encourages the structural and species diversity that is essential to the health and productivity of the forest.

The first phase of forest management consists of thinning and spacing. This produces sawlogs, chipper grade logs, and firewood and opens up the forest to allow Douglas and Grand Firs to grow to maturity. Downed logs and the healthy forest understory enhance soil fertility and provide wildlife habitat. Harvest is based on individual tree selection with the long term health of the forest kept in mind. Access is made possible by a network of skid trails, landings and main market roads, and a rubber-tired skidder allow access to every tree and minimize soil compaction and disturbance.

The second phase of management, scheduled to begin in 1997, will allow the firs to attain maturity and allow the understory to continue to regenerate. The fallen leaves from the understory will continually enrich the forest soil, removing the need for artificial fertilization. One possible scenario of this stage would remove up to one half of the standing trees over the next 30 years to keep some canopy openings in the forest.

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ents in 1994

After the tour, Dave Sell commented, "This method of forestry is the most compatible with the goals of the Scenic Area. We would like to take these concepts and encourage people to blend them in with traditional methods."

Natural selection forestry also makes good economic sense as well. On the 160-acre Goebel and Jackson Tree Farm in Wallowa County, the sustained annual harvest averages 450 board feet per acre and peaks at 700 board feet per acre. In 1970 there were 1.9 million board feet of marketable timber on the land. Over the past 24 years, 1.6 million board feet have been harvested and 2 million board feet remain today. That represents a respectable return on their investment and would be difficult to match using clearcut, plantation methods.

Foresters like the Shawes and Goebel and Jackson are proving that environmental protection and forestry can be very compatible. FOCG would like to thank the Shawes for the wonderful tour. ▲

FOCG Looks Back, Forward

—Continued from front page—

Our Citizen Involvement Project will provide new opportunities for citizens to work with us for Gorge protection (and just for fun!). We will continue our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup project and Earth Day clean up.

The Friends will develop a proactive strategy to counter coordinated efforts by opponents of the Scenic Act to reduce protection for the most sensitive, significant lands in the Gorge.

We will monitor the activities of the so-called "wise use" movement, and its attempts to undermine land use protection for the Gorge. We will monitor the new Congress, which we expect will be asked to roll back protection under the National Scenic Area Act.

We will work to obtain funding to purchase and protect more special lands in the Gorge. We will continue our work to ensure that development does not harm the scenic, natural and cultural resources of the Gorge. Some of the more important proposals in 1995 will include plans to develop Oregon's western "gateway to the Gorge," the Sandy River Delta; the unique and ecologically sensitive Catherine and Major Creek area in the eastern Gorge; and proposals for new freeway interchanges at the Sandy River and Multnomah Falls which could threaten scenic, natural and cultural resources.

The Friends will undoubtedly face many more issues we haven't heard of yet! We look forward to another year of working to preserve one of the most magnificent of Northwest landscapes. ▲

Legal Update

In October, 1994, the Friends filed its first appeal of a development approval by Skamania County. On December 15, 1994, Friends' attorney Gary Kahn argued the appeal before the Skamania County Board of Adjustment. The board continued the hearing to February 2, 1995, to gather additional information.

Our appeal challenges approval of a proposed clubhouse for Natures Friends Northwest. We support Natures Friends Northwest's hiking activities and interest in the environment, and we are sorry to have to pursue this appeal. However, the Management Plan must apply equally to all development proposals, whether from friends or foes.

In this case, Skamania County approved development not allowed by the Management Plan and land use ordinance. The clubhouse is proposed on land designated "Commercial Forest Land." The Gorge Management Plan and Skamania County ordinance limit the uses allowed on Commercial Forest Land.

Skamania County found that "none of the uses listed as permitted within the Commercial Forest zone are a perfect fit for the subject proposal. Two uses come closer than any others: non-profit, environmental, forestry or agricultural learning or research facilities; expansion of existing non-profit group camps, retreats or conferences."

Skamania County found that the application did not fit these uses because the application is not to expand an existing non-profit group camp, but to establish a new use, and the proposed clubhouse is "recreational and social" not a learning or research facility.

Skamania County then found that allowing the clubhouse would "fulfill the objectives of the Recreational Intensity Class on the property." The county approved the clubhouse use.

Through Recreational Intensity Class designations, the Management Plan and ordinances promote recreation such as hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, windsurfing, wildlife viewing, sightseeing, picnicking, and camping. The Recreational Intensity Class designations were not intended to allow structures, except in very limited circumstances such as horse stables or boat docks. Skamania County's decision, if allowed to become a precedent, would create a huge loophole in the Plan and ordinances, and would result in allowing improper development in the Gorge.

It is important for Skamania County to properly implement and enforce the Gorge ordinance. If Skamania County can approve development that is not allowed, the Management Plan's land use designations will be rendered meaningless.

We will continue to appeal improper approvals in order to protect what we have worked so hard to achieve: a Management Plan that sets land use designations to protect against urban sprawl, preserve forest and farm land, provide for public recreation, and protect scenic, natural, cultural and recreational values. ▲

Not to be Missed



The top of Tom McCall Point, Oregon Photo by Ken Denis



Wild Iris Photo by Ken Denis



L to R: Bob Amundsen, Liz and John King listen to Russ Jolley explain the ecology of this Pine Oak savanna in the Memaloose Hills area just east of Mosier, Oregon. Russ will lead a hike in this area on April 15 for the Friends.



Hikers on Larch Mountain Trail #441 along Multnomah Creek about 1.5 miles from Multnomah Falls Lodge. Photo by Ken Denis

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank You!

Friends of the Columbia Gorge thanks the following foundations for their generous support in 1994:

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Special thanks to our wonderful Conservators of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and our many members. We couldn't do it without you!

Recently we received a donation of a Canon 4550 copier that has an auto feed, copies on both sides and collates. All of us in the office who used our old copier really appreciate the gift from Campbell, Galt and Newlands, and Automated Office Systems. Many, many thanks.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

1995 Spring Wildflower Hikes

WHAT: A series of eleven day-hikes, sponsored by Friends of the Columbia Gorge, to follow the wildflower bloom as it unfolds in the Gorge. These are designed as hikes, so participants should be in good physical condition. We are not intent on setting speed or distance records; rather, we prefer to promote awareness, appreciation and knowledge of the beautiful Columbia River Gorge.

WHERE: Leave 8:00 a.m. from Gateway/99th Avenue Park & Ride, Exit 7 off I-84, immediate right onto N.E. 99th Avenue, Portland. Second meeting places are listed below to accommodate persons living outside the Portland area.

WHAT TO BRING: Daypack containing lunch, water, rain gear, extra clothing, insect repellent, camera, binoculars, first aid and personal items. No animals, please. *Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge* by Russ

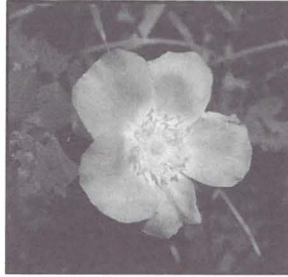
Jolley (Oregon Historical Society Press), is a field guide many participants enjoy carrying along on these hikes.

WHAT TO WEAR: Long sleeves and long pants recommended. Sturdy hiking shoes that are lug-soled and waterproof.

CAR POOLING: Will be arranged among participants at the Gateway/99th Avenue Park & Ride (see above) each Saturday. Donation to drivers of 5 cents per mile is recommended. Bridge tolls (75 cents each way) are shared.

GENERAL INFO: Prior sign-up is not necessary. Hikes will not be cancelled because of rain. Remember, weather near Hood River is usually great! Participants accept responsibility for their own safety. All mileages given are round trip.

For more specific information, contact Friends of the Columbia Gorge at (503) 241-3762.



Wild Rose
Photo by Ken Denis

APRIL 1 — CATHERINE CREEK WEST Gorge enthusiasts Helen Running and Myrtle Alex will lead us up the west canyon of Catherine Creek to open country with spectacular rock palisades, stone works and a natural basalt arch. Hike 6 miles with 1,000 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:00 a.m. is Bridge Mart, north end of Hood River bridge.

APRIL 8 — DALLES MOUNTAIN RANCH After a tour of the Native American rock art at Horsethief Lake, we will explore Washington's newest State Park with Pat Bleakney, former owner of Dalles Mountain Ranch. Hike 6.5 miles total with minimal elevation gain; 1,000 elevation loss. Second meeting place at 9:45 a.m. is Horsethief Lake State Park day-use area. Exit 87 off I-84, then north in Washington on US 197 for 3 miles; then east on Hwy. 14 for 1.5 miles.

APRIL 15 — MEMALOOSE HILLS LOOP Gorge explorer Russ Jolley will lead us to new views in the Memaloose-Rowena area. Hike 5.6 miles with 800 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:15 a.m. is Memaloose Rest Area, south side of I-84 eastbound, shortly after milepost 72.

APRIL 22 — LYLE CHERRY ORCHARD Celebrate Earth Day by following wildflower expert Barbara Robinson up a series of benches, gaining 1,000 ft. in the first 0.75 mile, to the wind-swept, flower-studded plateau and a deserted cherry orchard. This is a very scenic 6.5 mile hike with 1,400 ft. total elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:00 a.m. is Bridge Mart, north end of Hood River bridge.

APRIL 29 — DESCHUTES RIVER TRAILS Desert Trail Association's Ross and Jenna Edginton will lead us up to Ferry Springs for terrific views in a high desert setting and back along the riverside trail with historic sites. Hike 8 miles with 750 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:30 a.m. is Deschutes River State Park, east side of Deschutes River. Celilo Exit 97 off I-84, then 4 miles east.

MAY 6 — WELDON WAGON TRAIL Hood River resident Mimi Macht will lead us along a pioneer route with open slopes of wildflowers and views of the idyllic White Salmon River valley. Hike 7.5 miles with 1,500 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:15 a.m. is White Water Market on east side of Hwy. 141 in Husum, Washington.

MAY 13 — WYGANT PEAK Political pundit Tim Hibbits will lead us through white oak forests to clifftop views of the east end of the Gorge. Hike 8 miles with 2,200 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:00 a.m. is Mitchell Point Overlook, Exit 58 on south side of I-84 eastbound.

MAY 20 — COLUMBIA HILLS NATURAL AREA PRESERVE Gorge enthusiast Bill Daniels will lead us up Dalles Mountain Ranch road to an oak grove and beyond to the butte top views which go on forever. Hike 8 miles with 1,800 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:45 a.m. is Horsethief Lake State Park day-use area. Exit 87 off I-84, then north in Washington on US 197 for 3 miles; then east on Hwy. 14 for 1.5 miles.

MAY 27 — DOG MOUNTAIN LOOP Forest Service trail builder Gina Mondragon will lead us up the new route on Dog Mountain, a kinder, gentler path to those famous slopes of balsamroot. Hike 8 miles with 2,900 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:15 a.m. is trailhead parking lot on Washington Hwy. 14, 12.5 miles east of Bridge of the Gods.

JUNE 3 — ANGELS REST Celebrate National Trails Day by following Friends' Conservation Director Joe Walicki through delightful forest and flowers to a spectacular viewpoint high above the Columbia River. Hike 4.5 miles with 1,400 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 8:30 a.m. is trailhead parking triangle on Scenic Highway at junction with Bridal Veil Exit 28.

JUNE 10 — AUGSBURGER MOUNTAIN/COOK HILL Gorge explorers Charlotte and Frank Head have a double treat for us this year: an 8-mile hike which first ascends Augsburger Mountain's forested ridge trail to the 3,667 ft. summit and then follows a new trail south up to the 3,014 ft. summit of Cook Hill. Open flowered meadows and great views of the Gorge from both peaks. 1,450 ft. elevation gain. *Sturdy cars with good tires recommended.* Second meeting place at 9:15 a.m. is Dog Mountain trailhead parking lot on Washington Hwy. 14, 12.5 miles east of Bridge of the Gods.

JUNE 17-18 — GORGE HIKING WEEK-END Brochure will be available from the Friends by May 15. ▲

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Friends of the Columbia Gorge wishes to thank the following people who have made memorial contributions since our last newsletter:

*In memory of
Donald McGraw*

Dr. & Mrs. John Reynolds
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce H. Russell

*In memory of
Elizabeth Langille Trimble*

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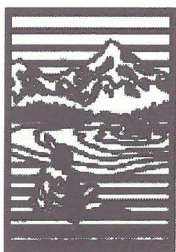
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D. Marshall McGee*

Patricia Ann Sims
Marie McCormick
Rosella & Gene Hiney
Ken & Dorothy Kiger



Sea Kayak Alaska

Join Chair Rick Ray and a group of 6 to 9 Friends members on a custom, premium, guided sea kayak trip near Glacier Bay. We will focus on birding and whale watching. No previous skills needed. The cost of this 7 day 6 night July trip is \$1,849, part of which benefits Friends of the Columbia Gorge. For more information, call the office at 241-3762.

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GORGE CALENDAR

Monday, February 27

Sandy River Delta Open House

The Forest Service will brief the public on the draft Environmental Impact Statement that includes the Sandy River Delta and the proposed new freeway interchange at Jordan Road. Come anytime between 4:00-8:00 p.m. Troutdale City Park, Sam Cox Building Annex, 1100 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, adjacent to the Sandy River, Oregon. Please Attend.

Saturday, March 25

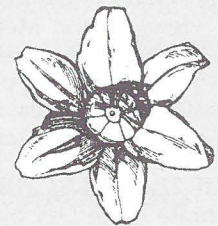
Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick-Up

Friends will help keep the Historic Columbia River Highway free from litter on Saturday, March 25th. Meet at the ODOT parking lot, NE 60th and Glisan, at 8 a.m. Bring leather gloves and hiking boots. You will be finished by noon. Call Marna in the Friends office for more information: 241-3762.

ANNUAL MEETING

Friends 1995 Annual Meeting is March 5

Sunday, March 5, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Annual Membership Meeting
Skamania Lodge, Stevenson WA



Program: A. Clair Siddall, "Columbia River Gorge: Flowers in the Landscape" All members are welcome. We are asking for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of refreshments.

(Directions: from Portland, take I-84 eastbound to Cascade Locks and cross over the Bridge of the Gods to Washington; rt. on Route 14 and watch for the signs.)

9. Do you hold season tickets to any cultural or sporting events? No Yes

10. Have you attended college or university in Oregon No Yes
If yes, which one(s) _____

11. Comments:

Please return your surveys in the enclosed postage paid envelope. Thank you!

PLEASE RESPOND

FOCG'S CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT PROJECT

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, Oregon's land use laws, and Washington's growth management act are a result of Northwest citizens saying, "We care about our quality of life."

Some have interpreted recent election results as sending the message that people only care about taxes and crime. We disagree.

If you care about our quality of life and want to get involved in working for the future, you can help.

YES, I CARE ABOUT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE!

I am willing to:

- Write letters to the editor
- Write letters to my state legislators and governor
- Write letters to Congress
- Attend meetings
- Help with FOCG mailings
- Work with visitors to the Gorge (e.g., Multnomah Falls Visitors Center)
- Participate in citizen lobbying opportunities
- Other (describe)
- Send me more information!

Name _____

Phone _____ (day/eve)

Address _____

JOIN THE NETWORK!

The Oregon Conservation Network is bringing citizens together to show the Oregon Legislature and Governor Kitzhaber that Oregonians care about their quality of life.

Oregon Conservation Network Lobby Days in Salem: Tuesday, February 14
 Monday, April 24 (Earth Day)

For more information about Lobby Days and other citizen involvement opportunities, contact Joe Walicki, Conservation Director, 241-3762. Or send this page to FOCG, Citizen Involvement Project, P.O. Box 40820, Portland, OR 97240.

FOCG Membership Survey

Your input is important to us. Please take a few minutes to fill out our membership survey.

1. How long have you been a member of FOCG?

- More than 10 years
- 5 - 10 years
- 1 - 4 years
- Less than 1 year

2. What is most important to you about your FOCG membership?
(Please rank from 1, most important, to 5, least important)

- Supporting FOCG's work to protect the Gorge
- Information on hiking in the Gorge
- Receiving the newsletter
- Receiving action alerts on Gorge issues
- Volunteer opportunities with FOCG
- Other (describe) _____

3. What do you think are the most important issues in the Gorge?
(Please rank from 1, most important, to 11, least important)

- Protection of plants and animals
- Recreation/public access to Gorge lands
- Protection of the Gorge from overdevelopment
- Protection of forests in the Gorge
- Protection/creation of Gorge hiking trails
- Defend/strengthen the National Scenic Area Act
- Defend/strengthen the Management Plan
- Anti-environmental groups in the Gorge
- Need for more citizen involvement
- Quarries in the Gorge
- Air quality in the Gorge
- Other (describe) _____

4. What can we do better to help you get more out of your membership in the Friends?

ABOUT YOU:

5. Where do you live? Community: _____ Zip Code _____

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