

# FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

## SPRING 1990 NEWSLETTER

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## FOCG MEMBERS HELP DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members of Friends of the Columbia Gorge have been participating, along with other members of the public, in a series of "Key Contact Meetings" to assist with the drafting of the permanent management plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. These meetings are held each month in each of the six Gorge counties to discuss various goals, policies, and options for the plan.

The meetings are very important in the drafting process. While they are advisory in nature, the Gorge Commissioners pay close attention to the ideas, opinions, and information that come out of the Key Contact Meetings. In many cases, the meetings are already affecting the drafting of the plan.

### Best and Worst Potentials

The majority of the individuals who have attended and spoken at Key Contact Meetings, to date, are people who oppose regulation of land use in the Gorge. Some of the suggestions made at key contact meetings have included: allowing gas stations and

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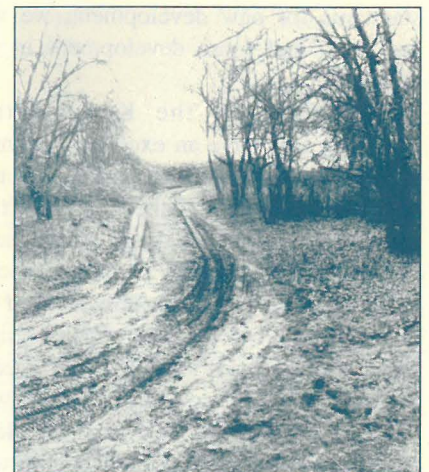
## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY HELP FOCG CLEAN UP ST. CLOUD RANCH

Twenty years ago, when the first Earth Day was celebrated, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area had not yet been dreamed of. Today, it is reality, and lands on both sides of the river are being acquired for public ownership and protection of their scenic and natural resources.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge will celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 22, by sprucing up a lovely Columbia Gorge property that has just been acquired for public ownership and management by the U.S. Forest Service.

St. Cloud Ranch lies on the Washington shoreline west of Franz Lake and at the foot of Archer Mountain. Just across the river is

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*January in the apple orchard at St. Cloud Ranch.*



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mini-marts to be built at Rowena, allowing residential development to proceed at any density allowed by existing Skamania County zoning rules, and allowing paved parking lots with a capacity of over 200 cars to be built to maximize shoreline access for windsurfers.

Some of the pro-development participants who have attended Key Contact

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Meetings have suggested that all Gorge residents believe as they do and that the impetus for protection of Gorge lands has come entirely from outsiders. Nothing could be farther from the truth — but attendance figures for the earlier Key Contact Meetings have been skewed in favor of development interests. Some of the suggestions made at Key Contact Meetings, if adopted, would be in blatant violation of the Act. Others would drastically weaken the potential of the Act to effectively protect the Gorge's special resources.

It is a myth that the National Scenic Area Act has halted development in the Gorge. Last year, the Gorge Commission approved 87% of the development applications submitted to them, an increase from the 82% approval rate in 1988. The sheer volume of development applications has also increased, with 283 decisions in 1989 compared to 154 in 1988. If the Gorge Commission is persuaded as a result of the Key Contact Meetings to weaken the standards for new development, we will see more and more development in the Gorge.

Fortunately, the Key Contact Meetings also have an excellent potential for encouraging, strong, positive protection — *if* people who believe in protecting the Gorge attend and speak at the meetings. Including in the planning process people who live, work and recreate in the Gorge brings out information that might otherwise be overlooked — the special concerns of small woodlot owners who harvest trees one-by-one rather than clear-cutting, the concerns of rural people who do not want their neighborhoods turned

into bustling suburbs, the potential conflict between residential areas and commercial recreation operations like RV parks. Accounting for these concerns in the permanent management plan will make it a better plan.

### **Recent Key Contact Meetings**

In meetings held in January, February and March, participants discussed residential and commercial development, rural centers and key viewing areas for scenic resources. While these meetings were heavily attended by development interests, other meeting participants — many but not all of them members of Friends of the Columbia Gorge — spoke eloquently for protection of the Gorge's extraordinary scenic, natural, cultural and recreational resources.

Common concerns have arisen among both groups, and the meetings are not always as sharply polarized as could be

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expected after the controversy involved in passing the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. The Gorge's rural character and lifestyle are cherished by a broad cross-section of meeting participants.

Many Gorge residents, both those who opposed the Act and those who favored it, expressed concern about the impact of increased tourism. Friends of the Columbia Gorge has urged that low-impact recreation uses, such as hiking, be emphasized, and that high-impact uses,

such as large, paved parking lots at shoreline, RV parks, and the like be limited.

Meeting participants were also concerned about the large amount of land designated forest land. Under the draft land use designations, about 25% of the Scenic Area was designated for forest use. Forty-one percent of key contacts who responded to a questionnaire said that too much forest land had been designated. Only 13% said that not enough forest land had been designated.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge has urged that areas with special botanical or wildlife values be designated open space rather than forest land, and that the areas currently given a "dual designation" for forest land/open space be re-designated open space and managed for their scenic and natural values.

### **How You Can Participate in Future Meetings**

All Key Contact Meetings are open to the public. People who reside or have special interests (for example, own property, hike trails, have botanical or archaeological knowledge of a particular area, etc.) in particular Gorge counties are especially encouraged to attend meetings in those counties. Key Contact Meetings will continue on a monthly basis through this fall, or until the drafting of the permanent management plan is completed. During April the discussion topic will be forest and agricultural lands. The general schedule for the meetings is shown below.

For information on the specific date, location, and topics to be discussed at any meeting, call Friends of the Columbia Gorge at (503) 241-3762 or the Columbia Gorge Commission at (509) 493-3323.

## **Key Contact Meeting Schedule**

<b>Klickitat County</b>	First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wasco County</b>	First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Clark County</b>	Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Skamania County</b>	Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Hood River County</b>	Third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Multnomah County</b>	Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.



## OAK HILLS ESTATES PROPOSAL DENIED

After lengthy testimony, the Gorge Commission has finally completed its hearing on the appeal of the application submitted by development companies Wynco, Inc. and Schaefer, Inc. to build the first house of a proposed 268-acre "Oak Hills Estates" subdivision near Washougal. In a 4-3 vote, the Gorge Commission upheld the staff decision not to allow the development because it would have converted forest land to residential use.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge intervened as a party in the case to

represent our members' interests in protecting this beautiful woodland area. We presented the testimony of an expert in forestry management who testified regarding the suitability of the area for management as forest land.

The development applied for would have been the first residence in a potential million-dollar development. With so much money at stake, this may not be the last we hear of this development proposal. Friends of the Columbia Gorge will be watching, in case this proposal or a similar one surfaces again.



## BROUGHTON LANDING RESORT

### Revised Design Discussed

Last summer, the Broughton Landing Company submitted an application for a resort complex on 43 acres of shoreline west of their old mill near Underwood, Washington. The proposed complex, which was denied by the Gorge Commission, would have included condominium-type lodging, restaurants, retail shops and a sailboard launching area.

Recently, the company has discussed a scaled-down development proposal with the Gorge Commission staff. Complete agreement has not yet been reached on the new proposal, which would still include a retail store and 35 two-story townhouse units.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is following these discussions closely. We favor sensitive development of the site for recreation, but oppose commercial retail development and townhouse development at the density currently proposed.

## GARBAGE TRUCKS IN THE GORGE: AN UPDATE

Garbage trucks are now rolling through the Gorge, despite Friends of the Columbia Gorge efforts to overturn a recent poor decision by the Portland Metro Council to use trucks rather than barge or rail to transport its garbage to the landfill in Arlington.

With both barge and rail transport available to transport Portland's garbage in one trip a day, it made no sense for the Metro Council to choose trucks. The large trucks used by Jack Gray Transport will consume twice the fuel of barge or rail transport, will create safety hazards on the highway, and will interfere with tourist traffic in the Gorge.

The planned staging area in The Dalles, where the truck drivers will stop to change trailers, raises a serious concern about the potential for truck traffic interfering with visitors to the planned interpretive center at Crates Point, just outside The Dalles. Friends of the Columbia Gorge believes that the decision of The Dalles Planning Commission to allow the staging area violates Wasco County's land use plan, and we appealed

that decision to the City Council. Jack Gray Transport appealed also, asking the City Council to relax some of the conditions placed on the approval of the staging area, including a condition that the site not be used as the company's primary staging area.

The Dalles City Council heard the appeal in February. They voted three to two to allow the staging area, and they also granted part of the trucking company's request to relax the conditions. They did not, however, allow the site's use as a primary staging area, except during a 90-day interim period. After that, a primary staging area must be in operation and no more than 49% of the loads transported may be brought to The Dalles.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is considering appealing the staging area decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals.

Last fall, Jack Gray Transport said they were bidding on five other contracts in addition to the Portland Metro contract. Portland's landfill contract will use only one-twentieth of the space there. We are

concerned by the prospect of the National Scenic Area corridor becoming a primary route for a growing parade of garbage trucks. We have contacted other counties and municipalities in Oregon and Washington to let them know of this concern and find out what their plans are for disposing of their garbage. We hope other areas will follow Seattle's example and avoid trucking garbage through the National Scenic Area.

We hope our members will help us keep watch on the Jack Gray Transport garbage trucks to assure that they are not violating the law or their contract with Metro by speeding, making non-emergency stops in the National Scenic Area, or leaking garbage. The large, single-trailer trucks are marked with a red eagle logo. If you see any violations occurring, please make a note of the date and time, the truck's license plate number, the location (if possible, make a note of the closest milepost marker), and a description of the violation, and send the information to Friends of the Columbia Gorge.



# MEMBERS GATHER AT 1990 ANNUAL MEETING



*Julia Ferreira accepts the 1990 Volunteer Award for her excellent work on numerous Hiking Weekends.*



*Gary Kahn tells how members can help draft the permanent management plan.*

About 80 members attended the 1990 Annual Membership Meeting of Friends of the Columbia Gorge on Monday evening, March 26. The members heard reports on the organization's efforts to obtain a sound permanent management plan for the Gorge, to discourage trucking as a method for hauling garbage through the Gorge to the Arlington landfill, to study the development of an educational curriculum on the Gorge for grade schoolers, and other ongoing projects.

## The 1990 Volunteer Award

The 1990 Volunteer Award was presented to Julia Ferreira, who has served as Chairman of the Hiking Weekend Committee many times, and is currently organizing the Tenth Anniversary Hiking Weekend to be held on June 16 and 17. Each year, planning and organizing the Hiking Weekend is a monumental task, which Julia Ferreira performs with expertise, enthusiasm, and a special creative flair. This year's Hiking Weekend is expected to be the best ever, with over 60 hikes, plus horseback, bicycle and rafting trips.

## New Bylaws Presented

Copies of new bylaws adopted by the directors in January were provided to the members. Philip Jones, an attorney and long-time member of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, volunteered his assistance in preparing the new bylaws, which were needed in order to conform to the new Nonprofit Corporation Act passed by the 1989 Oregon legislature and to reflect some changes in the organization's

administrative procedures. (For a copy of the new bylaws, call Friends of the Columbia Gorge at (503) 241-3762.)

## 1989 Audit

Treasurer Mike Ryan, announced that the audit of the Friends' 1989 financial records had been completed. He introduced our accountant, Carol Jones, who presented the financial reports (see pages 10-11).

## Legal Defense

It was announced that one of three lawsuits filed against the organization by former staff members had been dismissed, and the remaining lawsuits should be concluded by late spring or early summer.

## CHAIRMAN TO SPEAK AT CITY CLUB

Debbie Craig, Chairman of the Board of Friends of the Columbia Gorge since December, 1989, will speak before the Portland City Club this summer on "The State of the Gorge." She will speak for one of the Club's Friday luncheon meetings in late June or early July.

Ms. Craig describes her topic as "where we've been, where we are, and what our vision is of the future of the Gorge." She expresses excitement about the potential of Friends of the Columbia Gorge. By the end of 1991, when the permanent management plan for the Gorge is adopted and in place, she hopes the organization will have more time for creative projects encouraging people to appreciate the great beauty and special resources of the Gorge.

In his summary judgment decision, Judge Redding described some of the allegations as "frivolous."

## Ratification of Directors

The slate of directors currently serving the organization was read, and the members voted to ratify their election.

## National Scenic Area Management Plan

Gary Kahn, the organization's land use counsel then encouraged members to become involved in the drafting process for the permanent management plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The Friends has a new program to assist members in learning more about the issues, attending "key contact" meetings, and writing letters to support resource protection. At the close of the meeting, many members signed up to become involved as "key contacts."

## "Transfigured Landscape"

Following the business meeting, Northwest photographer Ron Cronin gave a remarkable slide and music presentation featuring his photographs of the Columbia River Gorge. The majestic cliffs, waterfalls, autumn leaves, jewel-like wildflowers, and awesome sunsets captured in Mr. Cronin's photographs reminded us why we are working so hard to protect the Gorge.



*Debbie Craig, Chairman of Friends of the Columbia Gorge*



# TENTH ANNIVERSARY HIKING WEEKEND TO BE BEST EVER

The Tenth Annual Friends of the Columbia Gorge Hiking Weekend will be held on Saturday, June 16, and Sunday, June 17, this year, and will be the best ever.

There will be 61 hikes, the most ever offered, including several new hikes never offered before. The afternoon After-Hike Rendezvous will feature speakers of special interest. As usual, all hikes will be free of charge, and the general public is invited. Carpools will be available from central points in Portland.

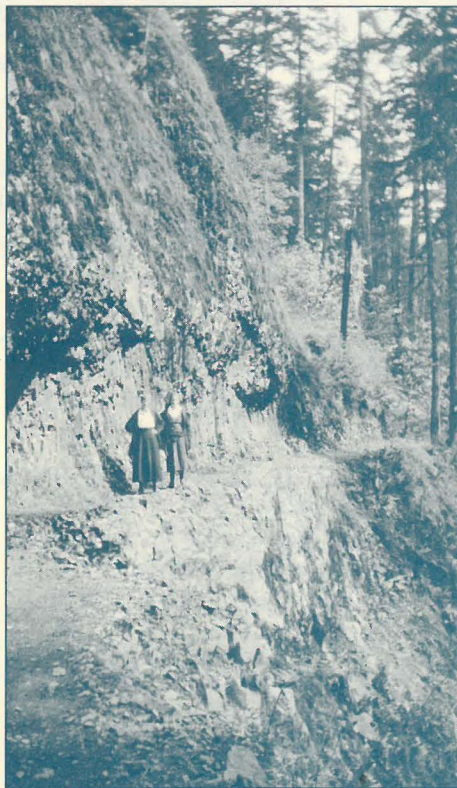
## New Hikes

Brand-new hikes include a climb up Archer Mountain to a breathtaking view downriver and across to the Oregon side of the Gorge where Multnomah Falls tumbles down the cliffs. We will also offer a hike up the newest trail in the Gorge, the historic Weldon Wagon Trail (see article, this page), which will be less than two months old in June.

## Anniversary Hikes

For those who like their trails seasoned, there will also be hikes on the oldest trails in the Gorge. The popular Eagle Creek Trail celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, and Tom Stipe (whose grandmother hiked the trail in 1915) will lead an anniversary hike.

This is also the 75th anniversary of both the Larch Mountain trail system and the Trails Club. The Club will lead a hike up Larch Mountain and have an anniversary party at the summit, to which we are all invited.



*Helen and Margaret Nicolai on the Eagle Creek Trail in 1915*

## Alternative Experiences

If hiking isn't your cup of tea, try a bicycle ride, a horseback trip, or a rafting excursion. Bicyclists will take the Corbett/Chamberlain Hill Loop on Saturday and the Mosier Area Loop on Sunday. Horseback riders will climb Nestor Peak on Saturday and Monte Carlo on Sunday. (Bring your own bicycles and horses.) On Sunday, rafters will go down the Sandy River Oxbow to Troutdale.

## The Hikers Rendezvous

Both days feature an After-Hike Rendezvous at Eagle Creek Overlook Park from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, employees of the U.S. Forest Service and the Oregon and Washington state park systems will be at the Rendezvous to discuss hiking issues in the Gorge. This is an ideal opportunity for hikers to talk informally with the people who are drafting the permanent management plan for the Gorge, and let them know how you feel about resource protection and the trail system in the Gorge.

On Sunday, Don and Roberta Lowe, authors of 35 Hiking Trails/Columbia River Gorge, will be on hand to talk about their favorite hikes and autograph your copy of their book.

## Special Thanks

We are very grateful to our Corporate Sponsor, the Mount Hood Railroad, which made the 1990 Hiking Weekend possible.

Special thanks this year also goes to Julia Ferreira, our Hiking Weekend Committee chairman, Mary Vranizan, our publicity chairman, Jeanne Norton, our Rendezvous chairman, James Reynolds, our brochure designer, numerous hike leaders and their sponsoring organizations, and the many other volunteers who are working to make the Hiking Weekend memorable.

## Getting the Details

Members of Friends of the Columbia Gorge will be sent copies of the complete Hiking Weekend brochure in early May. If you need extra copies for friends, relatives or colleagues, call Friends of the Columbia Gorge at (503) 241-3762 after May 1.

## NEW TRAIL TO BE DEDICATED ON EARTH DAY WEEKEND

The newly-completed Weldon Wagon Trail will be dedicated in a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by an inaugural hike on Saturday, April 21.

The new trail follows the old pioneer wagon road into the White Salmon valley.

Along the way is an old oak which still bears the scars of axe marks used for pioneer land surveys. Historical research on the location of the trail was done by the Klickitat County Paths and Trails group.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. April 21 at the

Husum convenience store on the east side of State Highway 141, just south of the bridge. Be prepared for a six-mile hike (three miles up and three miles back) with an elevation gain of about 1,500 feet, and bring a lunch to eat on the summit.





The little shop on the lake at Wyeth, 1917.

## TWO YEARS AT WYETH

### Part I

When I was a little girl, my parents took my brother, sister and me to live in the Columbia River Gorge near Wyeth, Oregon. We lived there for two years, and it was a wonderful time.

My father was from Detroit, but he settled out here when he married my mother, and he dearly loved the Northwest. He had a dream of living out in the country. He bought some land around a beautiful little lake near Wyeth. The land was on the south side of the Columbia River Highway. The highway was not paved at that time.

My father was very much ahead of his time. He had the idea of building vacation cabins around the lake. To start with, he



Young Edna and her brother and sister enjoy a sunny summer day in the Gorge.

built an ice cream and sandwich shop for people traveling the Gorge Highway. I suppose one would call it a "deli" today. My mother made the sandwiches, which were sold in the shop. In the summer, they also sold ice cream, which came packed in deep tubs. When most of the ice cream had been sold and only the last of it remained in the bottom, my mother would give what was left to us.

Part of our living quarters were behind the shop. These included a sitting room, kitchen and dining area. Our bedrooms were in another building. At the urging of the people of Wyeth, my father built a community center. This was located about two hundred feet up an incline from the shop. Our bedrooms were located in a portion of this building.

The community center was used for dances and other activities. My brother and I remember that different local people would play different musical instruments such as the fiddle and harmonica for the dances.

My mother was ahead of her time, too. After we moved out to the Gorge, I remember her wearing knickers. My mother worked very hard. She sewed our clothes, and I always thought I was one of the most nicely dressed girls in school. She was very strict about making me change my clothes the minute I came home from school. My brother and sister were too young for school. Our clothes had to be washed by hand on a washboard and dried on a clothesline. Mother had her regular washing day each week, just like

she had her baking day and ironing day.

I remember one time my father decided to bake some bread. My mother had taken us to Portland to visit relatives, so dad thought he would bake bread. He didn't know how to punch it down and it rose far over the baking tins. When we returned from Portland we laughed at the sight of the bread.

My mother's birthday was in June. We would bring her flowers. We picked great armfuls of wild lilies for her on her birthday. I also remember that there were trilliums everywhere in early spring. We felt fortunate to be living out in the country with all of the flowers around. In the summer, my younger sister and brother and I spent a lot of time playing on the lake and by the river.

Wyeth was a small town then, with maybe three or four blocks of houses. It was a railroad town, and many of the people who lived there were the families of railroad workers. My father was the postmaster for a short time. He was also deputized, as I suppose other men in Wyeth were, in case of any problems encountered with "hobos" who rode the rails.

*Adapted from a conversation with Mrs. Edna Chapman.*

*Don't miss Part II of Mrs. Chapman's Wyeth story in the Summer Newsletter. She will describe Wyeth's one-room schoolhouse, its winter weather, and the dramatic end to her family's Wyeth adventure.*



# A SPRING TRIP TO THE ROCK FORT CAMP

April 17 is the perfect date for an exploring trip to The Dalles. The weather will be beautiful, the wildflowers will be blooming, and you will be following in the footsteps of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition. Exactly 184 years ago, Meriwether Lewis was cataloguing wildflowers at the Rock Fort Camp near Mill Creek in today's Port Area of The Dalles.

The expedition first stopped at Rock Fort in October, 1805, on its way downriver, to repair their canoes and dry out their clothes and stores, which were wet from navigating the fast water just upstream. They also dealt with the maddening fleas they had accumulated at Celilo, and sent hunters out for fresh game. It was a time of rest and recuperation. On one evening, Indians visited from across the

river, bringing gifts. A fire was built in the middle of the camp, and the party danced to the music of Peter Cruzat's violin.

Because of the campsite's natural fortification and good hunting nearby, the party camped at Rock Fort again on their return trip the following spring, in 1806. The main purpose then was to make packsaddles and obtain horses for the homeward journey. In order to trade for horses, some of the party visited the Indian villages on the north side of the river, where several men passed the night. At this north side village, the natives must have remembered the fiddling and dancing from the previous visit because, as Clark writes on April 16, "the natives requested the party to dance which they very readily consented and Peter Cruzat played on the violin...."

Meanwhile, back at Rock Fort on Thursday, April 17, Lewis apparently awakened to a lovely spring day, for he writes the following: "even at this place which is merely on the border of the plains of columbia the climate seems to have changed the air feels dryer and more pure. the earth is dry and seems as if there had been no rain for a week or ten days. the plain is covered with a rich verdure of grass and herbs from four to nine inches high and exhibits a beautiful seen [scene]."

He sent the hunters out early and put some of the men to work on the needed packsaddles. Thus having some free time, Lewis reports: "I was visited today by several of the natives, and amused myself in making a collection of the esculent plants in the neighborhood such as the Indians use, a specimine of which I preserved. I was also met with sundry other plants which were strangers to me which I also preserved, among others there is a current which is now in blume." He then describes the golden current, a plant he collected and which is today preserved along with the other Rock Fort specimens in the Lewis and Clark herbarium of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Cutright's *Lewis and Clark, Pioneering Naturalists* lists the Rock Fort discoveries. Among the 11 new plants they discovered were the golden current (*Ribes aureum*), serviceberry (*Amalanchier alnifolia*), slender popcorn flower (*Plagiobothrys tennelus*), and thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflorus*). All of these plants and more were in bloom that April of 1906. Most were collected on April 17th.

The Rock Fort Camp is one of the few intact Lewis and Clark campsites on the Columbia. You can still see the rock fortifications, the grassy circle where the men danced to the fiddle and, in among the grass, some of the plants discovered by Lewis 184 years ago.

To reach the Lewis and Clark Rock Fort Campsite, follow signs to The Dalles Port Area at the west end of town. Turn right after passing over the railroad tracks. Look for the Rock Fort sign and turn left into the parking area. The campsite is east of the parking area, and is marked by a bronze plaque erected in 1977.

Nancy N. Russell



Columbia River Near The Dalles, unknown artist, from the Oregon Native Son magazine, July/August, 1900.

## BROWSING AT KLINDT'S BOOKSTORE

I can't think of a better bookstore in the State of Oregon than Klindt's on East Second Street in The Dalles.

Recently, I was deposited in The Dalles at 3:30 p.m. after an all-day tour of the Gorge and prior to a 7:00 p.m. key contact meeting. What to do? Browse at Klindt's. I perused travel, gardening, and regional fiction and history where I lit on Paul Russell Cutright's *Lewis & Clark, Pioneering Naturalists*. With book purchased, I walked over to the bookstore annex, poured a cup of coffee, and settled into my pleasant surroundings. The book inspired a subsequent visit to The Dalles Rock Fort Campsite, and the article above.

Try a visit to Klindt's this spring. Who knows what it will inspire you to do?



# ST. CLOUD RANCH

## A FAMILY HISTORY

Family members still remember good times at the home of Paul and Florence Vial on St. Cloud Ranch. Marie Vial Hall-Steinberg of Portland remembers her Uncle Paul Vial as a warm, outgoing sportsman who loved people and the outdoors.

Paul Vial was born and raised in Portland. His father, a Frenchman from the Paris suburb of St. Cloud, moved to Portland shortly before the turn of the century and opened a wine import shop. In 1904, Paul Vial married Florence Hume in San Francisco. Florence's family owned salmon canneries along the Columbia River. Their first child, Fifi, was born in St. Cloud, France, during the first year of their marriage. Their second and last child was born in San Francisco.

When the 1906 San Francisco earthquake struck, the Vial family, along with many other San Francisco families, took to

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### *Earth Day Clean-Up, continued from page 1*

Horsetail Falls. Beaver, deer and coyotes make their home here, and Archer Creek winds its way down to the river. There are a number of orchards on the property, and in winter the ground is carpeted with apples that have fallen from the heavily bearing trees.

In recent years, litter has collected on the property, marring its natural beauty. With the cooperation and active assistance of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Friends of the Columbia Gorge is organizing a volunteer clean-up. The Forest Service will provide hard hats and insurance coverage to all volunteers who participate in the April 22 clean-up.

Trash will be sorted for recycling into bags provided by the Forest Service, and hauled away in Forest Service trucks. Volunteers should wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and sturdy footwear. Bring a picnic lunch and something to drink. Come prepared not only to pick up litter, but also to see some of the beauty of the north side of the Gorge and get together with others who are doing something to protect that beauty.

St. Cloud Ranch straddles Highway 14 between mileposts 30 and 31. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the restrooms at Beacon Rock State Park to carpool to the ranch site. Or, if you would like to carpool from Portland, meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Oregon Department of Transportation parking lot on N.E. 60th Avenue just north of Glisan Street.

For more information, call the Friends of the Columbia Gorge Earth Day Committee Chairman, Janet van Swearingen, at (503) 621-3263. Other committee members are Susan Cady of Washougal, Washington, and Helen Running of Portland, Oregon.

## GORGE CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Environmental groups throughout the Gorge will be celebrating Earth Day in Hood River on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22. The celebration will include workshops, games, food, booths, and even a puppet theatre. On Saturday, outdoor festivities will be held at the Hood River Marina, and on Sunday, indoor activities will take place at the Frankton School, 455 Frankton Road in Hood River.

boats in the bay as they watched the city burn. After the earthquake, the Vials moved back to the Northwest. Paul Vial headed his family to Hood River, where he intended to start an orchard. Riding along the Washington shore of the Columbia in their horse and buggy, Paul saw a stretch of land at the foot of Archer Mountain and fell in love with it. He purchased several hundred acres and named it for the Paris suburb where his parents grew up. The St. Cloud Ranch was to be the Vial family home for many years.

Marie Hall-Steinberg recalls family stories about the scores of holidaying friends from California and the Pacific Northwest who enjoyed rustic but generous times living in the rambling guest quarters on the ranch. Long summer days were spent on what was then a "long, straight, sandy beach," she remembers. It was a demanding swim from the beach out to a sand island which has since disappeared. The shore today is gravel. (Loss of the sand may be due to more frequent releases of water from Bonneville Dam, which keep sandy areas upstream damp and prevent the wind from blowing sand down to replenish the beaches below.)

The depression years were hard on the Vial family. Over time, their holdings were reduced to the present 110 acres. In the last years of his life, Paul Vial lived exclusively in California. He died there in the early 1980s at the age of 100. The only remaining buildings on the ranch property are the former caretaker's home and some small outbuildings, all in a hopeless state of repair and scheduled to be razed. The Vials' former home burned to the ground so long ago that no obvious signs remain.

Fifi's son, Tom Tucker, a Washington logger, and Paul's second daughter, Nonie Vial MacKenzie, inherited the property. After harvesting much of the remaining timber, they sold the land to a developer. Fortunately, the Trust for Public Land purchased the property and transferred it to the Forest Service, which will manage it as part of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Helen Running

## IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT K. STARKE

We were grieved to learn of the sudden death on January 29 of Robert K. Starke. Mr. Starke served as Land Officer for the U.S. Forest Service Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area office from the establishment of their Gorge lands purchase and exchange program. He was responsible for the purchase of almost 9,000 acres of land in the Gorge at a cost of \$15 million over the three years during which he administered this key program.

### MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In memory of Olivia Shepard Barber by Clementine Eoff

In memory of Werner Moser by Valara Anderson  
Genevieve Cary  
Ann Frainey  
Elsie Stamm  
Mary Vranizan

In memory of Miriam Vial by Marie Hall-Steinberg



# REMEMBERING SHARRON LANKTON

*Friends of the Columbia Gorge suffered a great loss when Sharron Lankton, our dedicated board member and volunteer, died on February 18, 1990. Nancy Russell gave the following address at the memorial service on February 25.*

I am honored to be here — to join family and friends in remembering so many wonderful times shared in work and play with our dear friend, Sharron Lankton.

Sharron served on the Friends of the Columbia Gorge board from 1982 to the present. She was Multnomah County Chairperson, and in 1985 received our Volunteer Award for her long years of hard work on the Friends' behalf.

I had the privilege of knowing Sharron since the time our children were at the Sylvan School. At Sylvan we worked together on the Sylvan Pancake Breakfast. We made Christmas wreaths together and shared talk of children, family, projects and gardens. A cutting from Sharron's wisteria now stretches robustly across my front porch carrying its great load of pendulous lavender blossoms in April.

We couldn't have known it, but the pancake breakfast exercise was a warm-up for our long collaboration on event after event that all added up to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Sharron worked on public relations and special events. There were press releases, publication deadlines, and radio interviews, Summer Picnics, slide shows, county fairs, Hiking Weekends and Winter Picnics.

There was Neighborfair every summer, with a booth built to Sharron's specs by some of her friends, and her father's wall-papering table covered with just the right country-look tablecloth, helium balloons hooked at the corners, and topped with a gigantic basket of flowers, ferns and leafy salal. From this position, we were always selling our Gorge products — anything we could lay our hands on, preferably donated — Gorge buttons, calendars,

posters, maps, t-shirts, books and balloons. We collected signatures and passed out brochures. Sharron was our master of sales.

What was it that she wasn't able to sell? Sharron was a true lady, warm and welcoming, and no one could pass our booth by. Sharron's graciousness, her openness and her charm won us all over.

There is another trait of personality that won me over. Conservation activities are not universally admired. Controversy is inherent. How could a person renowned for friendliness, and liking to be liked, handle the controversy? Unflinchingly, that's how. She was steadfast in supporting our organization wherever she was.

At Christmastime she was over at my house buying Gorge wildflower t-shirts to give as presents, and a few weeks ago I had an early morning call to tell me how well our land use counsel, Gary Kahn, had done in a 7:00 a.m. radio interview she had heard.

Somewhere in the great beyond winter has passed; there are flowers and picnickers, and singing and dancing, and Sharron is making all the arrangements — for a good cause.

Thinking of Sharron sends me back to the class I took at Scripps. It was Byron:

*She walks in beauty, like the night  
of cloudless climes and starry skies;  
And all that's best of dark and bright  
meet in her aspect and her eyes.*

Speak, memory.

## Contributions in Memory of Sharron Lankton Have been Made By

Sue A. Altstadt  
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Mrs. George F. Black  
Gerel Blauer  
Philip F. Brown  
Mr. and Mrs. John Charlton  
Maurie and Mary Clark  
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Margaret Donsbach  
Anne Durfee  
Joe and Laurie Ferguson  
Marie Hall-Steinberg  
Bob and Janis Harrison  
Tim and Ellen Heltzel  
Judith Hawes Holmes  
Anne and Jim Holtz  
Mrs. Kenneth Howard  
R. Lee Johnson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogness  
William W. Rosenfeld  
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Carol Smith  
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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Triplett  
Edmond Verdurmen  
Esther D. Vetterlein  
Peggy and Joe Wood





**FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1989 and 1988

	ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
	1989	1988	1989	1988
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash	\$ 2,893	\$ 16,685		
Investments	54,144	3,208		
Accounts receivable	801	2,582	\$ 30,041	\$ 19,380
Due from officer		11,803	1,438	1,264
Inventory	32,314	38,041	<u>1,278</u>	<u>2,592</u>
Prepaid expenses	<u>7,869</u>	<u>4,429</u>	Total liabilities	<u>32,757</u> <u>23,236</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>98,021</b>	<b>76,748</b>		
<b>Office furniture and equipment</b>	<b>14,972</b>	<b>14,972</b>		
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>10,061</u>	<u>7,676</u>	Invested in office furniture and equipment	4,911    7,296
<b>Office furniture and equipment - net</b>	<b><u>4,911</u></b>	<b><u>7,296</u></b>	Unrestricted	<u>65,264</u> <u>53,512</u>
			Total fund balance	<u>70,175</u> <u>60,808</u>
	<b><u>\$102,932</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 84,044</u></b>		<b><u>\$102,932</u></b> <b><u>\$ 84,044</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

**FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, EXPENSES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

Years Ended December 31, 1989 and 1988

	1989	1988
<b>Support and revenue</b>		
<b>Support</b>		
Foundation grants	\$ 37,350	\$ 55,088
Contributions	<u>100,290</u>	<u>37,445</u>
<b>Total support</b>	<b><u>137,640</u></b>	<b><u>92,533</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Memberships	49,574	73,595
Fund raising sales net of cost of items sold of \$28,851 and \$12,839, respectively	5,246	26,659
Other income	1,797	5,520
Interest income	<u>1,059</u>	<u>1,727</u>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b><u>57,676</u></b>	<b><u>107,501</u></b>
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b><u>195,316</u></b>	<b><u>200,034</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries	41,936	60,596
Payroll taxes and benefits	6,459	10,748
Rent	9,297	5,926
Copying and printing	8,383	12,357
Postage	16,270	9,084
Office supplies	2,472	5,867
Telephone	3,277	4,663
Subscriptions	759	940
Insurance	3,903	2,946
Professional Services - Gorge protection	45,410	6,895
Professional Services - Other	32,198	16,687
Travel and entertainment	1,701	5,106
Brochures and materials	2,589	4,151
Newsletters	5,790	5,570
Maintenance	1,804	1,154
Interest	436	760
Depreciation	2,385	1,746
Other	<u>880</u>	<u>1,640</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>185,949</u></b>	<b><u>156,836</u></b>
Excess support and revenue over expenses	9,367	43,198
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>60,808</u>	<u>17,610</u>
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 70,175</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 60,808</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

**FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

Years Ended December 31, 1989 and 1988

	1989	1988
<b>Cash flows from operations</b>		
Excess support and revenue over expenses	\$ 9,367	\$ 43,198
Depreciation	2,385	1,746
<b>Changes in current assets and liabilities</b>		
Increase in investments	(50,936)	(1,937)
Decrease (increase) in receivables	1,781	(2,131)
Decrease in due from officer	11,803	7,535
Decrease (increase) in inventory	5,727	(30,616)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(3,440)	(2,489)
Increase in accounts payable	10,661	16,884
Increase in accrued and withheld payroll taxes	<u>174</u>	<u>754</u>
<b>Net cash flows from operations</b>	<b><u>(12,478)</u></b>	<b><u>32,944</u></b>
<b>Cash flows from investment activities</b>		
Purchases of office furniture and equipment		<u>(2,952)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Lease purchase contract on telephone equipment		1,780
Payment on contracts	(1,314)	(330)
Payment on loans from board members		<u>(15,422)</u>
<b>Net cash flows from financing     activities</b>	<b><u>(1,314)</u></b>	<b><u>(13,972)</u></b>
<b>Increase in cash</b>	<b>(13,792)</b>	<b>16,020</b>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>16,685</u>	<u>665</u>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,893</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 16,685</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
 Friends of The Columbia Gorge, Inc.  
 Portland, Oregon

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Friends of The Columbia Gorge, Inc. as of December 31, 1989 and 1988, and the related statements of support, revenue, expenses and changes in fund balance and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the entity's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audits.

I conducted my audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audits provide a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Friends of The Columbia Gorge, Inc. as of December 31, 1989 and 1988, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Carol M. Jones*  
 Certified Public Accountant

March 7, 1990  
 Portland, Oregon

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1989

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The organization was incorporated in Oregon in 1981 as a private not for profit entity. Its purpose is to protect the scenic, natural, cultural, historic and recreational values of the Columbia River Gorge, encourage compatible economic development within the urban areas along the Gorge and educate the public to obtain effective implementation of the National Scenic Area Act.

Funds are provided from memberships, contributions, grants and sales of Gorge memorabilia.

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. The more significant accounting policies used by the organization are summarized as follows.

Bad debts are recognized on the direct write off method. Management considers the accounts receivable at December 31, 1989 to be fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided.

Office furniture and equipment is recorded at cost and is depreciated on the straight line method over estimated useful lines of three to ten years. Repairs and small items are expensed.

The organization is exempt from federal and state income taxes under provision of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

**2. Investments**

Investments are recorded at cost and consist of the following:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>
Merrill Lynch ready assets account	\$ 29,214	\$ 3,208
U.S. Treasury Note, maturing 5/15/90 face amount \$25,000	<u>24,930</u>	<u>    </u>
	<u>\$ 54,144</u>	<u>\$ 3,208</u>

Market value is \$54,186 at December 31, 1989.

**3. Contracts Payable**

The organization has a lease of telephone equipment which has been capitalized. Payments are \$69.95 monthly including 24.12% effective interest.

Balance due over the next two years are as follows:

1990	\$ 539
1991	739
Total	<u>\$1,278</u>

**4. Commitments**

The organization leases office space under a lease expiring in April, 1993. Monthly minimum payments were \$1,328.13 in 1989. The organization is moving to other offices within the same building in April, 1990. Future lease commitments are as follows:

1990	\$ 12,449
1991	10,928
1992	11,280
1993	<u>3,800</u>
Total	\$ 38,457

The lease provided for six months free rent from November 1989 to April 30, 1989.

**5. Contingencies**

The organization has litigation pending relating to a claim of wrongful discharge on the part of a former employee. The organization's attorneys are of the opinion that the claim is defensible. It is expected that this case will go to trial in 1990 and be resolved at that time.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of the Columbia Gorge shall vigorously protect the scenic, natural, cultural, historic and recreational values of the Columbia River Gorge, encourage compatible economic development within the urban areas, and educate people about the Gorge in order to gain the public support necessary for effective implementation of the National Scenic Area Act.

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## FOCG MOVES DOWNSTAIRS

By May 1, 1990, Friends of the Columbia Gorge will move to new office space, one floor down from our present office in the Spalding Building. The new space will be better suited to our current needs and will result in lower rent payments. We are grateful to the Spalding Building for working with us to arrange this move.

Our telephone number and street address will remain the same (see above). Our new suite number will be 301.

## FRIENDS OF MULTNOMAH FALLS GROUP FORMING

A new group, sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service Columbia Gorge Ranger District, is being formed to help plan programs and develop activities at Multnomah Falls. The Friends of Multnomah Falls will be "dedicated to preserving and enhancing the unique natural, scenic, and historic qualities of the Falls, while providing a memorable experience for our visitors". The group will assist in developing and presenting interpretive programs and activities, maintaining the site's appearance, raising funds, and planning and implementing new ideas. Anyone interested in joining should contact Sue Plaisance or Doris Tai at the Columbia Gorge Ranger District in Troutdale, (503) 695-2276.

## MARYHILL MUSEUM CELEBRATES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Maryhill Museum of Art first opened to the public on May 13, 1940, on the birthdate of its founder, Sam Hill. In celebration of its anniversary year, the Museum is presenting many special events, including a Golden Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 13 when admission to the Museum will be free, and many festive events are planned, including an interpretive performance featuring impersonations of Sam Hill, Queen Marie of Roumania, Loie Fuller and Alma Spreckles, a kite-flying display, and a special Sam Hill birthday cake. For more information call the Museum at (509) 773-3733.