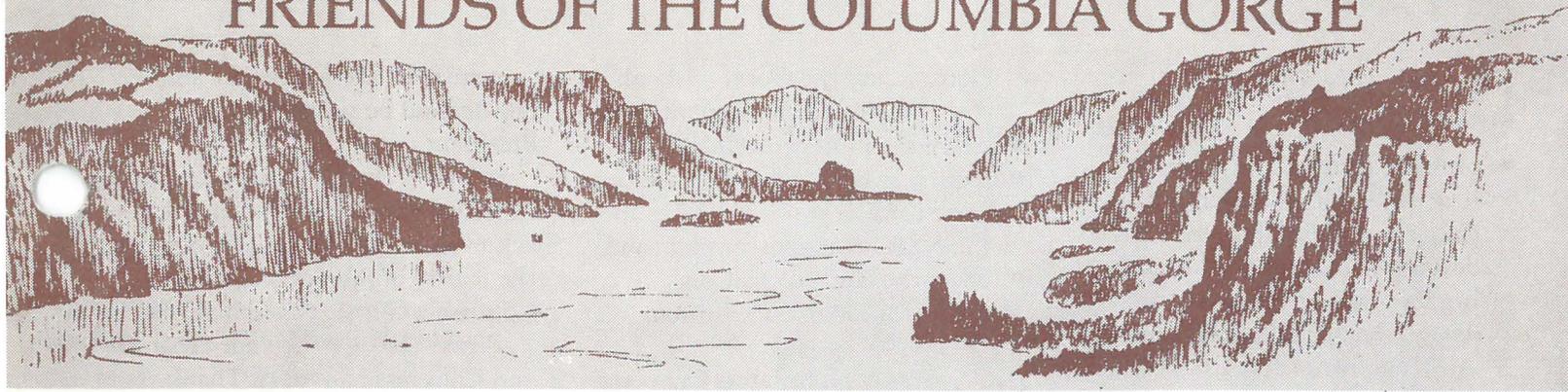


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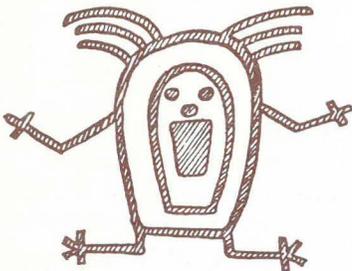
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- prohibit further land parcelization, multi-family residential, commercial and industrial development, and surface mining for locatable minerals within the Special Management Areas (approximately 108,000 acres) managed by the U.S. Forest Service;
- establish a 40 acre minimum lot size for the Special Management Areas;
- require that all development within the National Scenic Area (except for the exempted urban areas) not "significantly affect" the Gorge's natural, scenic, cultural and recreational values;
- make enforcement of the Act and its management plan mandatory, not discretionary;
- provide excellent protection for the Gorge's tributaries;
- place 5800 acres of the Rowena

Plateau, and the Gorge's islands, within Special Management Areas;

- strengthen interim protection;
- require federal and state activities to be consistent with the Act and the NSA's management plan; and
- boost the land acquisition authorization to \$40 million.

On August 14, Senators Evans and Hatfield shepherded this bill, despite numerous last minute obstacles (which included requiring Senator Hatfield to obtain unanimous consent from the Senate to proceed with the bill), through the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

While committee passage is an enormous achievement, the bill must still pass through at least two House

committees, the full Senate and House, and be signed by the President.

It is only through your telephone calls and letters that this initial achievement can be transformed into the reality of protection for the Columbia Gorge.

Please call or write your Senators and Congressman *today*. Thank your Senator for supporting the *amended* S. 2055 and urge your Congressman to support legislation which is at least as protective. Send your Congressman a copy of the letter which you sent your Senator.

Five minutes of effort on your part today can assure protection of the magnificent Columbia Gorge for centuries.

● Senator _____	● Representative _____
● Senate Office Building	● House Office Building
● Washington, D.C. 20510	● Washington, D.C. 20515
● _____	● _____
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● _____	● _____
● Capitol switchboard: (202) 224-3121	

MORE WHITEWATER TRIPS

One year ago, the Friends sponsored its first whitewater raft trip down the White Salmon River. It turned out to be one of those great events that one throws together at the last minute, and miraculously, it materializes without a hitch. Four rafts of Friends maneuvered the exhilarating rapids of the White Salmon on a sunny July afternoon and, afterwards, the soggy group had a picnic and enthusiastically requested a trip for the following summer.

This year, we chose the Klickitat River after learning that this river is "the river guides' choice" of all the Gorge tributaries, and is referred to as, "the crown jewel of the Gorge." May 3rd and May 4th were the dates set for these trips, which admittedly seems early in the year for river run-

ning. The Klickitat River however, unlike the White Salmon, becomes very shallow later in the summer so the earlier the trip, the better, on the Klickitat. Fortunately, we had beautiful weather both days, and everyone was in agreement that the combination of exciting whitewater and outstanding scenery, made the Klickitat the best river they had ever run.

With two years of great river trips behind us and an increasing interest from members, we plan to go all out in 1987. We tentatively have four trips scheduled, two on each river, beginning late in May 1987 with the Klickitat trips. We will have all the river trips described in detail in our Winter newsletter and we hope that you will respond quickly so that we can organize our trips well in advance

next year. The past two years, we have had members who have organized an entire group for one of the trips, and this has worked out very nicely for them and for the office. We hope that you will want to sign up and go rafting with us in 1987.

— Marie Pampush

Many thanks to those contributing to the Lillian Hilts Memorial Fund in 1986.

Unearthing the Past: The Pursuit of History and Prehistory Henry J. Biddle (1862-1928)

Part 3

In the Winter and Spring 1986 FOCG newsletters, I wrote about the parks created by Henry J. Biddle and about his adventures in botany and botanizing. Two other lifelong interests, history and archeology, were woven into the fabric of his life, along with parks, plants, geology, and family. Under Biddle's auspices, in the latter part of August, 1924, W. Duncan Strong and W. Egbert Schenck, of the University of California, Berkeley, came to the Columbia River Gorge to pursue archeological work. Strong, Schenck and others worked in the Gorge periodically from 1924-1926.

Biddle's expedition produced the first scientific excavation in the area. The results of the work were published in the *University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology*, Volume XXIX, 1930-32. Excavations and field work were done for 15 miles on both sides of the Columbia from The Dalles eastward to Miller Island at the mouth of the Deschutes. The introduction to the University of California publication states: "Mr. Henry J. Biddle of Vancouver . . . not only bore all expenses but was present in the field much of the time, made many exploratory trips, furnished equipment, offered many valuable suggestions, and undertook research work . . . All material collected has been deposited in the University Museum of Anthropology."

The Columbia River being the most intensely occupied prehistoric site in North America, there was much material — points, scrapers, drills, sinkers, pendants, copper and glass beads, iron bracelets, basketry fragments, mortars, dishes,



Henry J. Biddle 1862-1928
Portrait by Sydney Bell, 1917

pipes, pestles, and trade buttons — all the varied paraphernalia of prehistoric Indian life.

This summer, on July 17, I found myself on the second floor of a large warehouse in Berkeley, California, about four miles from the University of California campus. In my hand I held a "Phoenix Button." The button is named for its design, a Phoenix bird surrounded by the motto, "Je Renais De Mes Cendres." This particular button was marked by the number "4," and it came from the Columbia Gorge, one of many artifacts recovered by the Biddle expedition.

The Phoenix had traveled far. These buttons are linked to Henri Christophe, the "Black King of Haiti," who used the Phoenix on his

crown and coat-of-arms, and on army uniforms. Each button bears a regiment number, thus explaining the "4" on the one in my hand. Very likely, my button was traded along the Columbia in the years around 1934 by the trader and entrepreneur, Nathaniel Jarvis Wyeth. Wyeth had brought them from Haiti.

There were more buttons, Phoenix and otherwise, among the contents



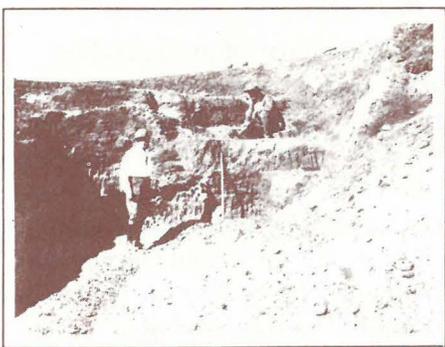
of several large drawers of Indian artifacts from the Gorge housed in the Berkeley warehouse. They came

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from several sites. Much work was done at Wishram, about 10 miles below the railroad town of the same name (Spedis, in Biddle's time), where Lewis and Clark had observed a large mound which they felt was artificial; Lewis and Clark were correct. The mound turned out to be a mother lode of successive layers of 10,000 years of Indian occupation. Biddle was especially interested in Wishram and wrote an article (published in 1926) for the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* in which he used his impressively complete knowledge of early historical sources to pinpoint the location of this most famous ancient Indian village on the Columbia. The work Biddle sponsored at ancient Wishram stood untouched by further scientific observation and excavation until 1952 when some work was done by the National Park Service. From 1953 through 1956, racing against completion of The Dalles Dam, work was continued by the Park Service, the Oregon Archeological Society, and the Universities of Washington and Oregon.



"Wakemap Mound excavation in Pit A," plate from *Archaeology of the Dalles-Deschutes Region*.

Miller Island, too, was the source of much of the material in Berkeley. This 960-acre windswept* and steep-walled volcanic island lies downstream from Maryhill Museum

*"The eggs blew out of the frying pan," according to Biddle's grandson, Erskine Wood, Jr.

where the Deschutes River enters the Columbia. Lewis and Clark recorded the Indian village there in October, 1805: "At the distance of two miles we reached the lower end of this rocky island [Miller's] where were eight huts of Indians."

Among the finds of the University of California were a village site comprising 132 house pits, five burial sites, large quantities of projectiles and stone artifacts and, along the south shore, rock shelters with red petroglyphs. Although most of the house pits were later leveled for a pasture, much of Miller Island remains much the same today as it was in the '20s — a windy refuge for birds and plants and a deserted reminder of the busy days when Indian fishermen stood along the rocky shores to harvest seemingly

inexhaustible numbers of salmon.

The Columbia Gorge benefitted hugely from Henry Biddle's wonderful enthusiasm for natural history and parks and from his generosity and public spiritedness.

"But great achievements raise a monument
Which shall endure until the sun
grows cold."

— Nancy N. Russell

Note: Those who have an additional interest may wish to borrow the University of California publication on the Gorge archeological expedition, the *Oregon Historical Society* reprint, "Wishram," or the *Spectator* reprint, "Beacon Rock on the Columbia," from the FOCG historic collection.



These two wood carvings which belong to the Biddle family, were found by Henry J. Biddle in 1906 under the easterly overhang of Beacon Rock. Lewis and Clark described carvings of this kind; they are exceedingly rare.

FALL HIKES

All hikers should call the hike leader prior to hike. Bring a lunch and dress appropriately.

September 20-November 1

SEPTEMBER 20 (Sat.)

Oneonta Loop (OR). An easy to moderate hike of 3 miles. There will be frequent stops to view plants and animals; so bring your binoculars and camera.

Portland Audubon Society: (503) 292-6855. Meet at 11 a.m. across from the sign for Oneonta Trail. Eastbound, take Bridal Veil exit off I-84, proceed on Scenic Highway 2.0 miles east of Multnomah Falls. Westbound, take exit 35, go 1.8 miles west of Ainsworth Park. Carpool from Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife parking lot, SW 6th and Mill St. at 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 27 (Sat.)

Oneonta Loop (OR). Same hike and leader described above for September 20 (Sat.).

OCTOBER 4 (Sat.)

Silver Star Trail (WA). A moderately difficult, 3 mile hike one way. Hike to the top of Silver Star Mountain via Sunset Inground on the Lewis River to view Indian pits, (located south of Silver Star) and stunning views of the mountains and fall colors.

Don Cannard: (206) 694-4033. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Fort Vancouver library, located on Mill Plain and Fort Vancouver Way.

OCTOBER 5 (Sun.)

Ruckel Creek Trail (OR). A steep and challenging 5.5 mile round trip through pleasant woods and rocky area with prehistoric Indian pits. Hike up to spectacular meadows. Elevation gain 2,100 feet.

Dr. Bob Miller: (503) 297-1601. Meet 7:45 a.m. at the Vancouver Library to carpool or 8:30 a.m. at DMV parking lot, N.E. 60th and Glisan, Portland.

OCTOBER 11 (Sat.)

Nesika Lodge (OR). Hike through tall timber past many waterfalls of Multnomah Creek. Cross plateau to historic Trails Club Lodge above Multnomah Falls. Scenic views of Gorge. Elevation gain 1,800 feet, 5 miles round trip.

Steve Fradkin: (503) 293-0760. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Multnomah Falls parking lot.

OCTOBER 12 (Sun.)

Hamilton Mt. (WA). Very scenic trail

Beacon Rock (courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society)



with glorious views of the Gorge and beautiful waterfalls along the trail. 8 miles round-trip with 2,400 foot elevation gain. Lug-soled boots and warm clothing recommended.

John Neal: (206) 246-7084. Meet at the Vancouver library on corner of Mill Plain and Fort Vancouver Hwy. at 8:30 a.m. or The Charburger at 9:00 a.m. Cascade Locks, OR.

OCTOBER 18 (Sat.)

Tunnel Falls (OR). This 12-mile round-trip, 1080-foot elevation gain hike will traverse the steep bluff above Eagle Creek. Metlako Falls, Punch Bowl Falls, and Tunnel Falls will be viewed during this moderately strenuous hike.

Vera Dafoe: (503) 244-5202. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Eagle Creek trailhead. Eastbound, Exit 41 on I-84. Westbound take the Bonneville Exit.

OCTOBER 19 (Sun.)

Rowena Hilltop (OR). A moderate 3 mile-round trip hike, beginning at Mayer State Park viewpoint parking lot. Beautiful views of the Columbia River, Mt. Adams, and Mt. Hood as you hike through open meadows and oak woods.

Barbara Robinson: (503) 631-2054. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on SW 6th and Mill St., or at 10:30 a.m. at Mayer viewpoint parking lot. Take I-84 eastbound to Mosier exit #69. Then east on Highway 30 for 6.6 miles.

OCTOBER 25 (Sat.)

Angels Rest-Wahkeena Loop (OR).

Hike through woods, aspen groves, and past waterfalls on a trail that ends following Wahkeena Creek, and later, returns to the trailhead on the Scenic Highway. A moderate 6-mile hike.

Nancy Russell: Friends of the Columbia Gorge (503) 292-8518. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Angel's Rest trailhead. Eastbound, on I-84, take Bridal Veil exit and proceed to road's intersection with Scenic Highway.

OCTOBER 26 (Sun.)

Moffett Creek (OR). A difficult 14-mile round-trip hike with a 2800-foot elevation gain. This trail was reopened in 1980 and begins by crossing Tanner Creek. The trail leads through forest and descends via the Nesmith trail which passes several meadows.

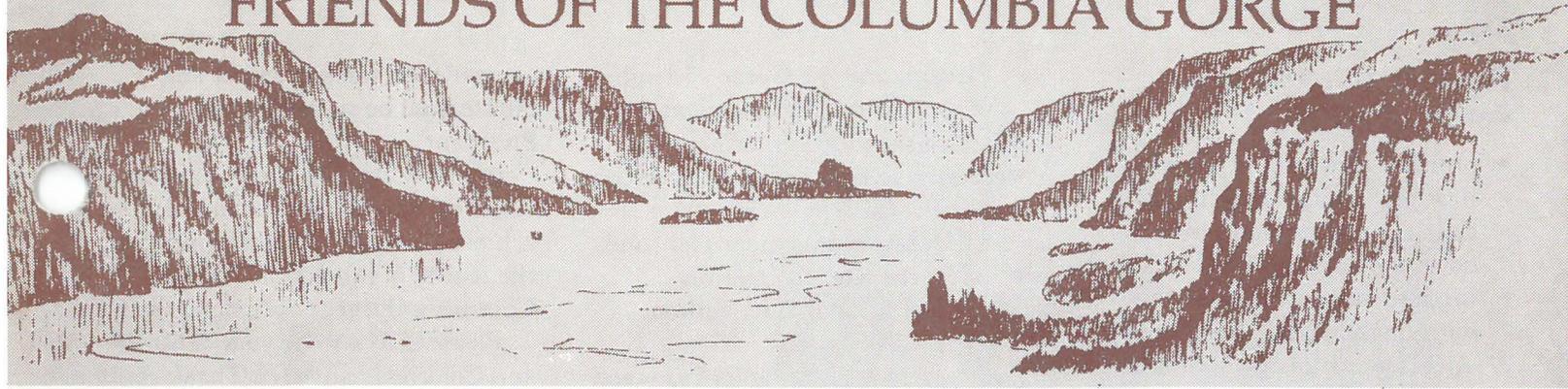
Don and Roberta Lowe: (503) 668-4725. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Yeon State Park parking lot. Eastbound on I-84, take exit 35 and go east on Dodson/Warrendale Frontage Road for 2.3 miles.

NOVEMBER 1 (Sat.)

Table Mountain (WA). A fairly rugged hike up the northwest ridge to the flat-topped, 3,420-foot summit. A rewarding view of the Gorge and all the surrounding glaciated peaks. 9 miles round trip.

Mitch Bower: Friends of the Columbia Gorge (206) 696-3729. Meet 7 a.m. D.M.V. parking lot, N.E. 60th and Glisan, Portland or 8 a.m. Beacon Rock by the restrooms.

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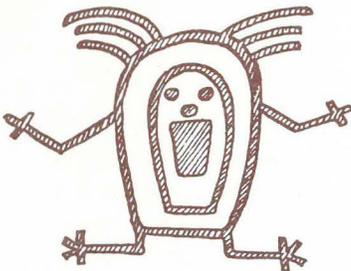
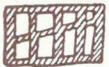
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

THE DALLES ART CENTER

- Event:** Special Exhibit: Judy Miles, multi-media painter
Where: The Dalles Art Center, Old Carnegie Library, 220 East 4th
When: Month of September
Open Tues. through Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun., noon to 4 p.m.

GOLDENDALE OBSERVATORY

- Event:** Fall & Winter Hours:
Fri. — 7-9 p.m.
Sat. — 1-5 p.m.
Sun. — 1-5 p.m.
Where: Goldendale Observatory
Call 509/773-3141 for special group appointments when available.

SHERMAN COUNTY MUSEUM

- Event:** Photograph collection of significant scenes from Sherman County, circa 1890-1940. Household and farming artifacts also displayed.
Where: Adjacent to Moro City Park
When: Month of September
Museum open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Closed Mondays.

AUDUBON SOCIETY/OREGON NATURAL RESOURCE COUNCIL/SIERRA CLUB

- Event:** *Old Growth Forest*
A premier multi-media slide presentation.
Where: Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett St., Portland. Diane Kelsay from Eugene will assist in the show.
When: Sept. 9 • Tues.
Please call the Audubon Society for hours and fee. 503/292-6855.

PORTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

- Event:** Mt. St. Helens — Columbia Gorge Tour
Where: Leave 17th & N.E. Multnomah Streets, Portland (Lloyd Center Parking Lot), travel through Gorge through Cougar, Washington to Windy Ridge, return by Carson, Washington.
When: Sept. 13 • Sat., 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Registration required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Phone 796-5132 for registration form and fee.

SILVER STAR STUDY GROUP

- Event:** Silver Star Mountain Hike & Maintenance
Where: Silver Star Mountain
When: Sept. 13 • Sat., & Sept. 24 • Wed., 8 a.m.
See article on Silver Star Study Group in this newsletter for full information.

- Event:** Silver Star Study Group
Where: Don Cannard's home, 2502 N.E. 57th St., Vancouver, Washington. Topics: goals, purposes, membership organization.
When: Sept. 17 • Wed., 7 p.m.
Call 206/644-4033 for details.

WESTERN FORESTRY CENTER/OSU EXTENSION

- Event:** Reforestation Planning Seminars
Where: Western Forestry Center & on-site field trip.
When: Sept. 16 • Tues., 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Forestry Center
Sept. 20 • Sat., 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Field trip
Call Forestry Center for class registration and details. 503/226-1368.

PORTLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY

- Event:** Oneonta Loop (Oregon) moderate hike of 3 miles.
Where: Across from the sign for Oneonta Trail.
When: September 20 • Sat.
Call the Audubon Society for full details 503/292-6855 and see Fall Hikes in this newsletter.

OCTOBER

THE DALLES ART CENTER

- Event:** Special Exhibit: David Swan, handcrafted furniture artist
Where: The Dalles Art Center, Old Carnegie Library, 220 East 4th
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When: Month of October.
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Museum closes October 31, for the season.

SKAMANIA COUNTY MUSEUM

- Event:** Special showing of Pioneer & Indian artifacts
Where: Skamania County Museum, Stevenson, Washington, Courthouse Annex
When: Open Monday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m.

THE DALLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Event:** Fall Festival
Where: The Dalles City Park
When: Oct. 4-5 • Sat., Sun. All day.

SILVER STAR STUDY GROUP

- Event:** Silver Star Mountain Hike & Maintenance
Where: Silver Star Mountain
When: Oct. 11 • Sat., & Oct. 22 • Wed., 8 a.m.
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MARYHILL MUSEUM

- Event:** Queen Marie Folkdance Festival
Where: Maryhill Museum
When: Oct. 11, 12 • Sat., Sun

VISTA HOUSE

- Event:** Local Columbia Gorge artists' works shown in shop and gallery daily until closing day of season,
When: Oct. 15 • Wed.
Daily hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 7 days a week.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY

- Event:** Hood River Valley Harvest Festival
Where: Cannery Square, Hood River, Oregon
When: Oct. 18, 19 • Sat., Sun.
Call 503/386-2000 for details.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

THE DALLES ART CENTER

- Event:** Special Exhibit: Juried Invitational Exhibit
Where: The Dalles Art Center, Old Carnegie Library, 220 East 4th
When: Months of November and December
Open Tues. through Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun., noon-4 p.m.

MARYHILL MUSEUM

- Event:** Rededication Ceremony
Where: Maryhill Museum
When: Nov. 3 • Mon.
Time and details to be announced or call:
509/773-3733.

SILVER STAR STUDY GROUP

- Event:** Silver Star Mountain Hike & Maintenance
Where: Silver Star Mountain
When: Nov. 8 • Sat., & Nov. 26 • Wed., 8 a.m.
See article on Silver Star Study Group in this newsletter for full information.

THE DALLES ART CENTER

- Event:** Annual Art Auction
Where: The Dalles Civic Auditorium
When: Nov. 8 • Sat.
Call the Art Center for hours and details
503/296-4759.

TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Event:** Harlow Open House
Where: Harlow House, 726 E. Columbia St., Troutdale, OR
When: Nov. 20 • Sat. Santa and gifts and wassail.

WARM SPRINGS INDIANS

- Event:** Wide Spot Pow-Wow
Where: Warm Springs, Oregon
When: Nov. 29, 30 • Sat., Sun.
Call 503/553-1322 for full details.

DUFUR

- Event:** Log Cabin Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Where: Dufur
When: Dec. 6 • Sat., Dusk.