

SPRING 1986

Executive Director's Report

February and March of 1986 may well be remembered in future years as months which were decisive for the Columbia River Gorge. Whether these months are remembered favorably or as periods of lost opportunity depends primarily upon Oregon's and Washington's Congressional delegations and upon the citizens of the Pacific Northwest.

National Scenic Area Legislation

February brought an end to a two-year hiatus in the introduction of Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area bills with a flurry of bills.

Four Gorge bills are currently pending in Congress. The protection offered by the bills ranges in strength from a deficient Senate bill (S 2055) co-sponsored by the four Washington and Oregon Senators (and introduced in the House as HR 4161 by Representatives Wyden and Morrison) to a strong House bill (HR 4114) introduced by Congressmen Lowry and Weaver. Positioned between these bills is another bill (HR 4221 — formerly HR 4134), introduced by Oregon Representative Les AuCoin and Washington Representative Don Bonker, and co-sponsored by Washington Representatives Swift and Dicks.

HR 4221 (also known as the "AuCoin/Bonker" bill) has the best chance of passing Congress precisely because it is located in the center of the political spectrum. More importantly, unlike S 2055, HR 4221 has popular support because it will protect the Gorge.

HR 4221 is patterned after S 2055's two-tiered management approach which creates a bi-state commission to oversee the majority of Gorge lands, but places the most environmentally and scenically critical lands under U.S. Forest Service management. HR 4221, however, corrects several crucial flaws contained in S 2055. For instance, unlike S 2055, the AuCoin/Bonker bill:

- makes enforcement of the legislation mandatory, *not* discretionary; contains legislative standards for development which are *at least* as strong as those *presently enacted* by the local Gorge counties and the States' Gorge Commissions; and
- provides a meaningful role for U.S. Forest Service input into the management plan for the National Scenic Area.

Although further amendments will be sought, HR 4221 has the appreciative support of Friends of the Columbia Gorge and the national conservation organizations. Please call or write either of the Friends'



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H.J.B.

*Ink Drawing, Biddle Papers; Special Collections
Division, University of Oregon Library. Story by
Nancy Russell, page 3, regarding Henry Biddle.*

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offices for a more detailed comparison of the bills.

Congressional Action

March also brought considerable Congressional action regarding the Gorge. Congressman Morrison held two informal hearings on Gorge legislation in Stevenson and Lyle, and Congressman Bob Smith held similar hearings in Cascade Locks, Hood River and The Dalles. One extremely interesting fact which emerged at Congressman Smith's hearings was a poll done by Oregon State Representative Wayne Fawbush, much of whose district includes the Gorge. Ninety-three percent of the respondents to our poll felt that the scenic value of the Gorge should be protected. In this poll the most heavily supported protective alternative out of four suggested was, by far, the National Scenic Area alternative.

Also in March, Minnesota Congressman Bruce Vento, chairman of the important House Subcommittee on National Parks, and Oregon Representative Jim Weaver toured the Gorge by helicopter. At a press conference after the tour, both Congressmen commented on the national significance of the Gorge and the need for strong legislation.

June 17, 1986 is the date set for the hearing on S 2055 to be held before the Energy and Natural Resources committee in Washington D.C. Both Oregon Senators have pledged to upgrade S 2055 in committee, and the Washington Senators have stated that further refinements are expected. Meanwhile, in the House, Congressmen Bonker, AuCoin and Weaver have publicly called on the Interior Committee to hold Washington, D.C. hearings quickly.

Clark County Doorhanging Project

On April 12, in an unprecedented operation, over 300 volunteers (organized by the Friends and a dozen other organizations) placed 40,000 leaflets on the explained the weaknesses in the Senate bill and encouraged Clark County residents to contact their Senators and urge them to strengthen S 2055. Protection of the Columbia Gorge has always been a priority for Clark County residents, and their response to the doorhangers was overwhelming and gratifying.

Gorge Developments

Unfortunately, while legislation is being drawn out, development activity in critical areas of the Gorge is proceeding.

Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) approved a Port of Hood River proposal to build an interpretive center and conference facility on tiny Wells Island, which is home to the eighth largest Great Blue Heron rookery and the third largest Canada Goose nesting site on the three hundred miles of Columbia River from McNary Dam to the Pacific Ocean.

Conservationists are particularly worried about the current proposal in light of Wells Island's recent history: In 1979 LCDC rejected an attempt by the City of Hood River to annex the island and rezone it for light industrial use; a similar attempt was also rejected in 1981 by LCDC, which ordered the island removed from the City's urban growth boundary; finally, in 1983 Wells Island was purchased by the Port of Hood River from the former president of the Port Commission for *double* its appraised value. Many believe the very high purchase price necessitated the Port's recent proposal and may lead to a less compatible — but more profitable — proposal in the future.

This April, the Oregon Gorge Commission, 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Portland Audubon Society and Friends of the Columbia Gorge filed an appeal to reverse LCDC's decision.

A proposal is also pending before Wasco County to modify the zoning for Rowena to increase the permissible population density, facilitate commercial development, and *entirely remove* Wasco County's Gorge overlay standards for this particular area. The Friends has testified in opposition to these changes and is particularly concerned about the removal of the overlay.

This spring also has brought welcome news with respect to several development proposals. The long-standing proposal by the Port of Camas/Washougal to expand its industrial activities into the Steigerwald Lake wetlands has finally been resolved — to the satisfaction of all parties — by the purchase of a large portion of the wetlands for management as a refuge by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The protection of Steigerwald Lake was ultimately made possible by an

interim purchase by the Trust for Public Land and the dedicated work of Senator Mark Hatfield and Congressman Les AuCoin in securing the necessary funds for acquisition. The help of Brian Boyle, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, was also a vital factor in securing the refuge.

In February, the Washington Shorelines Hearings Board decided in favor of the Friends in its appeal of Skamania County's issuance of a shorelines permit for the Jung subdivision. The comprehensive decision upheld the Friends' suit in every major aspect. The proponents of the subdivision, which would have included 83 lots on a 78-acre parcel with 2200 feet of Columbia River waterfront, extensive filling of wetlands and the dredging of a three-acre deepwater marina, have appealed the Board's decision.

If February and March are eventually seen as a watershed in the half-century struggle to bring needed protection to the Columbia River Gorge, then each one of us must become involved. Please write or telephone your Congressmen today and express support for *strong* Gorge legislation. Future generations deserve nothing less.

— Bowen B.

We are very pleased that Andy Dignan has accepted the job of newsletter editor for the Friends of the Columbia Gorge. Andy brings with her business and volunteer experience in advertising and publishing, and we are confident that she will do a great job.

We hope that you, our readers, will want to comment on the new format and features of this issue. All mail should include, "Attention: Andy Dignan," in addition to the office (Seattle or Portland) address.



The Joys of Botany

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Part 2

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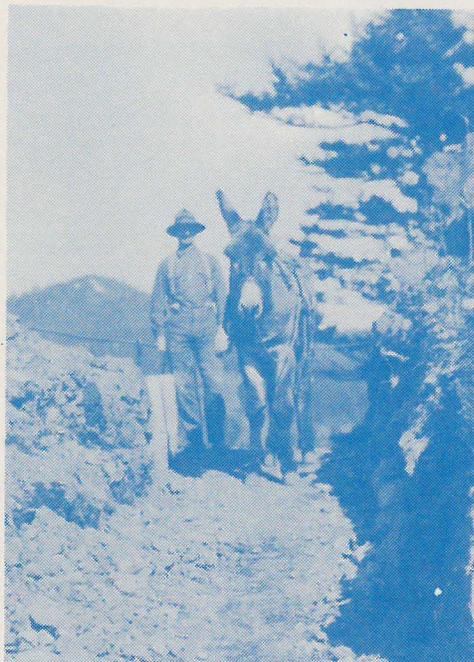
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James Russell Lowell in the "Wild Flower Notebook." It is, in part:

The wisest man could ask no more of
fate
Than to be simple, modest, manly,
true.
Nothing to count in world, or
church, or state,
But inwardly in secret to be great.

Biddle continued identifying plants both in Oregon and Washington and at his winter home in Palm Springs until his death near Lakeview, Oregon while on a hunting trip in the fall of 1928.

His botanical adventures are memorialized in *Lupinus biddlei* from Harney and Malheur Counties. It is listed in Morton E. Peck's *Manual of the Higher Plants of Oregon*.

In our fall issue we will discuss Biddle's activities in history and archeology.

— Nancy N. Russell



Ladies and Gentlemen on the Beacon Rock Trail during construction, circa 1917, Rodney Glisan collection, Mazamas Library at the Oregon Historical Society.

Vancouver Volunteers 'Doorhang': 40,000 Residents Meet The Gorge

Early in the morning of Saturday, April 12, 1986, over 300 enthusiastic volunteers turned out at Vancouver's Leupke Center to embark on the most successful grassroots campaign in the history of Clark County. After receiving instructions and some light refreshments, the volunteers set forth to inform their Clark County friends and neighbors that if they cared about the Columbia Gorge, now was the time to act. This was not a doorbelling event but a doorhanging event. A flyer asking Clark County residents to tell Senators Evans and Gorton to get behind strongly protective Gorge legislation was hung on 30,000 doorknobs in the county.

The flyers requested citizens to:

1. Support strong legislation such as Representative Don Bonker's bill (HR 4221). 2. Pass the bill this year.

Since the flyers were hung on doorknobs in the early hours, personal contacts weren't frequent, but the

people who were encountered responded favorably. An attorney/volunteer returned with the story of an encounter with an elderly lady who opened her door with a large frown on her face, saying, "I suppose you're one of those environmentalists!" The attorney responded by saying he guessed he was if favoring Gorge protection made it so. Upon hearing this, the woman exclaimed, "Good, we need a lot more of you in this world of ours!"

There was a constant flow of TV crews, reporters, and telephone interviews, all of which resulted in extensive newspaper articles and prime time TV coverage in both Seattle and Portland.

Seldom do any of us go out as individuals and truly touch another person's life; but that is what happened with the Gorge doorhanging. Those of us in Vancouver applaud the support and help of the entire environmental

community for giving up a Saturday morning to call on fellow neighbors.

— David L. Cannard
Vancouver, Washington
Co-chair, FOCG

Scene Near Rooster Rock

Thru a veil of soft, misty green,
Grey, moss-punctuated bark
Stands, handsomely cast,
In a warm chartreuse.
A corridor of cottonwoods,
Leaves invitingly
Within the bosom
Of a mighty Gorge.

— Peter Kendall

The Grand Old House at Bingen: Bed 'n Breakfast with Style

Bingen, Washington 509/493-2838
Greg & Cyndy deBruler, Proprietors

Set aside backpacks and basalt, restrain Nikes and Nancy, and think *creature comfort*. Consider The Grand Old House, circa 1860, Bingen, Washington. Refurbished and restored by young innkeepers, Greg and Cyndy deBruler, this delightful Bed 'n Breakfast with accompanying fine dining proudly shares seven spacious bedrooms with appreciative Columbia Gorge travelers (full modern baths and additional shower room down the hall).

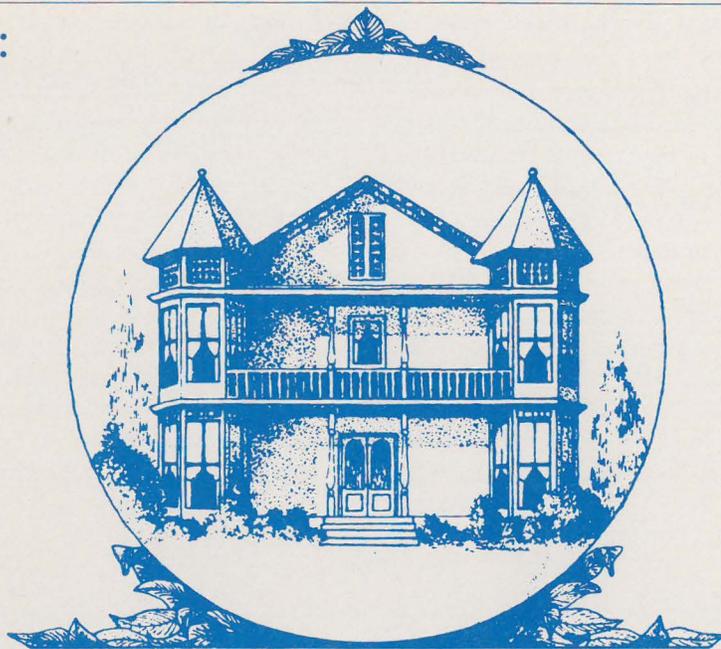
My husband, Pat, won a night's lodging at THE GRAND OLD HOUSE at the Winter Picnic, a luck of the draw for the Irish ticket picker, courtesy of the deBrulers. I was simply his compadre.

Throughout the house there are flowers everywhere, and music, and Victorian wallpaper, and tall, slender windows with wide woodwork. Built by the first white settlers in the area to replace the original homestead that had been burned to the ground by Yakima Indians, The Grand Old House is celebrating its 125th birthday.

Mary & Erastus Joslyn were the original owners. The Joslyns raised fruit and vegetables that were sold in the gold mining boom towns of Oregon and Idaho, and in the fledgling town of Portland. At first the only contact with the outside world was through the stern-wheeler river boats, but later the railroads, and then the highways moved into the area. Joslyn named the White Salmon River and the Klickitat Indians, as well as teaching local Indians, holding Sunday worship for them, and allowing travelers passing by a free room for the night. They eventually left the area to move to Colorado.

The second owners were the Suksdorfs, a prominent local German family that named the town of Bingen. A portrait of Frederick Suksdorf still hangs in the office. After the Suksdorfs, a series of other families lived in the house. The Dickeys had the house for perhaps the longest time period, over 30 years, finally selling out to the Smiths.

From 1979 to 1981, the house was host to a restaurant called The Joslyn House, but the upstairs remained a



private residence until Seattleites Greg and Cyndy deBruler saw the promise in the structure of the house and the strength of the winds of the Gorge. They are windsurfers and, in talking with them, you have the feeling that this historic old structure may be secondary to their love of the winds and the waters of the Gorge.

Breakfast is included in your room tab — \$40 to \$55 — summer rates; a bit less in winter months. Innkeepers deBruler are in residence during the wintertime, but move out in the summer to allow one more room for guests. Eighteen-month old Nicole converses with “peoples,” then scurries back to busy parents who cook and serve a deliciously enormous breakfast, book guests, carry thick teal and rose-colored towels to a linen closet at the head of the stairs, and transmit windsurfing information internationally.

Evening dining arrangements are prepared and served by Jim and Cathy Spence. It is an eclectic menu offering Greek Spanakopita, Fettucine Celilo, Baja Prawns, Escargot Clementine, and a fabulous Hook In and Hang On — the House Chef's catch-of-the-day. Night-time dining is open to the public. An entree dubbed “Gorge Out” arrives to fulfill your barbecued chicken and ribs fantasy and qualifies as survival and revival food for the over ten-mile hiker. The full service dining room offers domestic and European wines and encourages the local wines from Mont Elise Winery in Bingen and the Charles Hooper Family Vineyard in Husum,

Washington.

Knowing that you have only 15 stairs and a few short waltz steps to your bedroom above allows you a glass or two of Cabernet around the fireplace, and the recitation of *The Shooting of Dan McGrew* with a fellow guest from Albany, New York.

The food and wine, an old armoire and comfy bed, the smell of lilacs, the quiet, and above all — the natural style of the deBrulers — make The Grand Old House a charming and recommended friend along the Columbia Gorge.

In our fall newsletter, we'll review Williams House, a Bed 'n Breakfast in The Dalles, Oregon. Like innkeepers deBruler, Don and Barbara Williams donated their hospitality to a lucky winner at the Winter Picnic.

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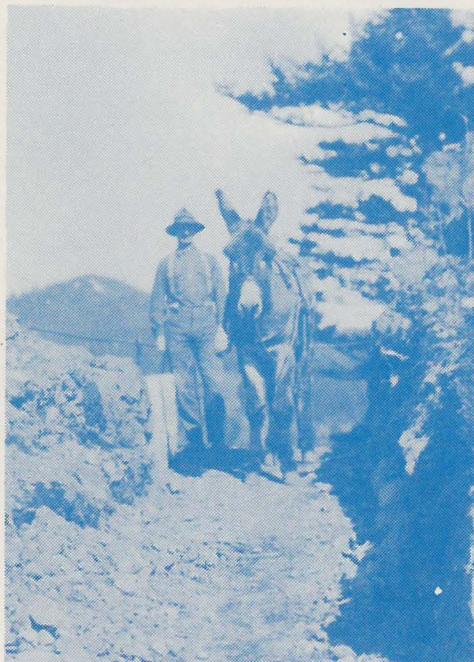
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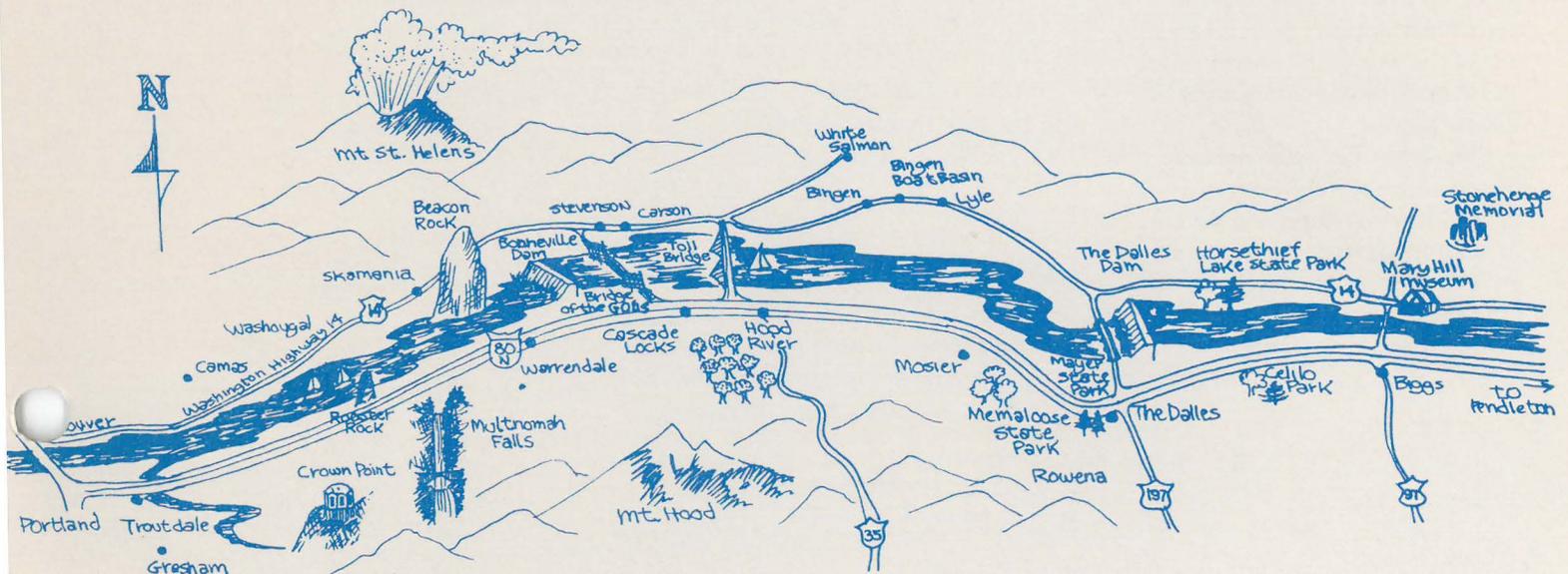
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Statement of Purpose

Friends of the Columbia Gorge was founded in November 1980 as an educational, public interest group to work for planning and permanent resource protection of one of the world's most beautiful and historic areas — the Columbia River Gorge.

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

Please join us!

All contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Friends of the Columbia Gorge.

- \$15 Individual Membership
 - \$25 Family Membership
 - \$100 Family Membership*
 - \$250 Family Membership*
 - \$100 Organizational Membership
 - I want to volunteer.
 - I am considering a bequest; please send information.
 - My group is interested in your slide show.
 - \$10 Friends of the Gorge T-Shirt
- Size _____
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

May — September, 1986

(Listed chronologically)

MAY

TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Event: *Columbia Gorge Historic Home Tour
View Point Inn, Jacobson Mansion, Menucha
and Maxwell House

When: May 18, 1986 • Sun., Noon-6 p.m.
*Event occurred previous to press time but
consider this for next year and visit two Troutdale
museums open during summer months, 1-4 p.m.
The Rail Depot, 473 E. Columbia Street,
Troutdale, Oregon
Harlow House, 726 E. Columbia Street,
Troutdale, Oregon
For further information, call Sam Cox,
503/665-9086

THE DALLES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Event: Sternwheeler Weekend
A celebration of the opening of Riverfront Park.
The sternwheeler, Columbia Gorge, will have
short excursion rides.

Where: Riverfront Park, The Dalles, Oregon
When: Memorial Weekend, May 24, 25 • Sat., Sun.
For further information, contact Rosalind
Carmack, 503/296-2231.

LYLE AREA

Event: 19th Annual Lyle Pioneer Days
Where: Lyle, Washington
When: May 24, 25 • Sat., Sun.
For details, call 509/365-2713.

WINDSURFING

Event: Memorial Day Weekend Gorge Races
Where: The Dalles, Oregon
When: May 24, through 26 • Sat. through Mon.
Call for further information: 503/298-8796

JUNE

WINDSURFING

Event: Vancouver Lake Championship, Series #1
Where: Vancouver Lake, Washington
When: June 1 • Sun.
Call for details: 503/386-5787

HOOD RIVER

Event: Indian Basket-Making
Yakima and Klickitat Tribes

Where: Hood River Port Marina Park Museum,
Hood River, Oregon

When: June 1 • Sun.

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

Event: Fund Raiser — Seattle
See full details in report from Kristine Simenstad-
Mackin, Associate Director, FOCG — Seattle,
Washington

Where: Seattle, Washington

When: June 7 • Sat. — 7:30 p.m.

OREGON WHEAT GROWERS' LEAGUE

Event: Junior Livestock Show

Where: Wasco County Fairgrounds, Tygh Valley,
Oregon

When: June 8 through 11 • Sun. through Thurs.
Additional information: 503/298-1016

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

Event: Sixth Annual Hiking Weekend
When: June 14, 15 • Sat., Sun.
Full details are being mailed separately to the
membership.

Event: Senate Hearings on S 2055
Where: Washington, D.C.
When: June 17 • Tues.
Call FOCG offices for details: 503/241-3762 -
206/622-4590

WHITE SALMON

Event: "Be with a Book" summer series
Where: White Salmon, Washington (Library)
When: June 18 • Wed., 11:30 a.m.

1986 SHORT COURSE ON THE COLUMBIA

Event: The Columbia Gorge, A Unique American
Treasure
Instructors, Jeff Breckel, Dan Guthrie, Raymond
Cocoran, Phil Crawford, Mike Spranger

Where: Vancouver, Washington

When: June 21, 22 • Fri., Sat.
This is a course offered through Western
Washington University. One or two credit hours
can be earned at a cost of \$34 per credit.
For further information, contact: Washington Sea
Grant, 3716 Brooklyn Ave., N.E., Seattle, WA
98105, 206/543-6600

JUNE (continued)

WINDSURFING

Event: Rhonda Smith High Performance Clinic
Where: Hood River, Oregon
When: June 21, 22 • Sat., Sun.
For further information call 503/942-3677

Event: 4th Annual Hood River High Wind Classic
Where: Hood River, Oregon
When: June 21, 22 • Sat., Sun.
Call for details: 503/386-5787

Event: High Wind Classic
Where: Hood River Marina, Hood River, Oregon
When: June 28, 29 • Sat., Sun.
For further information call 503/386-5787

STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

Event: "Hero of a Thousand Faces"
Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre presentation
Where: Stevenson, Washington Library Gallery
When: June 24 • Tues. — 7:30 p.m.

CORBETT, OREGON

Event: Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference
Danish music, lectures, dialogue
Where: Menucha Retreat
When: June 27 through 29 • Fri. through Sun.
Call for details: 503/998-8288. Modest fee.

JULY

MARYHILL'S RUSSIAN ICONS

Event: Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Museum to Queen Marie of Roumania
Dr. A. Dean McKenzie, Professor of Art History, U of O
Where: Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale, Washington
When: July 1 — Tues., 7:30 p.m.
For further information call 509/773-4792 or 773-3733

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Event: 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks
Where: Hood River, Oregon
When: To be announced

Event: 4th of July Community Celebration & Fireworks

Where: Sorosis Park, The Dalles, Oregon
When: See above

Event: Columbia Gorge Pro-Am Speed Slalom
Where: Hood River, Oregon
When: July 11-20 • Thurs. through 10 days to following Sunday, Please contact P.O. Box 759, Hood River, OR 97031 for details.

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

Event: Picnic at The Shire
When: A free summer picnic will be held at John Yeon's nature preserve across from Multnomah Falls. Pack your picnic baskets, bring swim suits plus special guests. Details to be mailed to all members
When: July 13 • Sun. — 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

THE DALLES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Event: Fort Dalles Days and Rodeo
Where: The Dalles, Oregon — Rodeo grounds
When: July 17 through 20 • Thurs. through Sun.
Event: Chili Cook-off
Where: Rodeo Grounds, The Dalles, Oregon
When: July 19, Sat., Noon to 5 p.m.
No entry fee but registration required.
Call 503/296-2231. Deadline: June 30, 1986

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

Event: Neighborfair
Sign up to volunteer for our FOCG booth. Call 503/241-3762
Where: Portland, Waterfront Park
When: July 20 • Sun.

WINDSURFING

Event: Stroh's ABA Stolichnaya Pro-Am
Where: Hood River, Oregon
When: July 23 through 27 • Wed. through Sun.
Call 415/864-2070 for details

HOOD RIVER COUNTY FAIR

Event: Hood River County Fair
Where: Hood River, Oregon — Fair Grounds
When: July 23 through 26 • Wed. through Sat.

WINDSURFING

Event: Betty Birrell High Performance Clinic
Where: Hood River, Oregon
When: July 30 through August 1 • Wed. through Fri.
Preregistration required. Call 604/294-0044

AUGUST

WASCO COUNTY EVENTS

Event: Dufur Threshing Bee
Where: Dufur, Oregon (Oregon Hwy #197 due S. approx. 16 miles from The Dalles.)
When: Aug. 9, 10 • Sat., Sun.
For details call 503/467-2503

CLARK COUNTY FAIR — FOCG Booth

Event: Clark County Fair
Where: Vancouver, Washington — Fair Grounds
When: Aug. 3 through 7 • Sun. through Thurs.
Volunteers needed: Call Arnie or Mary Dyer, 206/695-5506

WINDSURFING

Event: Vancouver Lake Championship, Series #3
Where: Vancouver Lake, Washington
When: Aug. 10 • Sun.
Call 206/573-1212 or 503/285-2088.

MARYHILL MUSEUM OF ART

Event: Village Roumania at the Time of Queen Marie
Dr. Joe Marrant, Professor of Anthropology, Linfield College
Where: Maryhill Museum, Goldendale, Washington
When: Aug. 19 • Tues. — 7:30 p.m.
Additional details: 509/773-4792 or 773-3733

WINDSURFING

Event: 7th Annual Columbia Gorge Blowout & Gorge Cities Blowout
Where: Cascade Locks to Hood River, Oregon
When: Aug. 22 through 26 • Fri. through Tues.
Call 503/386-5787

WASCO COUNTY EVENTS

Event: Wasco County Fair
Where: Tygh Valley, Oregon
When: Aug. 25 through 31 • Mon. through Sun.

SEPTEMBER

AQUATICS

Event: Columbia River Cross Channel Swim
Where: Hood River Marina, Hood River, Oregon
When: Sept. 1, Mon. (Labor Day)
Call 503/386-2000 for additional information.

WASCO COUNTY EVENTS

Event: Labor Day Air Show
Where: The Dalles Municipal Airport, Washington
When: Sept. 1, Mon. (Labor Day)

OCTOBER

THE DALLES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Event: Fall Festival.
Drama presentation, craft market, Victorian home tour
Where: The Dalles, Oregon
When: October 4, 5 • Sat., Sun.
Call Rosalind Carmack 503/296-2231 for further information.

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

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

The GORGE Goes To Expo:

Oregon: A regional display, showcasing the Portland, Mt. Hood and Columbia Gorge areas, is seen daily in the permanent Oregon Exhibit at Expo '86.

Washington: The combined counties of Clark, Klickitat and Skamania are honored collectively on June 1, 2 and 3. Residents of the counties will be special hosts on these days.

When Visitors Come, It's Time To Go — On the Perfect One-Day Gorge Tour

The Columbia River Gorge is high on everyone's list when it comes to entertaining summer visitors from afar. However, sometimes it's a puzzlement to plan a tour that fits comfortably into a single day and gets past Multnomah Falls and Bonneville Dam. You will never hear me brag about my cooking, but I *can* cook up a tour. Here's one for your next summer visitors.

We'll go from west to east and return, since most visitors arrive at the Portland Airport which is west of the Columbia Gorge. From the metropolitan area, follow all signs saying I-84 East, The Dalles. Fifteen minutes from Portland on Interstate 84, you will enter the Columbia Gorge after passing over the Sandy River. Continue east on I-84 to the Corbett Exit #22. Climb up the Corbett hill to the intersection with old Highway 30 (Scenic Highway) and proceed east 1.6 miles to Women's Forum State Park on Chanticleer Point.

Continue east on the Scenic Highway to Vista House on Crown Point. Rest rooms available here.

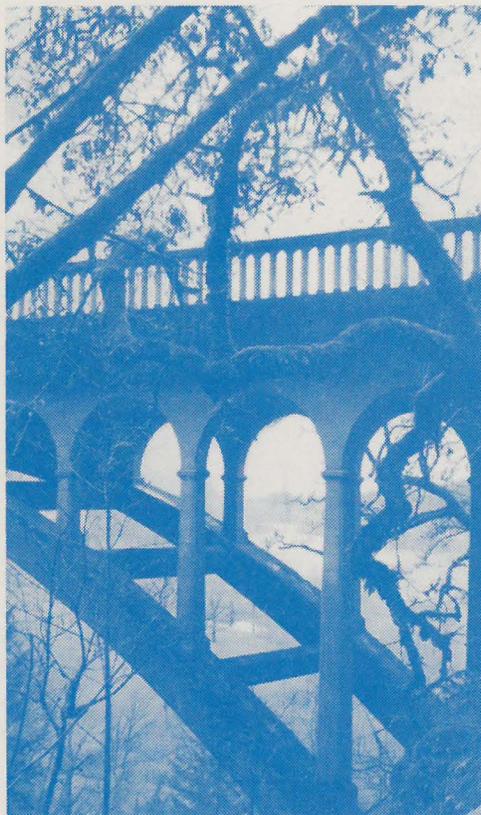
Enjoy a marvelous stretch of the Scenic Highway east of Crown Point as you drop down to 240 foot Latourelle Falls. There is ample parking; rest rooms are on the north side of the road. Take a very short walk uphill to a vantage point overlooking the waterfall or walk down to the pool at its base.

Continue east. After passing over the next bridge, park at Shepperd's Dell State Park. It is here that you will see all the reasons why the 1915 Scenic Highway is the only 20th century highway on the National Register of Historic Places — the stonework, the soaring arch of the bridge, the graceful railings, the views from the bridge itself.

Proceed to Wahkeena Falls. Parking and rest rooms available. Take a look at the stone footbridge; it's only a short walk up to it.

Next point to the east is Multnomah Falls. We know it's great, but it is often crowded, and this tour isn't going to stop there.

Head for Oneonta Gorge to the east. As you approach Oneonta Creek, get in the right lane and go over the old bridge



Bridge at Shepperd's Dell, built 1914.

Photograph by Aubrey Russell

(there used to be a tunnel directly ahead). As you face Oneonta Gorge, on your right are stairs to the creek bed.

Next stop, Horsetail Falls, where the Forest Service has done great things with the stone from old Rocky Butte Jail. The falls is so close you can feel the spray.

Just beyond Horsetail Falls you'll see Ainsworth State Park and then an intersection to take you back to I-84 eastbound. Follow the signs to Hood River.

You will pass Bonneville Dam and then Eagle Creek. Slow down going past Eagle Creek to see the beautiful stone-faced Eagle Creek Bridge on the Scenic Highway.

Exit at Cascade Locks if you're picnicking and it's time for lunch. Heading east, proceed through the small town and turn left at the Cascade Locks National Historic Site. There is much to see here around the old lock system. Picnic tables and rest rooms available.

Leaving the Historic Site, turn left (east) on old Highway 30 for a mile and easy return to I-84 eastbound.

Bypass Hood River and head for Exit #69 six miles past Hood River to pick up old Highway 30 again. The sign says, "Mosier/Scenic Loop." This road takes you up to Rowena Crest Viewpoint on the Rowena Plateau for great views of the Eastern Gorge.

Proceed east to the viewpoint before descending the plateau to Rowena, Oregon. At the Rowena intersection on I-84 you have come 64 miles from where you entered the Gorge at the Sandy River.

Proceed west to Hood River. Take Hood River Exit 64 and cross over to Washington (toll 50 cents) for a leisurely drive back to the west on Washington Highway 14 enjoying views of both states from the Washington perspective.

Six miles west of the Bridge of the Gods look for Beacon Rock on your left. Restrooms available here.

Continue west on Highway 14 eight miles to the Cape Horn cliffs, the high point (literally) of the Washington drive. Pull over to the side of the road here for superb views to the east. Then, proceeding west, drop gradually down to the river level. As you approach Washougal, Washington, much of the flood plain on your left was recently purchased by the Corps of Engineers for a wildlife refuge. The Gorge boundary is at Gibbons Creek, east of Washougal.

Keep your tour flexible. There is a lot less rain east of Hood River, so on rainy days keep your stops short in the west and linger a while on the Rowena Plateau. Rain or shine, the Gorge is gorgeous, and your guests will be smiling all the way home.

— Nancy N. Russell

