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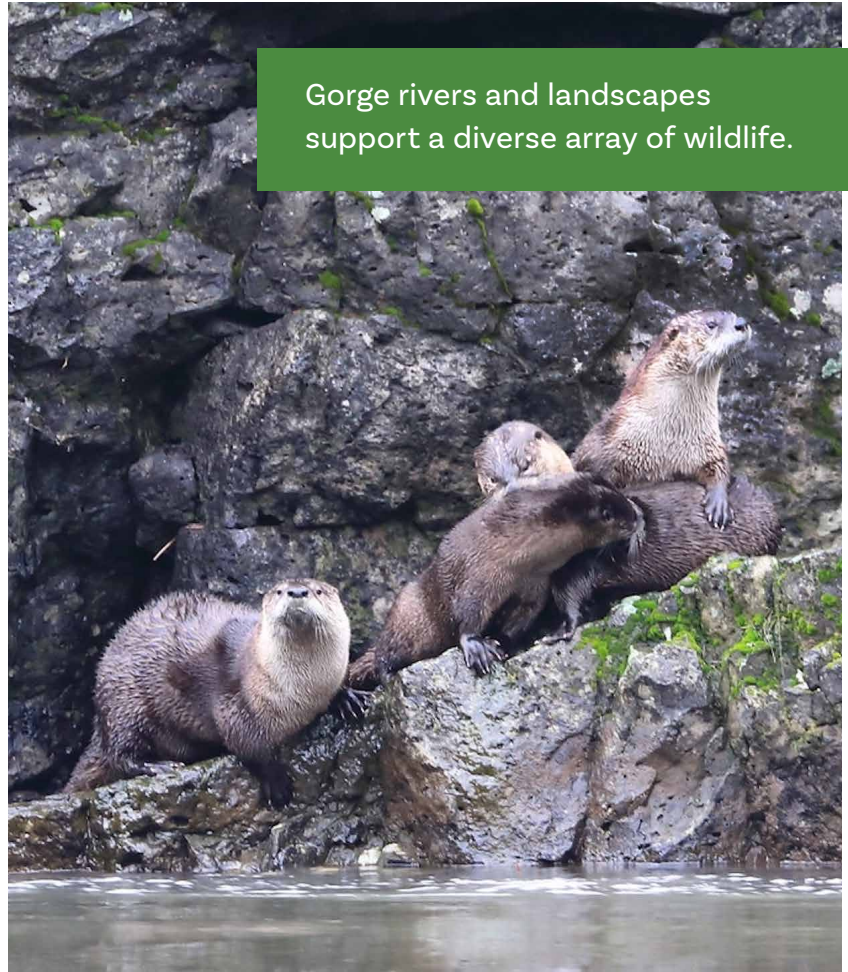
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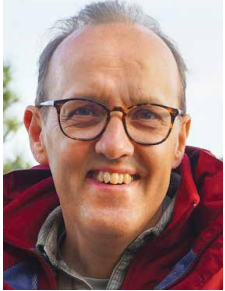
An otter family on the Klickitat River. Photo: Bill Kirkland

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Cover: Spring sunrise at Rowena Crest. Photo: Margot Kelley

Director's Letter



Kevin Gorman

I ran long-distance in high school, and I marveled to see how our coach was able to transform a bunch of self-centered, skinny freshmen into a well-oiled team capable of state championships. His lessons on turning “I” into “we” still resonate for me.

Four years ago, after the Eagle Creek fire and before the pandemic, Friends’ staff and board came together to create a strategic plan that would guide us through this tumultuous period. Our plan didn’t predict the challenges we would face, but we stayed focused, pivoted where we had to, and pulled together to achieve outstanding results.

From 2018 through 2021, Friends helped usher in a stronger, more protective National Scenic Area Management Plan, acquired four conservation properties, and launched a Gorge Accessibility Project. Our public engagement efforts went fully digital, hosting webinars that reached more than 2,800 people, including younger and much more diverse audiences than we had ever drawn in the past. Financially, our endowment grew more than 50 percent, and our fundraising rose to meet every challenge we faced.

In January, we began planning to shape our next three years. This time, though, we may not meet in person, and about one-third of our staff and board will be new to the

process. We’re also engaging more than 1,000 people—members, activists, nonprofit partners, tribal members, Gorge residents, government officials, and others—to learn what they see as top priorities for the Gorge.

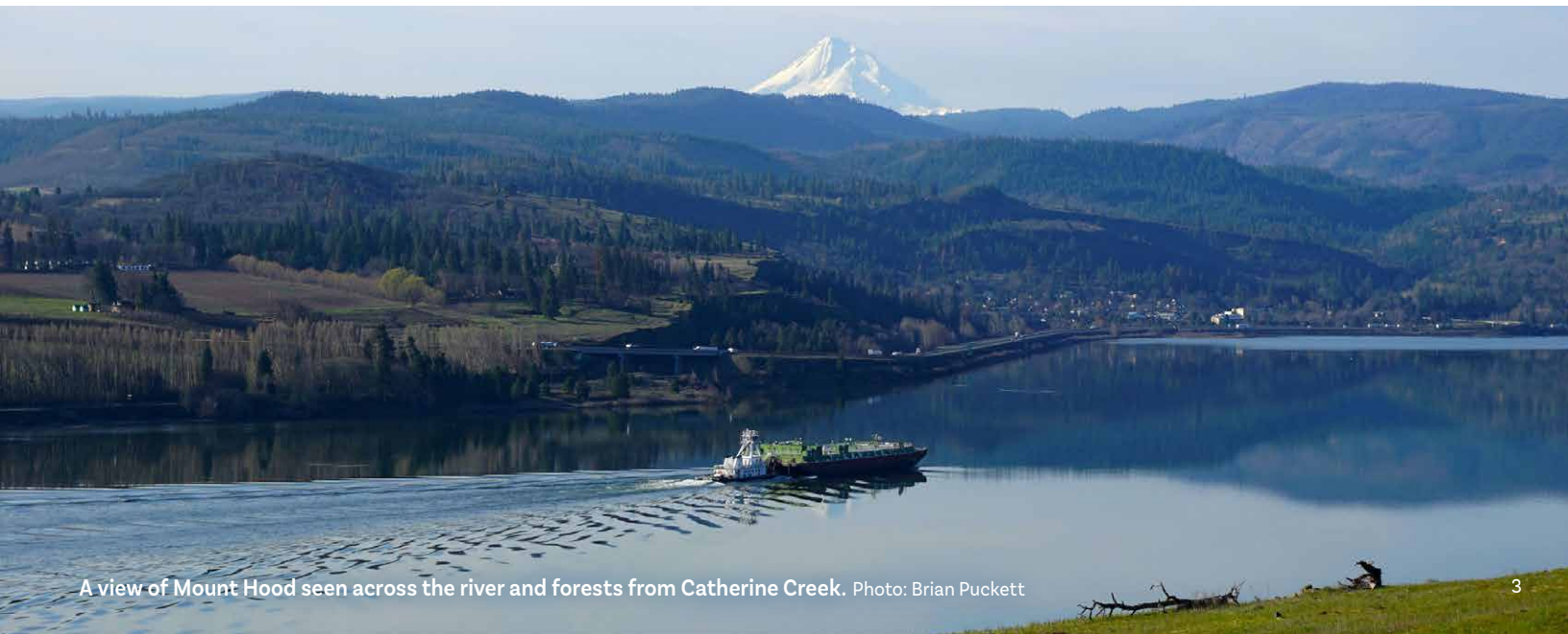
As we enter strategic planning this year, I’m reflecting on my track and field days and encouraging our board to be mindful of the “baton zone.” In track and field, races are won and lost in the baton zones where the handoffs occur. Batons are dropped, runners are out of sync, some start too early and others finish too fast.

Organizations have baton zones, too—those times when new programs start and old ones end, when board leadership changes, long-tenured staff retire, and new staff with new perspectives come on board. Handoffs and changes are always in play. Managed with forethought and openness, transitions happen smoothly, and momentum is maintained.

Change is unnerving—and inevitable. Our ability to embrace change while maintaining our fundamentals has made Friends the effective and resilient organization it is today. Our strategic planning this year will lead us into the next leg of the great race to protect, preserve, and steward the Columbia Gorge for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Gorman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kevin Gorman, Executive Director



Gorge Counties Approve New Protections



Michael Lang, Conservation Director

Stronger protections for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area came one step closer to being a reality in December, as five of the six counties within the Scenic Area completed reviews and approval of new land use and environmental standards for the Gorge. These standards will improve protection of scenic vistas, salmon runs, farms, and forest land, and respond to the pressures of climate change.

National Scenic Area protections, permitting for land uses, and development on nonfederal land are all administered by the counties, which makes this a critical step in ensuring the success of Gorge conservation efforts. The lone exception is Klickitat County, which has refused to adopt a National Scenic Area land use ordinance. In that case, the Columbia River Gorge Commission administers the land use ordinances on nonfederal land in Klickitat County within the National Scenic Area.

Applying federal law at the local level

Ordinance updates are required whenever requirements relating to resource protection and land use standards are changed in the National Scenic Area Management Plan. From 2016 through 2020, the Columbia River Gorge Commission and U.S. Forest Service reviewed and revised the bistate plan to address increasing pressures to develop farm and forest land; strengthen support for declining salmon runs; and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Friends of the Columbia Gorge and our allies have advocated for these changes for several years, and they gradually received support from the Gorge Commission.

After final adoption of the changes to the management plan and approval by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in early 2021, counties within the Scenic Area had 270 days to update their land use ordinances. County ordinances must be consistent with the management

National Scenic Area zoning protects farms, forests, and communities throughout the Gorge, as in Mosier, Oregon, above, and at the west end of the Gorge near Washougal, Washington, at right. Photo: above, Debbie Asakawa; at right, Mitch Hammtree

plan and may only vary from its requirements if the local ordinances are more protective of resources. Once the county ordinances are approved by the county commissions, they are transmitted to the Gorge Commission and U.S. Forest Service for review and approval. The Forest Service makes the final determination whether the ordinances for the Special Management Areas are consistent with the Gorge Management Plan.

County governments push back

The path to county approval was rocky in some counties where county officials oppose improved protections for critical salmon habitat, wetlands, farmland, and forest land. Wasco, Clark, and Skamania counties considered rejecting the changes and handing over administration of the ordinances to the Gorge Commission. Their objections arose even though county representatives were heavily involved for four years in the review of the management plan, with each county having an appointed representative on the Gorge Commission who can propose changes and vote on the revised plan. Additionally, county planning departments were directly involved in proposing revisions to the plan and commenting on other proposed revisions. Yet, despite this active consultation effort, some county officials argued that the Gorge Commission didn't

properly inform them of the proposed revisions to the management plan or adequately consult with or listen to the concerns of the counties.

Another recurring complaint was insufficient funding to cover the costs of implementing the land use ordinances. Gorge counties receive state funding to implement the ordinances, but the funding doesn't cover the full costs. A notable exception is Skamania County, which receives a suitable \$190,000 annually to cover their costs of ordinance implementation. Friends advocates during legislative sessions in both Salem, Oregon, and Olympia, Washington, for adequate county funding, and recognizes that funding needs to increase in the Oregon counties.

County residents speak out

Efforts over the past year by Friends and our local allies, in conjunction with the Gorge Commission, were instrumental in addressing county officials' concerns and convincing them that the alternative to adopting the changes would be unacceptable to county residents in the Scenic Area. Counties would have lost local implementation of their land use ordinances and people seeking land use permits in the Scenic Area would have had to travel to the Gorge Commission office in White Salmon, Washington, for all land use planning services and permits.

The Gorge Commission is also slower in issuing land use approvals than the counties are, routinely taking several months or even years to issue land use decisions. County officials heard loud and clear from constituents that they wanted local administration of the land use codes, timely issuance of permit decisions, and did not want to travel 50 miles or more unnecessarily to conduct business at the Gorge Commission's office.

The Gorge Commission is expected to give final approval for the updated ordinances in March at their regularly scheduled meeting. In the future, Friends looks forward to more timely updates to the Gorge Management Plan to protect this national scenic treasure and meet the challenges of population growth, increased recreation pressure, and the impacts of climate change. ■





Travel Changes Ahead for the Gorge Waterfall Corridor

Kevin Gorman, Executive Director

This summer, the Oregon Department of Transportation will initiate a pilot plan along the Historic Columbia River Highway’s “waterfall corridor,” to improve safety and emergency response times, reduce congestion, and improve visitors’ experience.

Summer traffic through the corridor has intensified in recent years, and the pilot project will incorporate several modes of transportation, including public and private transit, shuttle services, and bicycling opportunities. Private vehicle traffic will be metered, with vehicles required to reserve time-based permits to use the highway between Vista House and Ainsworth State Park. There will be a small administrative fee for the permits.

From May 24 through Labor Day, drivers of private vehicles will need to plan ahead and secure permits online to access the Historic Columbia River Highway. The time-based permits will allow vehicles to show up at one of three entry points along the highway—Vista House, Bridal Veil State Park, or Ainsworth State Park—within one hour of their permitted time. Once they arrive, the permitted visitors can stay as long as they like. Cyclists and corridor residents will not need permits. Visitors using public transit or on tours will not require individual permits (tour operators will be permitted).

This pilot project follows ODOT’s and other agency partners’ efforts over the last two years to address safety and congestion concerns at Multnomah Falls. Permitting for use of the I-84 Multnomah Falls parking lot is expected to continue in 2022.

More shuttle options to access the Historic Columbia River Highway are offered this year by Waterfall Trolley and Sasquatch Shuttles, while the Gorge Express provides public transit on I-84 with stops at Multnomah Falls. For details, visit waterfalltrolley.com, sasquatchshuttle.com, and gorgepass.com. Schedules, fares, routes, and additional information can also be found at columbiagorgecarfree.com.

More information about the Historic Highway seasonal permit pilot project can be found at waterfallcorridorpermits.org and readyssetgorge.com. ■

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR MY CAR?

May 24–September 5

WHERE DO I GET A PERMIT?

For permit details visit waterfallcorridorpermits.org.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Daily permits will cost \$2 each.

Massive Mining Proposal Threatens Western Gorge

Steve McCoy, Staff Attorney | Sofia Urrutia-Lopez, Conservation Organizer

A massive gravel mine proposed near the Cape Horn trailhead in Skamania County would impact the livability and scenic values of the area for decades to come.

In 2021, J.L. Storedahl and Sons, Inc., applied for a gravel mining permit from Skamania County on land owned by Weyerhaeuser, adjacent to the National Scenic Area boundary and the Columbia Falls Natural Area Preserve, an area managed to protect sensitive species. According to the application, “activities will include drilling, blasting, loading, hauling, crushing, screening, stockpiling, and commercial sales of crushed aggregate.” The total excavation volume would be 24 million cubic yards.

Impacts and dangers

Storedahl and Sons expects 250 vehicle round trips per day from the mine, potentially amounting to 500 truck trips a day—or about one gravel truck a minute. The proposed route traverses a narrow road with school bus stops and turnarounds, and would cross the Cape Horn Trail pedestrian crossing at Salmon Falls Road and Washington SR-14, where most trucks would continue west. This would dramatically increase truck traffic on two-lane SR-14, degrading the roadbed and increasing dangers for local residents, vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and wildlife.

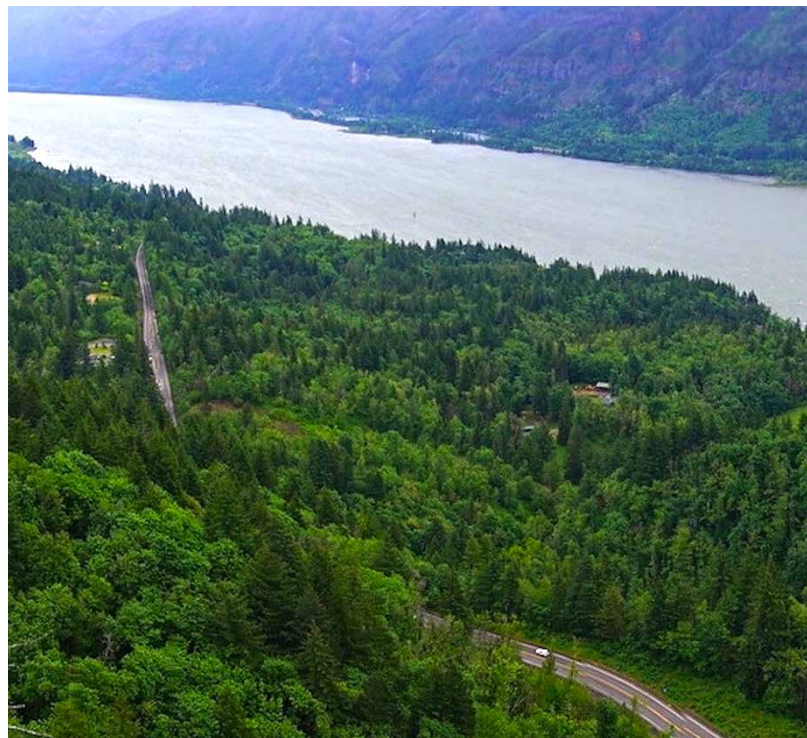
Storedahl’s analysis concedes that, if approved, the project would create “substantial” noise impacts, including disturbing important species in the Natural Area Preserve and National Scenic Area lands. The Cape Horn Trailhead pedestrian crossing would be far more dangerous, while trucks would create dust that degrades air quality and compromises human health. Hundreds of trucks every day would produce a constant din as well as visual blight. Numerous gravel truck crashes have occurred in recent years due to mines in Clark County, and the proposed Storedahl and Sons project raises serious concerns.

Environmental Impact Statement required

Former Skamania County Board of Commissioners Chair Chris Brong stated, “Weyerhaeuser and Storedahl have continually shown they have no intention of being rural community partners. At the expense of residents and recreationists, they add constant noise and dust, threaten our safety, damage county roads, block access to public lands, and ruin our watershed.”

Fortunately, Skamania County is requiring an Environmental Impact Statement to be produced that should fully disclose and analyze the adverse effects the mine would have. Preparation of the draft impact statement is expected to take a full year, and Friends will continue to be engaged on this issue.

Sign up for action alerts on this quarry proposal and related issues at gorgefriends.org/takeaction. ■



Hundreds of gravel trucks every day would travel on two-lane Washington SR-14, seen here below Cape Horn. Photo: Debbie Asakawa

Steigerwald Reconnection

Restoring Wetland Habitat

Sarah Skelly, Volunteer Coordinator

On two consecutive days last November, volunteers from the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Gorge Refuge Stewards, and Friends of the Columbia Gorge joined together at Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge to plant willow cuttings along Gibbons Creek in the newly opened wetlands along the Columbia River.

The planting campaign is part of the Steigerwald Reconnection Project, a multi-year collaborative effort to reopen the connection of Gibbons Creek to its historic

floodplain along the Columbia River and restore salmon habitat and native vegetation.

Volunteer Gorge stewards and staff are used to navigating northwest rains. However, the days leading up to these much-anticipated fall events brought the first heavy rains of the season, with flood advisories throughout the region. Working in dynamic ecosystems always means rolling with what nature brings us. Crew leaders arrived the morning of the first planting to find that newly



Despite being nearly rained out, volunteers planted hundreds of willow stalks at Steigerwald. All photos: Sarah Skelly



reopened Gibbons Creek was functioning exactly as it should: the floodplain and planting area were inundated.

Planting along the creek that morning was not possible, but staff quickly recognized the teachable moment the day offered. Volunteers had a first-hand opportunity to learn about the reconnection project and witness the newly restored ecosystem performing as planned. And a handful of dedicated, waterproofed volunteers still managed to plant 75 willows in upland areas, navigating puddles, wet masks, and fogged glasses. Watching the wide rushing creek, we all wondered what the next day would bring.

By the following morning, the rain had ceased. The water settled into the floodplain, leaving the riparian area where we planned to work inaccessible by foot, so the volunteers soon spread out along the west bank of Gibbons Creek. Working from early morning until noon, we revegetated the riparian zone with more than 800 willows.

Opening this spring

Weather permitting, Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge will reopen to the public sometime in April. After two years, visitors will be able to get their first glimpses of the newly restored floodplain. Hikers along the new west levee trail looking down along the creek and floodplain will be able to see the willows leafing out, beginning to provide refuge for migratory birds, along with waterfowl, juvenile salmon and lamprey, and likely a beaver or two.

As the reconnection project wraps up in 2022, the Estuary Partnership expects more opportunities to bring volunteers together for more plantings throughout the fall.

Visit refuge2020.info for the most up-to-date information on Steigerwald. To stay informed about our upcoming stewardship projects, subscribe now to our Stewardship eNews at gorgefriends.org. ■

Top: The wetlands flooded with fall rains on the first day of the planting project.
Left: Volunteers gather and stretch before planting in rocky riparian soil.
Right: Volunteers checking their work along Gibbons Creek.



Persistence and Restoration

Sara Woods, Stewardship Manager

The year I started working as Friends' stewardship coordinator, I had barely gotten my feet under me when the land trust purchased the land we would call Turtle Haven Preserve. It was exciting to witness a new acquisition take place and to anticipate exploring all the preserve's nooks and crannies.

Soon, though, my enthusiasm changed to panic as I realized that this scenic site had an overwhelmingly untidy side to it. This stunning natural area, home to the western pond turtle, was also home to decades of abandoned rubble and debris that was now Friends' responsibility.

In places, the preserve was like an oddities shop with quirky, rusty, old objects that had potential to be repurposed. It was a lawn-art mecca, a collector's oasis, an antiquer's El Dorado.

Okay, I may be exaggerating, but the site did have 11 deserted buildings, seven cars, three golf carts, three trailers, and a boat, plus old wood stoves, washers, dryers, furnaces, tires, and broken furniture strewn everywhere. You get the picture: there was a mass of refuse and debris.

With so many layers of junk, the project was going to take a lot of time and money. Early on, we held a volunteer clean-up work party, filling a 30-yard dumpster in no time. But our efforts seemed futile.

For the next few years, new land acquisitions and other projects kept me busy and safely distracted from the clean-

up at Turtle Haven. Until this past fall, when Friends hired a certified deconstruction contractor to begin work. Their specialty is taking down buildings to maximize reuse, and doing much of the work by hand, without heavy equipment. The crew worked 600 hours deconstructing eight buildings and removing 50 tons of material off the preserve. Thirty-five of those tons—mostly wood, metal, and concrete—were all recycled.

Today Turtle Haven looks better than ever, and while our work there is not done, it certainly complements our grander work of restoring western pond turtle habitat. We've been removing invasive blackberry and bullfrogs for several years, and our next steps include removing the last buildings and planting native vegetation. The mountain of rusty lawn art will soon be a faint memory of what was once there.

To get involved, sign up for a stewardship work party at gorgefriends.org/stewardship. ■



Turtle Haven Preserve natural area. Photo: Friends archive

Top: Dismantling a dilapidated shed at Turtle Haven, to be removed and recycled. Photo: Michael TeeHee, Common Interest Media

Let's Get Outdoors

Melissa Gonzalez, Outdoor Programs and Communications Specialist

The days are growing longer, trees are leafing out to greet the sun, and wildflower season is finally here. Alongside the stunning blooms and displays of Gorge native plant ecology, spring will also mean another season of invasive weeds emerging. We'll need many hands to keep up, so grab your gloves and join us.

Hands-on stewardship

Consistent volunteer efforts matter, throughout the Gorge. With our partners, we'll tackle weeds including herb Robert, teasel, Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and Scotch broom at 12 public land sites, in collaboration with Washington State Parks, Oregon State Parks, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Friends' spring stewardship work parties are being scheduled now. Look for our stewardship volunteer calendar at gorgefriends.org. And sign up for our Stewardship eNews list to receive updates on all the upcoming projects and opportunities.

Ready for Friends hikes?

This spring, we also plan the return of our hikes and outdoor programs. So let's head to the Gorge. But no one wants to add to Gorge congestion, right? No problem. We'll meet at Gateway and hop on the Gorge Express!

Sign up for our Multnomah and Wahkeena Falls Loop hike, via the Gorge Express, and join Friends Executive Director Kevin Gorman for a weekday Gorge outing. We'll take the Gorge Express from Portland's Gateway Transit Center to Multnomah Falls. After the hike, we'll stop at the picnic area to discuss traffic concerns and future transit options. Friends is teaming up with Gorge Pass to offer this special outing.

We'll roll out the programs through the spring and summer months, so check our event calendar often. Details and registration for these and other events will be online at gorgefriends.org. ■



Left to right, Friends staff members Sarah Skelly, Denise López, and Melissa Gonzalez, plant native plants. Photo: Melissa Gonzalez

New Year, New Energy

Paige Unangst, Finance Director

Sofia Urrutia-Lopez joined Friends' staff in January as our Gorge-based conservation organizer. An ardent supporter of everything local, she's spent the past 10 years living, working, and recreating in the Gorge, where she previously worked with the Cascade Locks Tourism Committee and with Play Frontier, an equitable play and nature school. Sofia has served on the board of Breweries of the Gorge and is the founder of Let's Take Action Skamania County, an initiative to recruit and build a network of activists to champion local causes in the county. She brings her love of the Gorge and her strong relationships in multiple Gorge communities to her organizing work with Friends.

Kevin Price became a member of Friends' Land Trust board last spring, and in October was elected to the full board. Kevin moved to Oregon in 1976 to attend Eastern Oregon University, then worked as a hotshot fire crew with the U.S. Forest Service. In 2018, he retired after 34 years with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department—28 of those years managing state parks in the Columbia Gorge. Kevin has worked to increase educational opportunities for students of color,

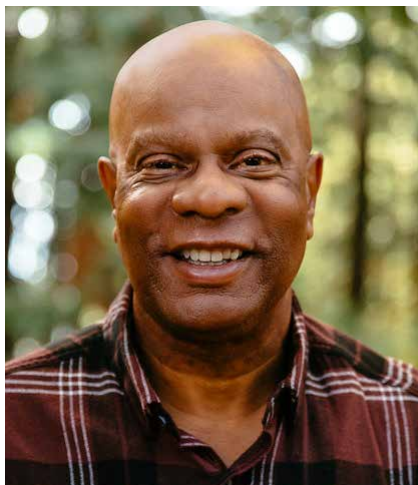
including at Martin Luther King Elementary School and Oregon State Park Trust's Ticket2Ride program, and with Friends' outdoor education program.

Susie Greenbaum joined Friends' philanthropy committee in 2019 to help guide our fundraising efforts. In December 2021 she was elected to the board. A native Oregonian, Susie grew up in Portland with a love for hiking. Having worked in both the nonprofit and private sectors, she brings more than 15 years of experience in the digital marketing and communications field. Susie spent six years leading Nike's Consumer Digital Technology Communications and Engagement team, and today is vice president of managed services at Sprinklr. She has also served on the Young Professionals board of Blanchet House and as Alumni Board President at the Catlin Gabel School.

Friends' board of directors brings together a wide range of interests, skills, and knowledge that intersect the mission and vision of our organization. We're excited to have Susie and Kevin on board as we start our strategic planning process this year.



Sofia Urrutia-Lopez



Kevin Price



Susie Greenbaum



Alicia Muñoz: A Legacy of Stewardship

Pam Davee, Director of Philanthropy

Even from her current home in San Diego, California, Alicia Muñoz still walks the trails at Beacon Rock and Cape Horn, albeit in her mind's eye.

In 2006, after moving to Vancouver, Washington, Alicia started using her SUV to volunteer as a driver for Friends' hikes. Finding joy and meaning in her involvement with Friends, she loved making new friends on the many hikes we offered during the season. Her goal was to experience each trail and explore all that they offered.

Alicia appreciated that Friends made those trails and hiking experiences safe to explore, offering camaraderie, education, exercise, and beauty on every level or type of hike. The Gorge became accessible to her, and she now looks to the Gorge Accessibility Project as a way of opening the Gorge to others who have not been afforded that same experience, especially at Cape Horn.

When Alicia became enamored of Cape Horn, the Rotary Club where she also volunteered committed to planting trees and shrubs at the Salmon Falls Park and Ride at the trailhead. The planting was done on a very rainy day that was slippery on the slopes, but the trees and shrubs took

hold. It gives her great satisfaction to know she was a part of this Gorge stewardship effort.

Alicia has a strong affinity for stewardship and believes it's the most important work Friends does, because it involves a range of elements—education and outreach as well as working on the land. She feels those all are part of stewardship. Her ethic of caring for the land is rooted in her belief that conservation is a civic duty. "Once born," she says, "we are stewards of the land and of each other. May we leave it better or at best, do no harm."

Alicia's commitment to stewardship will endure into the future. "My legacy gift is a gift of continued stewardship. It takes a confluence of leadership and vision, political advocacy, public partnerships, education, and volunteers to ensure our Gorge continues to showcase its magnificent landscape and be environmentally healthy for future generations. The Gorge is a gift." Indeed it is, Alicia!

Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to Gorge stewardship by your actions and through your legacy.

Tribute Gifts

November 1, 2021–January 31, 2022

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In honor of Abbey and Eric
Emily and Nick Paccia

In honor of Debbie Asakawa
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Marcia Justman

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Pete Van Metre**
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Evona Brim

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In honor of Anne and John Williams
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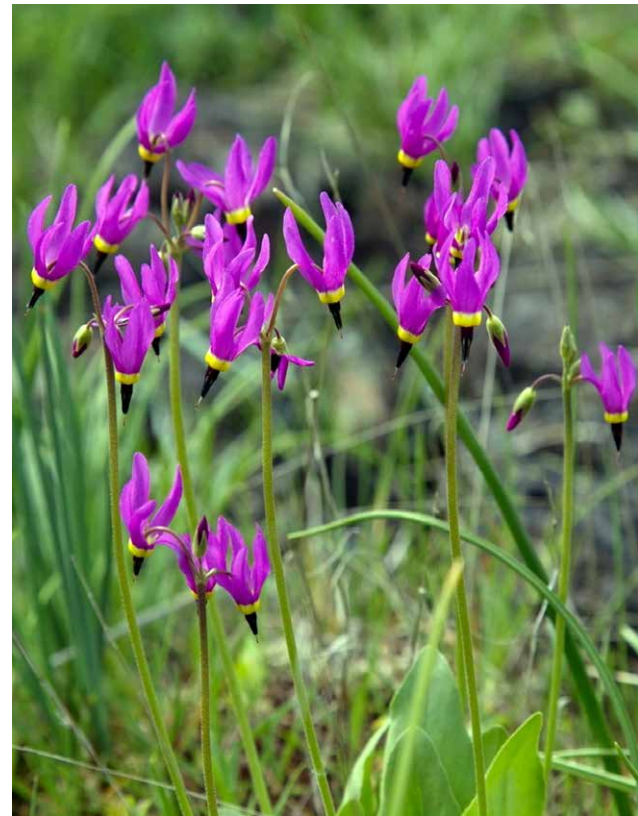
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Ramakrishna Rao Pidaparthi**
Kamesh Pidaparthi



Shooting stars. Photo: Micheal Drewry

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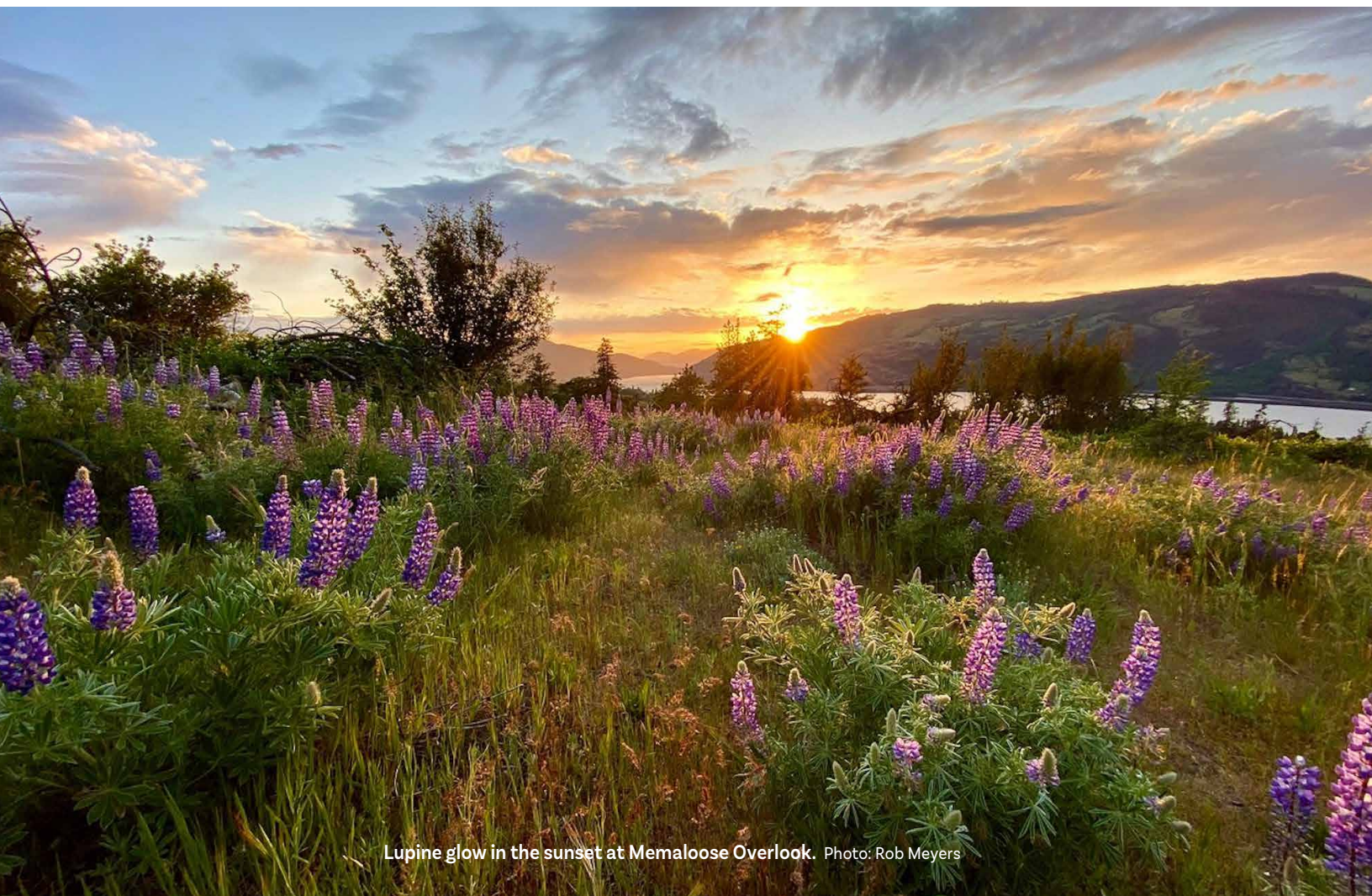
In celebration of National Poetry Month and International Haiku Poetry Day on April 17, we're launching the third annual Friends of the Columbia Gorge Spring Haiku Challenge.

Friends will share several of our favorite submissions on our website and social media channels in celebration of International Haiku Poetry Day, April 17.

To submit your haiku in the challenge, please post on social media (and tag us) or send by email, by 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, Wednesday, April 13, to:

- Facebook (tag @gorgefriends)
- Instagram (tag @gorgefriends with hashtag #HaikuPoetryDay)
- Twitter (tag @gorgefriends with hashtag #HaikuPoetryDay)
- Email (send to friends@gorgefriends.org)

Learn more: Former Oregon poet laureate Kim Stafford describes haiku and offers historic examples in a short video at gorgefriends.org/gorge-haiku.



Lupine glow in the sunset at Memaloose Overlook. Photo: Rob Meyers