



Friends of Crater Lake National Park

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President's Message

Greg Reddell, President of the Board

The officers of the Friends of Crater Lake elected me as President this year. I wish to thank George Buckingham for all the work he did while being President. George put a lot of time and work into the Friends so he deserves a break because we have a busy group. I am excited to continue to be on the Board of the Friends. For me it is great to work with people who want to help Crater Lake National Park. The busy holidays are over and we are starting to look forward to this season at Crater Lake. On weekends, the Friends are busy staffing the Winter Rim Desk and Larry Smith is succeeding in making some displays for the upstairs where the Winter Rim Desk is. Thanks much to Larry for taking this on.

On some of these nice winter weekends take a drive to Crater Lake and visit the Winter Rim Desk. The Friends had a very good Annual Meeting in October. I liked the report from the Greg Hartell Interns on the inventories on the stone work and buildings at Crater Lake. I will be looking forward to more studies and inventories of the structures at Crater Lake. The rustic park architecture is a big interest of mine. I retired from the Bureau of Land Management at the end of the year and am adapting to a different life style. Once the dust settles, I want to get to Crater Lake more. The Friends board meeting in January started the ball rolling for this year's projects. Expect the dates

to be approximately the same as other years for the highway clean up, project weekend, and annual meeting. The Friends continues to be very interested in the Adopt a Trail and Adopt a Boundary at Crater Lake. Right now, I am working with an Antique Car Club which is visiting Crater Lake in June that we may help with lunch. There could be some other projects as the season continues. I will continue the highway clean up on about the same dates as other years. Watch for current updates on the Friends of Crater Lake website and upcoming newsletters.



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2008 Project Weekend (August 22—24)

Judy Buckingham

Another successful Project Weekend was held this year on the weekend of August 22-24. Volunteers were divided between the BioBlitz and painting the south entrance station. Our group filled 8 campsites, with about 15 people joining together for dinner on Friday night. Camp chef Greg Reddell

cooked meat for tacos and burritos and everyone built their own. A great time was had by all that evening around the campfire as we got acquainted with new attendees and people connected with the BioBlitz. We divided ourselves up into the two groups for the following day's activities. The next morning the

BioBlitz group met at the Community Center for registration and training and divided into groups to head out to look for lichen. (see other article for more info on this) The painting group met at the Annie Creek Entrance Station with Niel Barrett as our group leader. Niel is a board member and

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Judy Buckingham painting underside of entrance station overhang.



The Friends & Public Lands Day 2008

George Buckingham



Registering kids as FOCLNP at Public Lands Day.



Judy & George Buckingham

Public Lands Day 2008 from the perspective of the Crater Lake Trust (page 3) was a fun and productive event, but quite different than our view. Jeff Allen, Executive Director of the Trust, asked the Friends to provide some staff to help with their activities. We expanded the mission to include for Friends activities. The Friends provided two people to the Trust and I staffed a Friends table. We set up on the rim trail next to the Kaiser Studio. Next to us were some Audubon Society people. One table held our large exhibit and example of our

newsletters and brochures. I sat nearby at a smaller table wearing my cool Crater Lake Centennial T-shirt, the one with the nice Crater Lake logo. The weather could not have been more perfect. The lake was absolutely spectacular. Once could not have asked for a better backdrop to promote the Friends of Crater Lake. Visitors walked by in a steady stream, but not so many that conversation was a problem. We spoke to anyone who paused to look at the display, talking about all kinds of things, including, of course, the Friends of Crater Lake.

However, the real targets were young people. The Board had agreed to offer free memberships to anyone 12 or younger on that day. We signed up 17 kids. Between the general public, the kids and the bird experts, it was one of the more enjoyable afternoons I have spent in the park. I even had a special personal treat. While surveying my old stomping grounds, the park's new Chief Ranger, Marshall Neeck, wandered by. We renewed an old acquaintanceship and swapped a few ranger tales. Of course, only the truth was told (!).

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Niel Barrett & George Buckingham laying tarps prior to painting.



Craig Ackerman, Park Sup't, scraping old paint off.

a painter by profession. We spent hours placing tarps, covering windows, and scraping and sanding off old paint. About 1:30 PM we actually started painting and it went fairly quickly. By 4 PM we were cleaning up the site. Amazing how much better the building looked. During this whole day, the rangers were able to staff the entrance station and must have collected a lot of money, given the number of cars we saw and the lines that occasionally formed. For the Saturday evening meal, Greg cooked steaks over the fire and Bev Hartell brought a potato salad and prepared a green salad. There was strawberry cheesecake for dessert. Wow! What a

feast after a busy day. Around the campfire we all shared what we had done, bioblitzers bragging about how many new species of lichen their group had found and painters bragging how nice the entrance station now looked. All in all, I think it was a very productive weekend. Since we finished the painting on Saturday, we were given the day Sunday to just enjoy the Park. Oh, and as an added benefit, George and Judy Buckingham did the roadside cleanup from the park boundary to the exhibit along Hwy 62 toward Fort Klamath. A special thanks to all those who attended and helped in any way: Greg Reddell, Bev Hartell, Niel Barrett, George & Judy

Buckingham, Dan & Linda Warner, Bill & Marie Wright, Superintendent Craig Ackerman, Friends Liaison Marsha McCabe, Phil Handley, Richard Sommer, Education Coordinator for Science & Learning Center Linda Hillgoss, Harald & Marianne Storfjell, Lee & Steve Swanson and Robert Marlow who was not able to attend but organized and took reservations. Paint crew: Niel Barrett, George & Judy Buckingham, Greg Reddell, Marie Wright, Phil Handley, Steve Swanson, and Craig Ackerman. BioBlitz group from Friends: Bill Wright, Dan & Linda Warner, Richard Sommer, Harald & Marianne Storfjell.

Lichen Bioblitz

Bill Wright, FOCLNP Volunteer

I signed up for the Lichen Bioblitz because I didn't know anything about lichen. After all it's been 50 years since my high school biology and 45 years since college botany. And I wondered what a "bioblitz" was; it's not in my dictionary. But a chance for a day in the park with a lichenologist"—what better way to spend a day! About 50 persons showed up including volunteers, park staff, and university faculty and students. We were fueled up with coffee and doughnuts and we signed forms absolving the government of any harm that might come to us (standard government procedure). Then we received a highly informative presentation on the nature of lichens (no—

they are not a subgroup of mosses as I had thought, but a specialized symbiotic lifeform of bacteria and fungi), their number (several 1000 different kinds), diversity (some are poisonous and several are routinely observed to monitor air pollution), color (remarkable variety), and sex lives (lichen have to reproduce too). And we learned that the park's scientific center was eager to develop an inventory of all the different kinds of lichen in the park and map their locations. We volunteers were to "blitz" several locations in the park and search for the "bio" specimens. We were also "authorized for the day" to gather specimens (usually a no-no in national parks) and bring them back for study.

We divided into groups and were assigned locations to search. Each group also had a professional lichenologist with it, and our group included a college student who was conducting a special study of lichens. Our group headed off to the Ponderosa Roadside site near the south end of the park. We traipsed about 50 yards off the road and, with the guidance of our expert, immediately began finding scores of specimens mostly on downed tree branches, pieces of bark, older tree trunks, and a few on rocks. They were everywhere. But you need a magnifying glass and lots of experience, thanks to our experts, to tell them apart. We gathered specimens and mapped

them with a handheld GPS. After lunch, a few of us hiked down into Annie Creek gorge and gathered even more. By the time we returned to headquarters our group had 20-30 different specimens. And we got to see the "catch" from other groups. It was a very satisfying day. Learned something new, met some very interesting people, contributed a little to scientific knowledge, and spent a day in the sunshine in our bit of heaven, Crater Lake National Park. Doesn't get much better than that. I am looking forward to the next bioblitz."



Family Fun Day at Crater Lake

Jeff Allen, Executive Director, Crater Lake National Park Trust

September 27 marked Public Lands Day nationwide, and the first-ever "Family Fun Day" at Crater Lake National Park. The Crater Lake National Park Trust organized this event to encourage more families to visit the park – particularly during the beautiful (and less crowded) fall season. The afternoon was sunny and mild, and a happy crowd enjoyed tribal dances, stories, and free ice cream floats. We would like to thank Crater Lake Soda

and the Dairy Farmers of Oregon for their donations of root beer and ice cream, and to the Klamath Indian Dancers and Singers for their presentations. We would also like to offer special thanks to the many Friends who volunteered their time to help dish up 500 ice cream floats, and who provided information and free Friends memberships to visiting children. The Trust is already planning for a repeat event in September 26, 2009.

We are also exploring the possibility of a similar event in April to celebrate National Parks Week and encourage families to come enjoy the park's abundant snow. For more information and updates, please visit:

www.craterlaketrust.org

or contact Maria Clementi,

maria@craterlaketrust.org



Answering visitor questions.



Serving root beer floats.



What a Weekend!

Lee Juillerat

Some jobs are better than others. I like to enjoy my work, but spending a weekend at Crater Lake as a Friends volunteer was just too much pleasure to call it work. My friend Joan Holliday spent a Saturday and Sunday at the park on an incredibly beautiful, sunny weekend that provided googolplex views of the lake.

We took turns at the information desk. Saturday morning, while I visited with a fascinating mix of people with a genuine interest in the lake and park, Joan did some cross country skiing and visiting with people along the rim area. She replaced me in the afternoon while I assisted - which basically meant waddling behind the last person - on the snowshoe walk. Ranger Dave Grimes was excellent, and the walkers delighted. One woman from Boston who was in the Rogue Valley on business had taken the walk a week earlier and been so enchanted she called her husband, who flew out to

After our shift, Joan and I reconnoitered and skied to the Wizard Island overlook. On the way, a bulging full moon crested over the eastern rim, its image eventually reflecting in the lake. To the west, the sun splayed a rainbow of colors as it set, lighting the thin layer of clouds with a changing array of reds, pinks, purples and every hue in between. That night we joined members of the park's ski patrol for a Saturday night potluck, and the only thing better than the scrumptious food was the conversation and company - other people who love the park and lake. Sunday I skied with a patrol member toward the Watchman, then scurried back past lines of smiling skiers and snowshoers to take over for Joan, who spent the afternoon helping Dave with the snowshoe walk. Four of the snowshoers she met were young women from Seattle, who had read about the walk. They called in and made reservations, left Seattle at 2 a.m. Sunday, arrived in time for the tour, then turned around and drove home to be back at work Monday morning. "Was it worth it?" one woman said. "Yes. What a thrill. We were so excited." While Joan snowshoed, I ate my

lunch and, tired of talking to myself, headed outside. It was sunny, warm, incredibly beautiful and no visitor with any shred of sense was going to hang around inside, so I grabbed a handful of Reflections (with their excellent trail maps), put on the volunteer jacket and headed outside. I gabbed with old and new friends, answered questions, gave advice on places to ski or snowshoe and more often just listened as people from as close as Chiloquin and as faraway as Arkansas and Australia went effusively gollywonkers about the deep snow and the lake's rapturous beauty. If there's another day like that, next time I'll set up a chair and desk and drink in lake views.

After our shift, we turned in the Friends backpack, the volunteer jackets and hats, and room key, and headed home. But not before one last round of cross country skiing on the Stuart Falls trail. We're returning for another weekend in March. It won't be the same - there won't be a full moon and the chances the weather

will be so stupendously sunny and clear is unlikely but there's never a bad day at Crater Lake. With apologies to Johnny Paycheck, when it comes to volunteering at the park, take this job and love it.



Snowshoe Hike

Board Members Needed

At the Annual Meeting in October we were unable to fill 2 of our vacant board member slots. We are looking for a couple of people to fill those positions. We'd like these people to be willing to learn, share their

expertise and share ideas. Meetings are held 5 or 6 times a year and we hope members would be able to attend at least 4 or more of these meetings which are held in various locations surrounding Crater Lake or at Crater Lake.

The Board determines meeting times and locales based on preferences of board members. In the past they have been held from about 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM on either a Friday or Saturday every other

month. If you would be interested in serving, please contact:

Greg Reddell
at
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A Different Destination

Dave Brennan

The phone call last November began simply enough; a freelance writer interviewing me for a story about Crater Lake National Park in the winter. But when she spoke about the park as a “winter destination”, an alarm went off. Crater Lake as a “destination”? It conjured up images of the kinds of places I avoid, full of trendy tourists crowded into spendy ski resorts carved out of paradise. When I reflected back on this conversation, it dawned on me that Crater Lake may indeed be a winter destination, but of a different kind, for a different type of person. Although Crater Lake is unique and memorable in all seasons, it is winter that most powerfully shapes the park’s environment, much as it can most powerfully shape your experience there. The snow piles up ten to fifteen feet deep in a typical Crater Lake winter, a winter that lasts eight months of the year. All that snow is why only ten percent of the park’s visitors come during the winter. And there are a lot of reasons not to come: it’s a long way from anywhere, the driving conditions are tough, it’s cold, it’s windy, wet snow finds its way into your clothes, the days are short, the weather is unpredictable, you can’t see the lake when it’s storming, and there’s nothing to do once you get there.

And those are exactly the reasons why you *should* visit Crater Lake in winter. You go there to appreciate and enjoy the park on its own terms. It’s an opportunity to expand your senses, get cold, tire yourself out, be astounded, deal with the unexpected, and do things you may have never done before. You first realize something is different as you drive into the park, the roadside snow banks deepening as you climb in elevation, until they tower above you like the walls of some giant maze. You may even feel a bit claustrophobic as the road burrows its way up to the caldera rim. But it’s when you leave the warm cocoon of your car at Rim Village that the differences really begin. And that is exactly what you need to do to experience Crater Lake in winter: get out of your car. In fact, get out of sight and sound of cars, buildings, and other people altogether, even if just for a little while. Cross country ski or snowshoe to a spot you’ve never been before. Feel small and insignificant as you immerse yourself in winter, and ponder your place in this immense landscape. Your destination might bring dramatic views of the lake that come and go as storm clouds and sudden shafts of sunlight dance around the peaks. Or you may find the impossible brightness of a January full moon rendering

a world that is strangely colorless, as moonbeams reflect off snow crystals to create a million points of light against the inky black sky. Watching a gray jay silently flitting from branch to branch through the firs, twice its normal size with feathers fluffed against the cold, you wonder how it survives the winter. Perhaps you stand still and look down into the caldera, the warmth of the sun buffering the cold wind, and listen to the sound of quiet. Try skiing or snowshoeing farther or harder than you’re used to, and enjoy the meshing of physical challenge with the power of nature. On the practical side, this kind of winter adventure requires some reasonable planning and preparation, since you don’t want it to be your final destination. You certainly want your vehicle, your clothing, your skills, and your equipment to be adequate, and you should check the weather forecast and snow conditions.

If you’re unsure about how to prepare, it’s easy to find this information on the park’s website, by talking to rangers, by asking friends, and from any number of books and websites. Is this for everybody? Absolutely not. You may find the whole business so intimidating and miserable that you want no part of it. But you won’t know until you try. If you do experience Crater Lake in winter, if you are one of the ten percent, you will emerge a changed person. It happens to me every time I come back from a ski tour in the park, my senses expanded, my spirit refreshed, in awe of its power and beauty. Like some, you may try it just once. Or, like others, you may find something that you are destined to return to again and again.

Dave Brennan retired in 2007 after 27 years as a ranger with the National Park Service, most recently as Chief Ranger at Crater Lake National Park. He now lives in Ashland, Oregon, and can be reached at daveb@mind.net



Dave Brennan



Winter Volunteer Rim Desk

Larry Smith



**Linda & Larry Smith
answering questions.**

This year's Crater Lake Viewing Room/Volunteer Winter Information Desk is up and running and fully staffed with 39 VIPs.

For more than a decade the Friends of Crater Lake have provided volunteer staff for the Winter Rim Information Desk located at Rim Village. The program was suspended for two years while the Store/Café building was being

reconstructed.

Last year the volunteer program was reinstated using the large space that was created above the Rim Café/Store.

VIPs answer questions, help visitors, maintain interpretive displays and assist with the Ranger Led Snowshoe Hikes.

The Park provides free housing for the volunteers.

The VIP volunteer

coordinator is Larry Smith. If you have any questions about the program or would like to help with various volunteer opportunities at Crater Lake give him a call at:

541-899-7402

or e-mail at:

ljsmith@clearwire.net

Hartell Internship Continues in 2009

Steven R. Mark, Park Historian

Plans for an ongoing internship through the University of Oregon began in 2006, when former superintendent Chuck Lundy met with Dr. Kingston Heath, the director of the graduate program in historic preservation. This was several months after Greg Hartell's passing, and the idea involved having a paid internship as a memorial that met the park's need for preservation expertise, but also could be perpetual and funded externally through an endowment. By late 2007 an endowment fund had been established through the university and some money secured toward the corpus. It is still far short of the endowment goal of some \$300,000, at which point it could become self-perpetuating. Momentum, as well as persistence, is needed to reach this goal but the

internship was launched in 2007 on a contingency basis. Former facility manager Karl Bachman agreed to find money in project accounts to get the internship started. A case in point was the need for a preservation plan at the Watchman Lookout, since the rehabilitation there in 1999 and 2000 had not been completed. The plan, underwritten by some funds remaining in that account, was needed in order to assess priorities among project components that are still incomplete. This is aimed at the future, for when funding and/or volunteer labor might become available.

Leslie Jehnings was hired by the NPS as the first Hartell intern to do some planning for the lookout. Her background in making facilities accessible also led to a site plan for rehabilitating the

Watchman Overlook or "Corrals," since it is the trailhead for the lookout and the park's most frequently visited overlook away from Rim Village. Leslie returned to Crater Lake in 2008 to work on site plans for the North Junction, Cleetwood Cove parking area, as well as the Sun Notch trail and parking area.

Abby Glanville focused on providing guidelines for future stonework in the park, completing a "Preservation Guide for Stone Masonry and Dry-laid Resources" last September. As the second Hartell intern, she also finished a detailed inventory for all types of stonework at Crater Lake—one that has an interactive Powerpoint map, several hundred photos, and detailed treatment recommendations. Abby assisted the writer on

another project, evaluating trails built by the Civilian Conservation Corps at Oregon Caves, as part of a future nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Building on these successes, there are plans to support another Hartell intern from the UO historic preservation program in 2009. One project, a historic structure report for employee residences in the Munson Valley Historic District, will be underwritten by NPS project funding. It is driven by the need for guidance on finishes, woodwork, and fixtures as these buildings are rehabilitated over the next five years. A donation from the Crater Lake Natural History Association is funding a second project, an archaeological reconnaissance on abandoned sections of the old Rim Road. As many of the Friends know, Rim Drive superseded this older road in

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1940 but some parts of it are still being used as trails. More than half of it has never been surveyed or inventoried for cultural resources, so obtaining reconnaissance data is a first step toward determining whether Rim Road may merit more active steps toward preserving this remnant of our past.

Contributions to the Greg Hartell Historic Preservation Student Internship Endowment Fund are tax deductible and can qualify toward the Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit. The fund is managed by the University of Oregon Foundation which will gratefully accept donations

New Board Member

John Salinas

Our new board member, John Salinas, is not a new face to Crater Lake National Park. He began working at the park in 1978 as a park interpreter. As the ranger that helped visitors enjoy and understand the park, he lead hikes, evening programs, and boat tours. Interestingly, at that time the staff also hosted a living history presentation involving rangers dressing the part of John Wesley Hillman, including his horse. For five years John enjoyed providing the background to many visitors happy visits to the park. Meanwhile, his family enjoyed growing up in the summer park involved with hiking and many community events. In 1983 he jumped divisions to Natural Resources and began graduate program at OSU. For the next six

U of Oregon or Friends of Crater Lake Hartell Fund?

The U. of Oregon program, is building a long-term endowment. These funds will only be used when the balance is built-up to where interest only will fund the intern.

The Friends also has a Hartell Fund. The objective is to fund an intern during the period while the U. of O. fund is building. The FOCL program is a short-term. "Short" being unknown, but certainly a several year

period. To date, the park itself has been able to find money. This has enabled us to build our fund to the point we could fund an intern for one season. Once the U. of O. fund is able to support the program, any unused Friends Hartell funds will be put into the U. of O. endowment.

Both funds are working towards the same end and deserving of your support. Two different tactics supporting the same strategy.

Community College where he continues to teach. He has had hand in designing curriculum for the 'Classroom at Crater Lake' elementary school visitation project. His interest in the park and education truly cross where youthful visitors enter the park. For the past seven winters, John has been a stalwart member of the Crater Lake Ski Patrol. For the past three years, he has been its director. John has always worked to help visitors both enjoy and understand the physical and spiritual park, but he has also worked to keep visitors safe while visiting. When asked, John would happily discuss the many aspects and details of the rich environment we call Crater Lake National Park. He hopes to share a trail with you sometime soon.



Greg Hartell



Project Weekend 2008 -Marie Wright



Project Weekend 2008—Niel Barrett, project leader, taping the window.



John Salinas, new Board Member

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Non-board member positions:

Leslie Buckingham: Newsletter & flyer editor

George Buckingham: Bookkeeper

Marsha McCabe: Park Liaison

Event Calendar 2009

Item	Date	Contact
Winter Rim Desk	Through April	Larry Smith 541.899.7402
Project Weekend	August 14-16	Greg Reddell 541.882.6257
Adopt-a-Highway	Weekends before: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memorial Day,• 4th of July• Labor Day	Greg Reddell 541.882.6257
Annual Meeting	October 3	Greg Reddell 541.882.6257

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