



Friends of Crater Lake National Park

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President's Message

George Buckingham, President of the Board

Another year has passed. Where does the time go? I think that makes me sound old. Guess I am getting older. I'm sitting in a campground on the Oregon coast in an environment quite different from Crater Lake National Park. Judy and I are cataloging this year's activities and they are adding up.

Your Board has approved a donation to support the Artists-in-Residence program. We also have a Board member serving on the artwork selection committee. This program is gaining momentum. There was even a NPS employee art show in the park this summer. We viewed it during the Project weekend and were suitably impressed. There are some talented people up there. The Crater Lake Trust has a new Director, Christine

Leusch. She is a frequent guest at our Board meetings and we are working hard to create mutually advantageous ways to assist each other in achieving our goals.

The Winter Rim Desk Volunteer-In-Parks program went well last winter. We had a great group of volunteers who had a great time. Larry Smith again coordinated the project and once again did a wonderful job. Work on this year's program has already begun.

Our traditional Friends Project weekend in August also went well. A dozen Friends enjoyed Greg Reddell's cooking and visiting with each other and NPS and Crater Lake Trust employees. We painted some new log railings at the Pinnacles and some new siding. On Sunday we picked up litter at three different locations. Former Board Member Robert Mar-



low has a longer and more detailed article elsewhere in this newsletter.

A few years ago we experimented with using electronic media to communicate with our members. Due to my own ineptitude and the fact that few members had email, that didn't work out so well. Nevertheless, the prospect of much quicker and certainly less expensive communication with members, is very appealing. Our website (www.friendsofcraterlake.org) has improved immensely. We also post our newsletters on

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Project Weekend 2010 *Robert Marlow*

With free entry into the park and free camping at Mazama campground, the Friends began the second decade of the century with plans to complete another series of resource management projects designed by park staff to enhance the beauty and usability of the park.

Members arrived Friday, set up camp, and enjoyed appetizing food prepared under

the direction of master chef Greg Reddell. After the evening meal, details of what was planned for Saturday and Sunday were explained by Maria Clementi, volunteer coordinator for the park hired by the Crater Lake Trust. Maria made the camping arrangements and was our liaison with park staff for the weekend projects. Work scheduled for Saturday included interpretative support and

painting, while Sunday was park clean up. Marsha McCabe, Chief of Interpretative and Cultural Resources, gave information about park activities while we huddled around a warm and cozy campfire as the chilled Crater Lake wind whistled through the trees.

After a hearty breakfast, the interpretative group traveled

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Branden Marlow, Robert Marlow, Judy Buckingham, Susie Stevens-Briody and Maria Clementi at Lady of the Woods.

Winter Rim Information Desk *Larry Smith*



Shirley Day-Van Leuven

Last winter saw the largest group of Winter Rim Desk volunteers serving at Crater Lake since we began the program 15 years ago.

42 volunteers took part in the program, with most working one to three week-ends between December and April.

Winter Rim Desk volunteers have the opportunity to answer questions from park visitors who are visiting from across the United States and

around the world.

On average 100 to 300 visitors stopped by the Rim Desk located in the Crater Lake Viewing Room, high above the Cafe Building.

Volunteers also helped develop additional displays that answer some of the most asked winter questions.

Winter Rim Volunteers are offered free shared housing supplied by the Park. Non shared quarters are also available with advance reser-

ventions.

If last years volunteers would like to sign up again for the winter of 2010-2011, please contact Larry Smith at 541-899-7402 or [jvsmith](mailto:jvsmith@clearwire.net)

[@clearwire.net](mailto:jvsmith@clearwire.net).

A training session will be held at the Park on Nov. 20. Attendance is highly encouraged.

Lunch will be provided by the FOCLNP.



Rick Foster, Robert Marlow painting log railing at Pinnacles.

Project Weekend 2010

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to the Community Center on the rim where they met Linda Hillgoss (Science and Learning Center Education Coordinator). The group assisted in running digital equipment where various park related videos were shown through the day, as well as answered park visitor questions.

The painting group assembled at the maintenance area near park headquarters where they met Randy Smith (Park Staff Maintenance) for orientation, work assignments, and a safety briefing.

After loading paint, tarps, brushes, and safety equipment into vehicles, the painting crew traveled along a scenic drive to the Pinnacles Overlook parking area for the first project. The assignment was to paint the newly installed guard rail logs along the viewing edge of the overlook.

With safety equipment placed, tarps spread, paint

stirred, and brushes readied, the task of applying traditional park service brown paint began with great enthusiasm. Several hours later with painting completed, the equipment was gathered, packed, and made ready for the second project.

The time registered high noon, so we decided to break for lunch before tackling the second project. On the way back to the maintenance area, we stopped and enjoyed a well deserved meal in a beautiful park setting, which was complemented by outstanding weather.

The afternoon painting project involved applying primer paint to various lengths of siding. We traded brown paint for white primer. While several Friends worked on the siding project, one Friend agreed to paint fire hydrants located in the rim area. He traded brown paint for red.

By the time we finished with the siding, cleaned up and put away all the equipment, it

was time to call it a successful work day. We returned to camp for relaxation and to enjoy the serenity of the park.

That evening Greg prepared another delicious meal of chicken and steak grilled over the campfire. He also prepared several tasty side dishes. Needless to say it was plentiful and enjoyed by all. Conversations continued around the warm fire in the damping chilly air until the days hard work sent all scurrying to their tents for a good night sleep.

After breaking camp Sunday morning, the remaining Friends met Randy in the maintenance area to get supplies of plastic bags, pickers, safety vests, and gloves. Our assignment was to pick up trash in three areas: The Lodge, North Junction and Cleetwood parking lots. Once we completed those tasks, the Project Weekend was declared a successful event. We finished all assigned work.

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George Buckingham & Greg Reddell



Niel Barrett, Greg Reddell, Branden Marlow preparing paint buckets.

President's Message

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the website. Webmaster Niel Barrett is very interested in feedback. Please let us know your thoughts and ideas for the website. Roughly 100, out of 160 or so members, have now sent us their email address and a few are even requesting electronic newsletter in lieu of paper. That's a huge increase from our earlier years and makes electronic communication much more practical. We now sent flyers about current projects and happenings by email and, of course, post them on the website. Thus those members receive much more current information than we can possibly produce in newslet-

ters. I must admit that I still like printed newsletters and am very proud of Judy and Leslie's work with the newsletter. They have received much well deserved praise. Still, the printed newsletter remains our largest operating expense. There are no plans to terminate the printed newsletter at this time. We will continue to develop our email and website capabilities. We started another project which in many respects is similar to the very successful Winter Rim Desk. The park has asked us to provide volunteers to show movies at the Community House on the Rim. They feel that there are a number of visitors who, for a variety of reasons, have a bit

of time. This might be while waiting for a tram ride or for friends or relatives to return from a tram ride. They might just be tired! At any rate, the park has a number of movies about the park on DVD's. The volunteer simply inserts the DVD, gives a brief introduction and pushes a button. The primary function is to staff the facility and run the equipment. Naturally, there will be a number of questions to answer. That's easy as the park has rangers stationed nearby who are easily accessible. We can do this just about any day of the week during the summer season. Contact Mary White at 541-884-2403 or

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Rick Foster, Branden Marlow, Robert Marlow



Robert Marlow, Branden Marlow, Judy Buckingham, Maria Clementi, Greg Reddell & Niel Barrett.

Hartell Internship Update *Steve Mark*

A graduate student from the University of Oregon, Kelly Christensen, spent nine weeks this summer as the fourth Hartell Intern. She focused on inventorying properties associated with the "Mission 66" era of park development (1957-66) at Crater Lake, identifying park facilities that might merit preservation in the future. Kelly's assignment also included a condition assessment for the Mount Scott Lookout, a structure built in 1952. It will need rehabilitation over the next few years in order to continue its function as a fire lookout, radio repeater site, and seismometer station. She will summarize her internship experience at the Friends annual meeting on Saturday, October 2. A big step toward

completing the rehabilitation of the Watchman Lookout took place in August, with park crews removing asbestos tiles in the subfloor of the tower. They also put in a new fir floor and removed the wood stove. The Sand Mountain Society is actively participating in the rehabilitation process, beginning with replacement of two broken windows. More work on the building is scheduled for next summer.

Steve Mark has been researching the park's trails for an administrative history, but also as part of ongoing planning for their preservation and possible restoration of abandoned segments. He gave a "Casual Conversations" talk for park staff on this subject August 17 at the Science and Learning Center. It can be repeated

for the Friends if they are interested.

Archaeologists from Fort Vancouver National Historic Site recently completed their survey work on the Fort Klamath – Rogue River wagon road that runs through Crater Lake National Park. Fieldwork took place in September 2009, but finishing the site records and survey report took until spring of this year. This is an important step in the process of eventually drafting a National Register nomination for the 15 miles of wagon road, though information from records held at the National Archives still needs to be obtained before work on the nomination can begin.

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Greg Hartell



Marsha McCabe, park liaison.

Project Weekend 2010

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Niel Barrett & Branden Marlow painting siding.



George Buckingham painting underside of railing.



Judy Buckingham – cooking after a hard day of painting.



Branden Marlow

It was now time to travel home or enjoy more of the park. Several Friends ventured back to the Community House to enjoy the art show called “Beyond the Blue,” in which park staff members displayed their artistic talents in various mediums. The material presented was of high quality.

We’re sure that those who attended the activity had a superior time. The weather was remarkable. The companionship was terrific. The food was plentiful and well prepared. The work completed will enhance park visitation for a long time.

For those who could not at-

tend, mark your 2011 calendar for the third weekend in August (19-21). We would like to see and meet you; not only to work on a project, but you can take advantage of what the park offers. You can also visit with Friends and enjoy a meal cooked over a campfire.

Over the years the Friends completed projects such as: re-establishing walkways, rebuilding bridges, painting bridges and entrance stations, relocating trails, trail maintenance, trail rehabilitation, back county campsite rehabilitation, food storage container installation (bear boxes), hazard sign replace-

ment, helping with visitor information, and painting. The completion of these projects enhances the resource values of the park and helps make visitation much more enjoyable.

FRIENDS: A job well done!
Thank You: George Buckingham, Judy Buckingham, Greg Reddell, Niel Barrett, Lee Swanson, Rick Foster, Susie Stevens-Briody, Robert Marlow, Branden Marlow, Doug White, and Mary White.

WE WILL BE KNOWN FOREVER BY THE TRACKS WE LEAVE.

(Native American Proverb)

News from Crater Lake Trust *Maria Clementi*

This year, with a full-time outreach and volunteer coordinator, the Trust focused more on volunteer projects throughout the park.

In late July volunteers spent a weekend doing trail work on Plaikni Trail. This new trail is going to be wheel chair accessible and leads to a beautiful waterfall.

In mid August the Trust teamed up with the Friends to work together during the Friends Project Weekend. Friends helped the maintenance division by completing painting jobs and trash pickup in the popular pull-outs along rim drive.

In early September the Trust partnered again with the NPS trail crew to do work on the Pacific Crest Trail. Volunteers backpacked into the back country and camped at a small lake

off the Pacific Crest Trail.

We still need volunteers to help out with our Family Fun Day September 25th. Volunteers are needed to help distribute root beer floats while being entertained by Native American Dancers and Drummers. The Crater Lake Ski Patrol has its annual mandatory trainings on the first weekend of November and December, contact Niel Barrett, the Ski Patrol President, for more information.

Also, don’t forget to save the date for the Winter Rim Desk Training which is planned for November 20th.

The Trust’s outreach and volunteer coordinator Maria Clementi has decided to step down from her position and continue her conservation career in her

home town of Chicago. Maria and Christine are currently in the process of hiring her replacement who will be joining the Trust in early October.

Thanks from the Ski Patrol *Niel Barrett*

Hi my name is Niel Barrett. I'm currently the Crater Lake Ski Patrol Director and on the Friends' Board. I have been involved with the Crater Lake Ski Patrol going on 28 years. One needs to ask oneself, "Why would someone be involved with a volunteer group like the patrol for so many years? I only have one answer for you: "It's the love of the Park."

Some of you may also ask: "What is the patrol's function in the Park? Patroller's duties can vary from day to day, but one of our main duties for each weekend is to maintain the Parks Ski Trails by either raising or lowering both trailhead signs and over 40 orange snow-poles that line the Hemlock Loop Ski Trail.

The Trailhead signs identify the locations of our ski trails for

the Visitor and the orange snow-poles on the Hemlock Trail help Visitors to navigate the large open meadows that encompass the integral part of winter operations. Our duties vary from: Visitor Information and Assistance, to Ski Trail Marking, to Safety Promotion from a Preventative Search and Rescue (PSAR) perspective. We also provide Emergency Medical Services to Visitors, as well as Search and Rescue and Weather and Snowpack Evaluation.

The Hemlock trail is not a summer hiking trail but is only used as a winter ski trail. This trail gives folks an area that is more protected from the frequent harsh winter weather that is experienced on the rim. Adjacent to each of our trailhead signs

is a snow ramp that allows easy access. The ramps are maintained by the Roads Crew and Ski Patrol. Once the snow depth reaches around four feet, we install our winter signage on many of the park's trails, thus placing metal trailhead signs that are mounted on 2"x 4"x10' posts in the snowpack. These ski signs need to be raised or lowered accordingly, because of the varying weather conditions. Did you know the park receives on average in the winter months around 3 inches of new snow per-day?

Currently we have around 25 ski signs the patrol maintains. Crater Lake Trailhead Ski Signs identify the name of the Ski Trail, mileages to certain landmarks, and the skill level

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Niel Barrett



Plaikni Falls Trail *Greg Reddell*

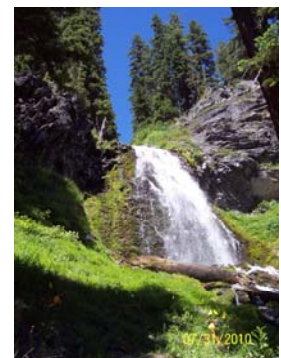
I spent a good weekend on the Crater Lake Trust's Volunteer Weekend working on the Plaikni Trail the last weekend of July. I watch the activities that the Crater Lake Trust announces on their emails and this one sounded like a nice weekend because I had worked on Crater Lake Trails with Friends of Crater Lake. We camped at Lost Creek Campground Friday and Saturday nights and like Friends campouts in that campground, you needed plenty of mosquito spray. Plaikni Trail is a new trail to a beautiful Falls on Sand Creek. Plaikni Falls was previously Anderson Falls and the new trail will be 1 mile long from the Pinnacles (East Side) Road. There were ten

other volunteers on this weekend and we had good food and company in camp around the campfire. Maria from the Trust cooked and meals and we all enjoyed her meals. Saturday was work day and our first impression of the trail construction was very intimidating because this trail will be handicapped accessible so needs to be lined with boulders to hold the trail surfacing in place. To keep the boulders in place, they need to be placed in a trench nearly a foot deep. We started digging trenches and clearing the trail and we did make progress. Lunch was enjoyed with a hike to the Plaikni Falls, which had a lot more water than I was expecting. We toiled away in the afternoon

so hard that we needed to make a trip to Crater Lake Lodge for beers on the rocking chairs overlooking Crater Lake. Revitalized, we had a great dinner at the campsite at Lost Creek. After a nutritious breakfast, Sunday morning we resumed the trench digging on the trail and by that time had become more experienced with the pulaski for cutting the tree roots that held every shovel of dirt in the trench. The Plaikni Trail is supposed to be finished this summer and the Plaikni Falls is well worth the hike. I sure recommend Friends participating in the Crater Lake Trust's Volunteer Projects because I had a great time on this one.



Digging trenches.



Plaikni Falls

Our Family's Visit to Crater Lake National Park

Larry Filosi



Caroline Corvese & Molly Filosi

Sometimes it is easy to take the beautiful places close-to-home for granted and think that you have to travel miles away to have a great vacation. Not so! Especially when Crater Lake is practically in your backyard. This year most of our family (two daughters in the Portland Area, son-in-law, and two granddaughters; ages 8 & 10) spent three nights at the cabins in Mazama Village in CLNP.

We arrived via the North Entrance off Highway 138. Arriving from the north you soon cross the Pumice Desert (Note: If you arrive on a clear night you can view countless constellations here and make great echoes if you get the right pitch in your voice). We were soon making the final rise to the junction with Rim Drive and the first view of Crater Lake. This first glimpse literally takes my breath away every time I see it. No words can quite express the dark blue of this Oregon Gem.



Larry & Patty Filosi in the lodge.

Living in Roseburg has allowed me to visit CLNP often in the winter where I don't have to think much about what I want to do. Ski and snowshoe are my options and I love it. However, being able to spend three nights with family during the summer season was a special treat and we had to have a family meeting to set priorities on what we wanted to do with the multitude of options offered by park staff during this time of year.

We spent our first hours in the park, wandering around Rim Village. There were many activities going on and you could spend all three days going to the exhibits and listening to ranger talks. Our granddaughters got Jr. Ranger patches by building a dirt volcano and then demonstrating how Crater Lake was formed under the instructional supervision of a knowledgeable ranger.

The cabins at Mazama Village are located near the campground and worked well for us on this trip. With the day

quickly slipping by, we all agreed to take the Ranger-led "Sunset Hike" up Watchman trail as our first outing. The night was beautiful and the ranger stopped us along the way to give us facts about the struggles of the White Barked Pine, the importance of birds and other animals to the health of the park and their relationship with the plants. The work of hiking uphill .8 miles to the fire tower was well worth it as we were treated to a perfect sunset. We did this hike on July 30th and there was still snow along the trail.

The activities my family chose to do in the following two days included the hike down Cleetwood Cove and 2-hour boat trip that gave us close up views of Wizard Island and Phantom Ship. The water even looks a deeper shade of blue when you are up close. The perspective of looking up from inside the caldera is quite different from that of looking down from the rim,

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Hartell Internship Update

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Steve Mark led a tour of the road route for the Klamath County Historical Society on August 28. It went very well and represented the first time that parts of the wagon road have been presented to an outside group.

The *Rim Drive Cultural Landscape Report* by Steve Mark and Jerry Watson was published by the Government

Printing Office. It is intended to assist park maintenance crews with preserving historic features of Rim Drive, but is also a planning document for future rehabilitation projects funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the National Park Service. Although somewhat technical in nature, a limited number of copies are available to the public. Friends can contact Steve Mark if they would like

one, or attend the annual meeting on October 2 when some will be distributed.

Copies of Abby Glanville's 48-page booklet, *Preservation Guide for Stone Masonry and Dry-Laid Resources* are still available through Steve Mark at (541) 594-3094 or steve_mark@nps.gov. It was completed during her Hartell internship in 2008.

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but just as spectacular. We all agreed that the 700 feet of elevation gain we climbed to get back up to Rim Drive, though hard, was well worth the information and enjoyment we gained from the boat trip.

We also spent our time riding bikes through the campground and hearing the ranger talk at the amphitheater. We enjoyed spending a late evening in the main hall of the lodge enjoying appetizers and playing board games. There were many other activities that time did not allow.

They will have to wait for another visit. A couple of them on our list are riding the new trolley around the lake and hiking the new trail to Plaikni Falls. I encourage all FOCL members to take the time to visit "The Park" in the near future. It amazes me every time I go.



Caroline & Emma Corvese near rim village.

President's Message

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frommary@yahoo.com.

I just read an article written by Board member Niel Barrett. You'll find it in this newsletter. He describes some activities of the Crater Lake Ski Patrol. I must admit I have a soft spot for the ski patrol. While I was Chief Ranger (1989-1999), I regarded the patrol as my primary asset for winter search and rescue. They were started by one of my predecessors in

1984. There is a lot more winter activity than most people realize and it results in people needing help. Without the patrol, we would have been unable to meet that need. That situation continues to this day. Niel failed to mention that he is also the webmaster for both the ski patrol and the Friends' websites. He does a great job with them as well as running the ski patrol and serving on the

Friends Board. In his spare time he'll do a great job painting your house. We returned from the coast via the west side of the park, stopping at Huckleberry Mountain for a few hours of huckleberry picking. They will taste great in Judy's famous blueberry/huckleberry pie. The park looked great as we cruised across on highway 62.



Greg Reddell, Robert Marlow, Judy Buckingham & George Buckingham

Thanks from the Ski Patrol

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needed to navigate each ski trail. Along each trail are placed high in the trees, blue diamonds every few feet, which helps guide the winter visitor along their way in the backcountry. *Did you know the patrol has marked close to 75 miles of ski trails in the Park?* More information about the Crater Lake Ski Trails can be found on the patrols' website @ <http://craterlakeskipatrol.org/> under *Ski Trails*.

Last season we had to replace several of our ski signs due to either damage or theft. During this project the patrol added a few new junction signs,

and one new Ski Etiquette sign at the entrance to West Rim. This project was a joint venture between the Friends of Crater Lake and the CLSP. Last Summer the Friends' voted to donate \$500.00 to purchase 6 new ski signs. Thank you FRIENDS!

Currently there are several volunteer groups within Crater Lake National Park that function independently from each other, however, several years ago the Friends elected a patrol representative to be on its board. Currently the Friends have two patrol members on their board.

It's through this connected cooperation that the two separate volunteer groups can help to serve the park better.



 PACIFIC CREST SKI TRAIL	
DUTTON CREEK TRAIL	21 MI
RIM VILLAGE	45 MI
LIGHTNINGSPRINGS ROUTE	70 MI



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Event Calendar 2010-2011

Item	Date	Contact
Winter Rim Desk	December through April	Larry Smith 541.899.7402
Winter Rim Desk Training Day	November 20, 2010	
Annual Meeting	October 2, 2010	George Buckingham 541.783.3136
Film Showing at the Community House	July & August 2011 daily September weekends	Mary White 541.884.2403
Project Weekend	August 19-21, 2011 (tentative)	George Buckingham 541.783.3136

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