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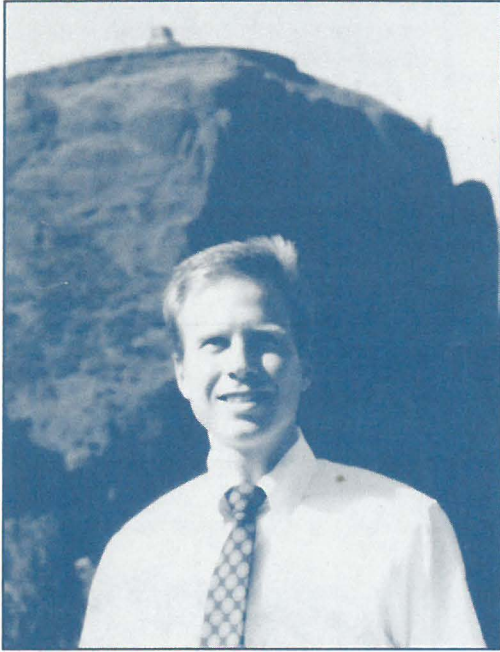
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The west fork of Major Creek Canyon. Twenty-three acres of virgin forest here had been scheduled for clear-cutting, before intervention by the Friends. See story on page 3.



The White Salmon River. This scenic river is still under intense pressure from timber interests. For more information, see page 4.



GORGE VIEW

By Executive Director Brad Jones

*"The world which credits what is done
Is cold to all that might have been."*

--Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Some may think that the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act successfully resolved all the threats to the Gorge, and that the Friends may congratulate themselves and now disband. That is not the case at all. While the Act provides a framework for protecting the Gorge, threats continue and much work remains to be done.

In this newsletter, you may read about some of the continuing threats to the Gorge -- logging along the White Salmon National Scenic River and an averted clear-cut in Major Creek Canyon. You may also read about the great opportunity for stronger protection of the Gorge in the permanent management plan scheduled for completion by 1990. The Friends are not resting on our laurels, but are busy addressing these threats and management plan opportunities. Your support and encouragement of our work is needed and appreciated.

PERMANENT MANAGEMENT PLAN CRUCIAL FOR GORGE

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is presently being managed under interim management guidelines. Our members may recall the struggle to obtain improvements in a poor first draft of the interim guidelines during the fall of 1987. The original draft provided little real guidance on how the Gorge was to be protected, and in some provisions, actually contradicted the Act. Fortunately, the interim guidelines were improved significantly, and the new Columbia River Gorge Commission has proven itself a strong force in protecting the Gorge.

In 1990, the permanent management plan for the Gorge is due. Friends of the Columbia Gorge is starting work now to assure sound and specific provisions in the permanent plan, so that it will securely protect the Gorge in the years to come.

The Columbia River Gorge Commission is now preparing a series of studies on which much of the permanent plan will be based. These studies include:

A Resource Inventory, to document existing land uses, natural features and limitations, scenic, natural, cultural, archaeological and recreational and economic resources and activities.

An Economic Opportunity Study, to identify opportunities to enhance the economies of Gorge communities in a manner consistent with the Act's protective purposes.

A Recreation Assessment, to identify areas in the Gorge appropriate for public recreational facilities, such as campsites, picnic areas, and river access, and to designate an interpretive center and conference center.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is watch-dogging these studies and the process of drafting the permanent plan very closely and carefully. Assuring effective implementation of the new National Scenic Area Act is our top priority during the coming years, and we believe that adoption of a sound permanent management plan will be the single most important element in this process.



Indian pictograph on Miller Island. Pictographs and petroglyphs are among the cultural resources of the Gorge that should be protected under the permanent management plan.

NORTHWEST AREA FOUNDATION MAKES MAJOR GRANT

The Northwest Area Foundation has awarded a three-year grant of \$50,000 to Friends of the Columbia Gorge. The grant, which is the largest ever awarded to the Friends, provides half the funding needed for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act Implementation Program. This program supports the effective implementation, interpretation and enforcement of the Act, with a special focus on obtaining a sound permanent management plan for the Gorge.

This is an important grant, and we are tremendously grateful to the Northwest Area Foundation. Although the Foundation did not make it a condition of the grant that we receive matching funding, we do need to raise an additional \$50,000 over the next three years in order to fully fund the Implementation Program. Contributions from members for the Friends of the Columbia Gorge Implementation Program will be very gratefully received.

Dave Thies of Snowden Community Council stands amid a grove of 100-200 year old trees in Major Creek Canyon. These trees would have been clear-cut had it not been for swift joint efforts by Snowden Community Council and Friends of the Columbia Gorge in September.



SAVED FROM THE CHAINSAWS

Virgin Forest in Major Creek Canyon

Major Creek flows southward into the Columbia River, just east of Catherine Creek, in the central north-eastern part of the Columbia River Gorge. It is set in a steep canyon which, until recent years, made logging activities difficult and uneconomical. About two hundred years ago, scientists estimate, a major natural fire raged through the canyon.

Since then, the canyon has been mostly undisturbed. There is an ancient Indian vision quest site (the location of which the Gorge Indians prefer not to publicize). A pair of early explorers piled up a rough hide-out of stones to shelter from Indian arrows. And, in recent years, some sections of the forested slopes have been clear-cut.

Most of Major Creek Canyon, including an east and a west fork, was included in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and designated a Special Management Area because of its undisturbed forest.

This forest is special, because Major Creek lies just to the east of the dividing line between the wet, western

half of the Gorge and the dry, eastern half. It contains a mixed canopy of Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine, with an understory of vine maple and dogwood. The old trees here are deceptive. Their growth has been slow because of the dry conditions, so they are much older than they look. Many are 100 to 200 years old.

This past August, Friends of the Gorge learned with alarm that the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) planned to allow clear-cutting of a 23-acre stand of virgin forest in Major Creek Canyon, inside the boundary of the National Scenic Area. The Snowden Community Council, a group of conservation-minded residents of Klickitat and Skamania County, informed both Friends of the Columbia Gorge and the Columbia River Gorge Commission of the planned clear-cut. They urged us to take immediate action to prevent it.

On September 13, Friends of the Columbia Gorge testified before the Gorge Commission, strenuously opposing any logging in Major Creek Canyon. In response, the Commission passed a

resolution asking DNR to comply with the National Scenic Area Act and to withdraw permission for the clear-cut.

The next day, September 14, the Forest Service also informed DNR that they could not approve the proposed cut. DNR withdrew their permission for the cut that same day. They acknowledged that the proposed timber sale had been a mistake, as would be any level of timber harvest in this Special Management Area of the Gorge. We wish all our work could have such speedy results, and applaud the quick response by DNR and the Forest Service.

The greatest portion of Major Creek Canyon now appears to be safe from logging. However, some areas along and just below the rim of the Canyon -- key areas of the Canyon's watershed and scenic "viewshed" -- just missed inclusion within the National Scenic Area boundaries. Friends of the Columbia Gorge supports the Snowden Community Council in urging that the National Scenic Area boundaries be adjusted to provide protection of the Canyon all the way up to the rim.

THE WHITE SALMON RIVER

Protection Still Uncertain

Washington's White Salmon River was included in the federal Wild and Scenic River system as a result of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. However, it remains unclear whether this status will have any meaningful effect in protecting the river and its watershed.

The forested banks of the White Salmon River, unlike the watershed areas of most wild and scenic rivers, are entirely in private ownership -- especially by timber companies. One company, SDS Lumber, owns 40% of the land here. Also, because of its unusual mode of entry into wild and scenic status, the extensive studies usually done in advance for rivers included in the Wild

and Scenic Rivers Act do not yet exist for the White Salmon. That has resulted in delays in developing official boundaries and a management plan for the White Salmon.

Large questions loom about protecting the White Salmon. A particularly important question is whether the Forest Service is required to review proposed development actions to ensure they do not degrade the river. The SDS Lumber Company, which owns extensive timber lands along the White Salmon, has in the past contended that the U.S. Forest Service has no authority to regulate or restrict timbering activities in any way. Timber harvest is, in fact, occurring. SDS recently logged forest

lands along Spring Creek, an area that was proposed for inclusion within the wild and scenic protection boundaries by both Friends of the Columbia Gorge and the Forest Service.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is alarmed by these events, since the result could easily be a feverish spree of logging all up and down the river, leaving nothing scenic in the "Scenic River."

Events along the White Salmon are developing rapidly as we go to press, and by the time you read this article, its story is likely to be incomplete. Our March 1989 newsletter will include continuing news on the White Salmon River.



Canoers on a whitewater stretch of the White Salmon River near the town of Husum. Two years after the National Scenic Area Act made the White Salmon a Wild and Scenic River, its protection is still uncertain.



The 230-acre Doetsch Ranch has now been added to Beacon Rock State Park in Washington. The Ranch and adjacent wetlands are probably the most important waterfowl habitat remaining in the Gorge. Trust for Public Land photograph.

DOETSCH RANCH DEDICATION

Remarks by Dave Cannard

The following remarks were delivered by Dave Cannard, Vice Chairman of the Columbia River Gorge Commission, at the dedication of the Doetsch Ranch as an addition to Beacon Rock State Park, Washington, on September 22, 1988. The Doetsch Ranch addition was a Trust for Public Land project.

As we go about our daily lives, we often forget the impact others have had who have gone before us. When we pause to think about it, we find the opportunity to say "thank you" has passed us by.

Standing here, we are reminded of Henry Biddle. Mr. Biddle, a mining engineer and quarry operator, recognized the value of this monolith, Beacon Rock, as quarry stone. But he recognized it had a higher value when related to the human spirit. So he bought it, built a trail to the top and opened it to the public. Later his family would donate it to the State of Washington for a state park.

Adjacent to the east, Leana Pierce donated the Pierce Ranch to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to be managed for wildlife for all times. Offshore we have

Pierce Island purchased by citizens donations to preserve for its heron rookery and other features. We are all the beneficiaries of those people's generous acts. They have all added to the quality of life.

Today we have the opportunity to say thanks to those who have been responsible for the addition of the Doetsch Ranch to the Washington State Parks system. It is difficult to select where to begin. I've chosen to start with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Doetsch, who have been stewards of this ranch for years. They decided they did not want to see the ranch become a housing development. They wanted to see the ranch in public ownership for all to enjoy. We are all most grateful for their vision and generosity; but, how to accomplish that end?

The services of the Trust for Public Land were called upon. Their expertise structured the financing to accomplish same. They and others worked to obtain the support of the neighbors, the Skamania County Commissioners and all of the business and neighborhood organizations in Skamania County. TPL utilized funds made available by the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust and others to bridge the period from 1985 to date.

The Friends of the Columbia Gorge were crucial players in this marvelous effort. As the major force behind the thrust to obtain National Scenic Area legislation, they lobbied the State of Washington to include Doetsch Ranch in the State Park system....

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The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area legislation provides for a partnership of local, state and federal interests. As a Commission, we see today's scenario being repeated countless times in the future. We intend to do all in our power to facilitate that partnership. You see, we need all the help we can get.

GORGE OLD-TIMER'S CORNER



In memory of my dearest father, mother, sister and all of the workmen that made it all possible...

Celebrating Christmas is always a joyous occasion, but the one that I remember most vividly is the one I spent as a child with my father, mother and sister in 1913. My father, along with his partner John Ragenovich, had contracted to construct a major portion of the Columbia River Highway from Bridal Veil Falls to Cascade Locks.

Our camp was situated near the vicinity of Bridal Veil Falls. Our home consisted of a large tent with wooden side walls, a wooden floor and a huge coal burning stove. The area was beautifully surrounded by huge Douglas fir and pine trees. Nearby was a beautiful stream from which we obtained our drinking water.

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type tent, it was quite difficult to keep warm. It seemed as though my father was forever stoking and feeding coal into the coal burning stove. Somehow we all seemed to adjust to these difficulties quite well, and with Christmas just around the corner, everyone seemed quite happy and looking forward to the blessed event.

I honestly believe that my dearest mother Maria was the one person that was responsible in creating the joyous atmosphere. She was not only beautiful, but she was gifted with a lovely voice and an exhilarating personality. She was forever singing songs from the old country, much to the enjoyment of the workers, who would always join in with her. It was beautiful to hear. I still

remember most of the songs that my mother taught me as a child, and I am forever grateful to her.

Practically everyone, including my family, was either Serbian or Montenegro. Mother was from Dalmacia (Jugoslavia). The majority were members of the Eastern Orthodox religion. As a result, they celebrated Christmas on January 7 under the old Julian calendar. Everyone spoke in their native language, which was Slavic.

My father, who was from Montenegro, was a religious person, as was John Ragenovich. Christmas was very important, and a day of great celebration. With this thought in mind, they started making their preparations many months in advance. All of the supplies and provisions had to be shipped by rail from Portland, Oregon. They were then deposited at a rail siding, and finally brought to the camp by mule teams.

On one of these shipments in preparation for Christmas, there arrived seven suckling pigs and eight lambs, much to the delight of my sister and me. We finally had some playmates to play with—but what was unknown to us was the destiny of our young playmates. Well, when that day arrived, my sister and I put on one of the darndest rackets that was ever heard throughout the great woods, but to no avail. Come Christmas Day, everything had been forgotten.

Since Christmas is a day when families celebrate together, and because the workers were so far away from their loved ones, my father decided that he would try and find a Serbian Orthodox priest to come to the camp and serve mass on Christmas Day. He contacted a Serbian priest in Vancouver, B.C., and after he explained the circumstances, the priest accepted the invitation. Needless to say, when the 200 workers

were informed, it brought great joy to all of them.

With Christmas a few days off, everyone was involved. The huge dining area was decorated with fir boughs. Beautiful garlands were strung, and hundreds of colored candles waited to be lit. In the center of the dining area, there was a huge Christmas tree decorated with ornaments made by many workers. Long strings of colored popcorn were strung around the tree. Several

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beautiful ornaments brought from the old country were placed upon the tree. It was a beautiful sight to behold.

Mother with her ten employees was busy supervising the baking of hundreds of various delicacies. Pies, cakes, bread, rolls, apple strudels, and all would be according to old country traditions. My favorite was apple strudel, which mother made. I make it each Christmas for my family according to the way my mother taught me.

The day before Christmas, the pits had all been prepared for the barbecuing, which would start Christmas Eve. Everyone would be involved, and take their turn in rotating the lambs, suckling pigs and the huge hams.

With the arrival of the priest, everyone was overcome with joy, and after the priest performed his blessings, the Christmas Eve celebration began. First, a huge stack of logs was lit, and the barbecuing began. Instruments were brought out by many of the workmen and the dancing began. The evening was so beautiful. Every star in

the heavens was radiating down upon us, the evening was so warm, and the snow upon the branches was glistening like so many diamonds, and there was one particular star that was exceedingly bright. It was Christmas Eve, and truly "peace on earth and goodwill towards men."

My sister and I were hustled off to bed, but not before we hung our long black stockings in hope that Saint Nick would be able to find us within the deep woods. Yep, he showed up.

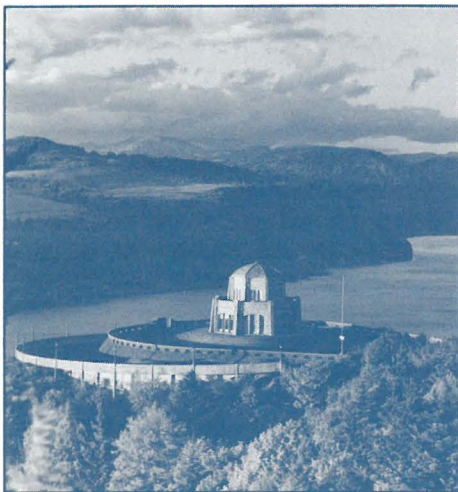
Christmas Day was beautiful. Everyone was up and greeting each other with "SRETAN VAM BOZICH" -- "Merry Christmas" in Yugoslav.

Everyone assembled for early mass, and what a gorgeous setting amongst the towering Douglas firs and pines all glistening with the white snow. The ground had a blanket of white and the air was so still and quiet, the only noise was from the beautiful stream nearby. Suddenly we heard the priest's voice answered by the singing from the workers -- their voices reverberating throughout the forest. Mass had begun. After communion was served, we all left to join in what was going to be a joyful feast within the large dining room.

With the beautiful majestic trees above us and the serenity of God's beauty surrounding us in the simplicity of divine love, God was truly present amongst us. Needless to say, this was Christmas as it was meant to be.

SRETAN VAM BOZICH.

-- by Anthony Mitrovich



The Vista House at Crown Point, completed in 1916, is a scenic stop on the Columbia River Gorge Guided Tour, now available on cassette tapes from Friends of the Columbia Gorge.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Tape Cassette Tour Now For Sale!

Delivery of the Friends of the Columbia Gorge Guided Tour is expected just in time for Christmas! We anticipate receiving the completed Tour packets by Monday, September 21.

The Tour is designed for people to use in their own cars as they travel through the Gorge. One cassette tape covers the Oregon side of the Gorge, from Portland to The Dalles, and the other covers the Washington side, from Maryhill to just east of Vancouver.

Although the Tour can be done in one day, we recommend allowing two days for full enjoyment. Bring your hiking boots and test a new trail or two. Stop for a picnic lunch at one of Oregon's charming state parks, and take time to gaze at the scenery.

Stay overnight in The Dalles, then spend a leisurely morning exploring Sam Hill's reproduction of Stonehenge and the Maryhill Museum. Try Carson Hot Springs for lunch and perhaps a soak and massage. If the fish are running, allow time for a visit to the underwater fish-viewing windows at Bonneville Dam.

The Tour tells about the fascinating geology of the Gorge, legends of its Indian tribes, hair-raising stories of the Old Oregon Trail, and where to look for some of the Gorge's prettiest wildflowers.

We think people will want to use the Tour over and over again, to explore different areas of the Gorge in different seasons, and to introduce out-of-town visitors to one of the special places of the Northwest.

Jack McGowan of "P.M. Magazine", who donated his services, and Deb Williams, a former radio announcer, are splendid narrators. Background music by Michael Kearsy includes generous excerpts from his "Suite for the Columbia Gorge." Dennis Wiancko, who directed the production of The Columbia Gorge: Who is Watching?, also directed production of the Guided Tour.

We are grateful to the following donors for the funding which made this exciting project possible: the Atlantic Richfield Foundation, the Burlington Northern Foundation, the Collins Foundation, the Laird, Norton Foundation, the David and Loa Mason Charitable Trust, Oregon Steel Mills, the Portland Garden Club, and the Union Pacific Foundation.

The Guided Tour sells for \$19.95. Members of Friends of the Columbia Gorge receive a 15% discount.

Please send me _____ copies of the

Columbia River Gorge Guided Tour

___ at the member's discount price of \$16.95

___ at the regular price of \$19.95

plus \$2.00 shipping and handling for the first Tour
and \$1.00 for each additional Tour.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Check here (_____) if you would like us to cancel your order and refund your money if we cannot ship by December 21.

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER CREW!

I am interested in doing the following type of volunteer work for Friends of the Columbia Gorge:

- Answering telephones and assisting with general office work at the Friends' downtown Portland office (during office hours only)
- Serving as a booth attendant at community fairs and other events (usually on weekends)
- Making deliveries from our Portland office to various locations in the Gorge (daytime hours, weekdays or weekends)
- Providing drawings (___) or black and white photos (___) for the newsletter
- I have a professional skill: _____

I am available for volunteer work:

- On weekdays, on a regular basis
- On occasional weekdays
- On weekends only

Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

OUR VOLUNTEERS

What Would We Do Without Them?

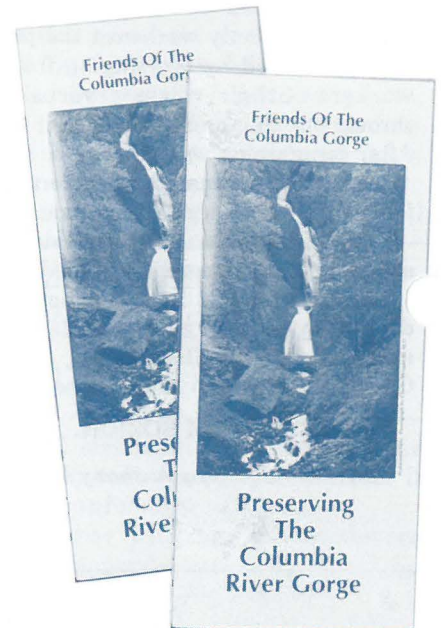
Without our volunteers, it would be impossible for Friends of the Columbia Gorge to do as much as we do, or to be as effective as we are. This quarter, we would like to say a big "Thank you!" to the following special people:

Linda Hopkins, who devoted many, many hours to determining the Friends' expanding office space needs, researching available space, working with realtors, and negotiating lease terms for us during the past several months. Thanks to her, we will be moving into new, but affordable, office space this month.

Jeanne Norton and Allison Russell, who managed the Friends of the Columbia Gorge booth at the Oxbow Park Salmon Festival on October 15 and 16.

Bowen Blair, Jean Foster, Sharron Lankton, Nancie McGraw, Anna Mary Miller, Cliff and Marna Moore, Jeanne Norton, Ed Robertson, Diane Stern, and Janet Tobkin, who managed our booth at the Winter Ski and Sports Show on November 4, 5 and 6.

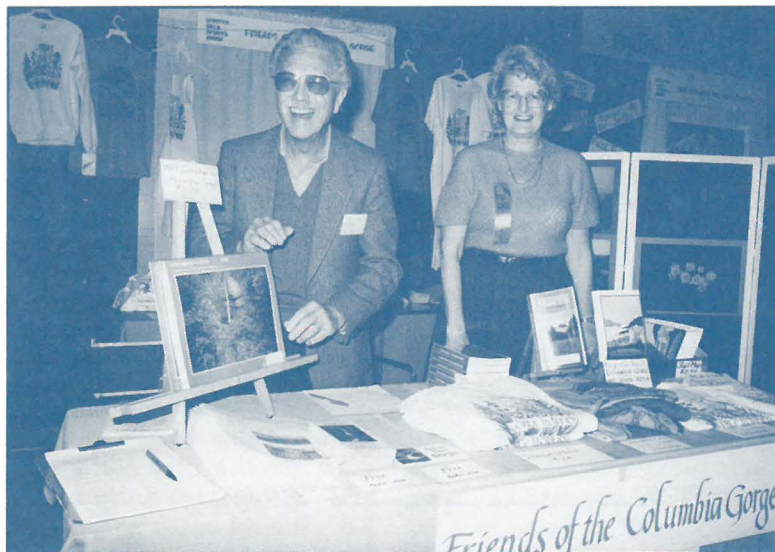
Leah Douglas, Jane Mersereau, and Marna Moore, for their invaluable assistance in our office.



COLOR BROCHURE AVAILABLE

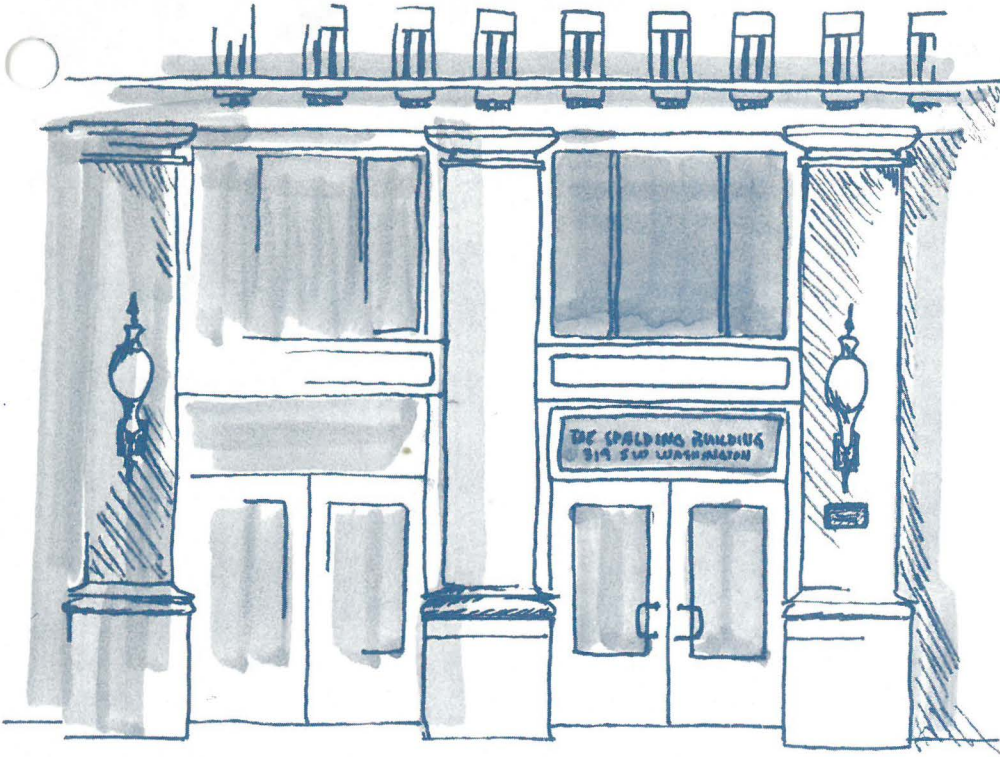
Friends of the Columbia Gorge has published a new full-color brochure. It is an updated version of the very popular brochure printed in 1983, with a fold-out poster of the view from Dog Mountain and a map of the Gorge. It should be very useful in introducing people to the work of the Friends.

If you would like one or more copies of the brochure, for yourself, or to give to friends, please give us a call. We will be happy to send them to you.



Volunteers Ed Robertson and Mary Anna Miller tend the Friends of the Columbia Gorge booth at the 1988 Winter Ski and Sports Show.

FOCG MOVES TO NEW OFFICES



Friends of the Columbia Gorge has been bursting at the seams! Accordingly, by December 5 we will move to new office space that will give our staff more elbow room and better facilities that will allow us to work more effectively.

The new offices will have a reception area and special storage space for our posters, wildflower t-shirts, Guided Tour tapes, and other Columbia Gorge merchandise. There will be a volunteer work area, and also a conference room which will double as a work area for interns.

Members and friends are welcome to drop by any time during working hours to see the new offices and say hello. Our new address (just around the corner from our old office) is:

The Spalding Building
319 S.W. Washington, Suite 420
Portland, Oregon 97204
Telephone (no change):(503) 241-3762

SIX INTERNSHIP POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

Thanks to a generous start-up grant from The Lazar Foundation, the new Friends of the Columbia Gorge Internship Program is off to a very promising beginning. We are seeking, or have already hired, interns in the following areas:

Development Review. One intern to work on monitoring and responding to development proposals for Gorge lands.

Management Planning. Two interns to assist in determining the provisions needed in the permanent management plan for the Gorge in order to properly safeguard its special resources.

Land Trust Planning. One intern to assist us in determining the need and appropriate structure for a Columbia Gorge Land Trust.

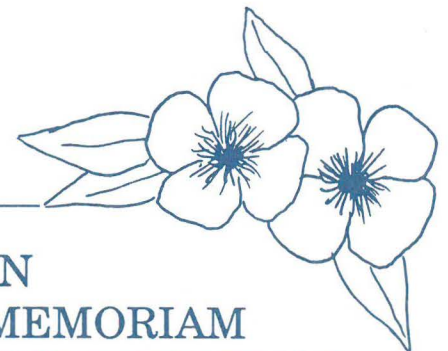
Special Needs. Two interns to assist us in responding to urgent

resource threats and to work on special projects as needed.

Already on board are interns Eric Loeb (Land Trust Planning), and Bob Querry and Tom McGuire (Management Planning). Part-time interns are compensated through course credit, where available, and on-the-job training. We also hope to take advantage of existing college and university internship programs for both part-time and full-time internships, some of which may offer salaries.

Students interested in internships in any of the above areas should send a resume to the attention of:

Brad Jones, Executive Director
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
P.O. Box 40820
Portland, Oregon 97240



IN MEMORIAM CONTRIBUTIONS

**In Memory of
Dr. Edward W. Davis**

by

Dr. and Mrs. Terence H. Cochran
Janney, Wathen & Co.
Dr. and Mrs. Edward K. Kloos

In Memory of Paul Mancuso

by

Debbie and Dave Craig

DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

Our popular "Gorge Wildflowers t-shirt" is now available in a new edition, featuring beautiful blue gentians, native tiger lilies, Oregon sunshine, and flag irises. Be sure to collect both designs in your favorite styles. New this year is a full-length cook's apron, in a crisp, white canvas--perfect for the holiday party hostess.

Please send me the following items:

Cozy cotton/polyester sweatshirts, \$24.00 each

- ___ Mariposa lily design S M L X-L
- ___ NEW Gentian design S M L X-L \$ _____

Classic short-sleeved T-shirt, shrink-controlled 100% cotton, \$10.00 each

- ___ Mariposa lily design S M L X-L
- ___ NEW Gentian design S M L X-L \$ _____

Comfy long-sleeved T-shirt, shrink-controlled 100% cotton, \$12.00 each

- ___ Mariposa lily design S M L X-L
- ___ NEW Gentian design S M L X-L \$ _____

Our immensely popular T-style cotton nightshirt, roomy one-size-fits-all, \$15.00

- ___ Mariposa lily design S M L X-L
- ___ NEW Gentian design S M L X-L \$ _____

Sturdy canvas cook's apron, \$15.00

- ___ Mariposa lily design S M L X-L
- ___ NEW Gentian design S M L X-L \$ _____

Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge, by Russ Jolley, with 744 full-color photographs for identifying Gorge wildflowers, \$19.95 \$ _____

1989 Columbia Gorge Calendar, with photographs by Craig Tuttle, \$7.95 \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Add \$2.00 postage and handling for first item, and \$1.00 for each additional item \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



Hood River cookbook authors Kathy Eastman and Cheryl Laurance pose with the new edition of their cookbook

BOOKS: NEW AND RECOMMENDED

Kathy Eastman and Cheryl Laurance, *Valley Connection ... Gorge Connection, Valley Collection Cookbooks, 1988.*

Hood River caterers Kathy Eastman and Cheryl Laurance released the first printing of this cookbook in May, and it is already into its second printing.

The cookbook features the most requested and favorite recipes from the Eastman and Laurance kitchens. It also includes a liberal sampling of dishes from such local institutions as the Columbia Gorge Hotel, Multnomah Falls Lodge, and the Mt. Hood Fruit Company. Noted chef Leif Eric Benson of Timberline Lodge offers his recipe for "Oregon Filbert Chicken Oriental."

Many recipes feature such local delicacies as salmon, huckleberries, blackberries, apples and Bing cherries. From "Spinach Salad with Chicken and Berry Vinegar" to "Chocolate Pear Crisp," this cookbook shows a flair for easy, international sophistication with a focus on good, fresh, local foods from the Gorge and the Hood River Valley. The authors will be at the downtown Portland Red Wagon on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and would be delighted to autograph books for Friends of the Columbia Gorge members. The book is available at Red Wagon and Made in Oregon shops, or may be ordered direct from the authors. The authors will make a contribution of 15% of the purchase price to Friends of the Columbia Gorge for all books ordered using the coupon below.

Mail to: Valley Collection . . . Gorge Connection
P.O. Box 334
Mt. Hood, Oregon 97041

Please send me ___ copies of your cookbook at \$12.95 each, plus \$2.00 postage and handling; and send a 15% contribution to Friends of the Columbia Gorge for each copy.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas in the Gorge will be especially festive this year, with many of the Gorge communities, including Hood River, Stevenson, and Cascade Locks, coordinating their decorations and celebrations around the theme of white lights and an old-fashioned Christmas. The City Lights Bus Tour on December 13 sounds like fun -- and a bargain at \$1.50.

DECEMBER 1988

December 2-4 and 9-10 -- CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Event: Brothers Grimm Story Theatre
 Where: Frankton School, Hood River, Oregon
 When: Dec. 2 and 9, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 3-4 & 10-11,
 2:00 p.m.
 Cost: Adults \$4.00, Students \$2.00, Children \$1.00

For More Information: (503) 386-2000

December 6 -- GORGE COMMISSION MEETING

Event: Regular Meeting of Columbia River
 Gorge Commission
 Where: Waucoma Center, Hood River, Oregon
 When: Tuesday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.

For More Information: (509) 493-3323

December 3 -- CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Event: Tree Lighting Ceremony
 Where: Stevenson, Washington
 When: Saturday, December 3, 6:00 p.m.

For More Information: (509) 427-8911

December 11 -- CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Event: Handel's Messiah Concert
 Where: Hood River Middle School, Hood River, Oregon
 When: Sunday, December 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

For More Information: (503) 386-2000

December 3-4 -- CHRISTMAS FAIR

Event: Mosier Country Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair
 Where: Mosier School, Mosier, Oregon
 When: Saturday - Sunday, December 3-4
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For More Information: (503) 386-2000

December 13 -- CHRISTMAS TOUR

Event: City Lights Bus Tour and Santa Photos
 Where: Cascade Locks Mall, Cascade Locks, Oregon
 When: Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$1.50

For More Information: (503) 386-2000

December 4 -- CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Event: Christmas Carols and Tree Lighting Ceremony
 Where: Goldendale, Washington
 When: Sunday, December 4

For More Information: (509) 773-3400

December 20 -- GORGE COMMISSION MEETING

Event: Regular Meeting of Columbia River Gorge
 Commission
 Where: ExecuLodge, The Dalles, Oregon
 When: Tuesday, December 20, 9:00 a.m.

For More Information: (509) 493-3323

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of the Columbia Gorge shall vigorously protect the scenic, natural, cultural, historic and recreational values of the Columbia River Gorge, encourage compatible economic development within the urban areas, and educate people about the Gorge in order to gain the public support necessary for effective implementation of the National Scenic Area Act.

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FOCG will not have a Christmas store at the Galleria this year, as it has in past years. However, our office will be open during regular office hours for people who wish to do their Christmas shopping at Friends of the Columbia Gorge. Come by and see us at our new offices!

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