WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What are you like as a person? What is special to you about the Gorge? What do you think about the Friends' work?

In the middle of this newsletter is a questionnaire that we hope all of our members will fill out and return to us. Knowing more about the many individuals who make up the membership of the Friends will help us respond better to your concerns and provide you with better membership services.

We want to hear from you so much that we've even pre-stamped the reply envelope. The questionnaire is simple to answer. You'll just need to check off your responses, or in some places, circle your most important answer or write a number down. Additional comments are always welcome and will be carefully considered.

HIGHLIGHTS

Pages one and two:
Innkeepers Cyndy and Greg de Bruler: Sailboarders Love Gorge Winds.
Executive Director Bowen Blair's "The state of the National Scenic Area Act."

Center Insert: Membership Questionnaire

Pages four and five:
Meet Margaret Donsbach, FOCG Director of Development and Office Manager. Darcy Williamson.

Garden Club of America and Lewis & Clark College honor Nancy N. Russell.

Pages Six and Seven:
Photos of 12-Member Gorge Commission.
Calendar of Events.

Page Eight:
Membership coupon.

SUMMER-FALL 1987

YOU ARE PERSONALLY INVITED TO THE FOCG 1987 PICNIC AT THE SHIRE

Sunday on the Grande Jatte is OK but Sunday at The Shire is BETTER. Bring your family and friends to our annual Bring-Your-Own-PICNIC at John Yeon's gorgeous nature preserve facing Multnomah Falls. What better time or place to point out the beauty of the Gorge and the on-going need for preservation commitment and care. There's a lovely bay to swim in, broad lawns to lounge on, a mile of riverfront to explore, birds to watch, and a view of the Oregon cliffs across the river that you'll never forget.

Date: Sunday, August 9, 1987
Hours: Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Approximately 29 miles east of Vancouver

Directions: From the west, follow signs to Camas east on Washington Highway 14 and parallel the Columbia River to The Shire which is across Hwy. 14 from the Skamania County shops between Mileposts 28 and 29. Look for the gravel piles and chainlink fence on the north side of the road and turn onto the gravel shoulder by gravel piles opposite inconspicuous red gate on the south side. From the east, take Hwy. 14 west past Milepost 29 and look for Skamania County shops on north side of road. Watch for traffic, cross Hwy. 14, and drive through gate and into The Shire. You will cross the main line of the Burlington Northern, so drive carefully.

We'll be looking for you.

SEURAT: Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, 1886. Art Institute, Chicago.
HIKING WEEKEND
A GRAND SUCCESS

On June 13 and 14, over 850 happy hikers and bicyclists turned out for the Seventh Annual Gorge Hiking Weekend. This was the largest turnout ever. The weather was warm and sunny, the wildflowers were at the peak of their displays, and the falls were splashing away merrily.

Twenty-five different organizations participated in this cooperative event. Five new groups sponsored some very successful hikes or bicycle tours: REI Co-op, Silver Star Study Group, The Dalles Chamber of Commerce, Bicycle Repair Collective, and Portland Wheelmen Touring Group. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the hike leaders. Forty-two of them tramped along cheerfully, leading the way and answering all kinds of questions for the rest of us.

Iced tea and cookies were served at an After Hike Rendezvous at Eagle Creek Overlook Park. Tex and Thelma Sloat were our hosts, and the speakers were a real treat. Marvin Beeson, professor of geology at Portland State University, spoke on Saturday; and Mike Spranger, author of The Columbia Gorge: A Unique American Treasure, spoke on Sunday. Tex Sloat, a Gorge old-timer who seems to know first-hand just about everything that has gone on there over the years, spoke both days.

Special thanks goes to the committee that planned the Hiking Weekend. Working with only minimal assistance from the Friends' staff, they did an exceptional job. James Reynolds designed our snappy brochure. Sharron Lankton coordinated publicity. Jeanne Norton and Elva Michael organized the After Hike Rendezvous. Nancy Russell provided advice and general assistance. And last but hardly least, Julia Ferreira put in many, many hours as Committee Chairman, organizing the hikes and overseeing the entire event-planning process.

MONEY & MEMORIES
MAKE UP CONTRIBUTION

Leona H. Mosher's FOCG dues and additional donation included this note: "Grateful appreciation to the devoted members who have carried the torch for this vital cause. I am too infirm to attend meetings and get-togethers but my heart is with you. As a child I lived in The Dalles where I was born, and remember my first trip on the (old) Columbia River Highway when I was 10 yrs. old (I think). Countless trips since, hikes & picnics thru the years have never dulled the thrill of the beauty of the Gorge. I recall picking wildflowers at Rowena and the excitement, in the early days, of the "figure 8's" at Crown Point."

WINDSURFERS/INNKEEPERS:
Cyndy and Greg deBruler

"The wind was what brought us to the Gorge, as we had a windsurfing business in Seattle, and had been coming to the Columbia Gorge to enjoy the fine sailing conditions for three years before deciding to move here. We saw the potential for the area to grow into a windsurfing resort, much like many fine area ski resorts. We decided that a Bed & Breakfast offering alternatives to the standard motel room might be appreciated by travelers; thus The Grand Old House at Bingen, Washington was launched." (See FOCG Spring 1986 issue — Bed 'n Breakfast in Style, for specific information on the Bingen B&B).

"We could not have foreseen such rapid growth of the sport in the area, or the travelers from all over the world who venture here just to sail on the Columbia River. Our business has been a resounding success, and most nights in the summer our parking lot is filled with cars sporting license plates from all over the continent, topped with sailboards of all designs."

Unique Wind Situation

"The pressure differentials created between the coast and the warmer inland areas are what give us the treasured westerly winds. The current flows in the opposite direction from the wind, creating a unique situation rarely found anywhere. It makes it possible for a windsurfer to sail directly across the river, easily, back and forth, without being forced one way or the other by wind and current. Our winds usually blow at least three days out of five, and wind speeds are often in the 25 to 30 mph range, sometimes up to 60 mph. Recent speed trials here clocked in a top speed of 39 mph for board-speed by Bruce Peterson, a local sailor."

"Every year brings more events and more focused attention to the Gorge. (See this Newsletter Calendar, page 7.) This summer we will have at least three world class races including the Pro-Am Speed Slalom, the biggest and best race in North America. In addition, there are many other less serious, fun events put on, with an average of at least two per week. Last year's Pro-Am brought an estimated 50,000 spectators to the area for the festivities."

Romantic Getaway

We love windsurfing, love the Columbia River, and all of the summer excitement, but we also appreciate the quieter months of the year, and the many other activities to do in the Gorge area. We stay open year-round to offer the perfect romantic getaway or a great base for cross country or downhill skiers. And there is nothing so friendly as a big, blazing fire and a warm drink on a cold winter's eve."

— Cyndy & Greg de Bruler
Sailboarders, Proprietors,
The Grand Old House
Implementation of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act is well underway and Friends of the Columbia Gorge is addressing new responsibilities during this post-legislative period. The following summarizes the status of the implementation and our increasingly important duties.

Commission
Oregon and Washington have ratified the federal Act. Gubernatorial and county appointments to the regional commission, which has primary management authority over the general management areas (about 45% of the CRGNSA), and shares interim management authority throughout the National Scenic Area with the U.S. Forest Service, are complete.

The commission contains several strong advocates of the National Scenic Area Act, at least one member who did not support the federal legislation, and many members who are entirely new to the issue. (Refer to the article on page 6 for details concerning the composition of the commission.) While it is too soon to predict how the commission will react when confronted with the difficult and often complex decisions common to the Columbia Gorge, supporters of the Act are impressed by the caliber of the commission. Certainly the commission will be tested, and soon.

U.S. Forest Service
The Forest Service is charged by the Act with managing the Gorge's special management areas (also about 45% of the CRGNSA), sharing interim management with the commission throughout the National Scenic Area, and creating interim guidelines for the entire CRGNSA. The Forest Service has assembled an excellent management team and located its permanent headquarters in Hood River.

On April 13 the USFS revealed its draft interim guidelines for the CRGNSA. The purposes of the guidelines are to identify inconsistent land use activities and to govern the use of condemnation. It was immediately apparent that the draft guidelines had been extensively rewritten by high level appointees in the Department of Agriculture.

At a series of public workshops the draft guidelines were severely criticized — by both proponents and opponents to the Act — for being too vague, lacking critical detail and, indeed, for actually contradicting the Act. Friends of the Columbia Gorge sent the Forest Service a 37-page response to the 8-page draft guidelines.

Members of the Northwest congressional delegation and the Oregon and Washington Governors also expressed considerable disapproval over the draft guidelines.

Final Interim Guidelines
The standards in the just-released final interim guidelines are much improved. They are considerably more detailed and protective of the National Scenic Area than the draft guidelines.

Unfortunately, while the standards are better, the Forest Service has decided to abdicate most of its review responsibilities during the interim period. While the Act and its sponsors contemplated a joint review process during this period, the Forest Service has decided that only the Commission should review residential and major development (surface mining, commercial development, subdivisions, partitions, etc.) proposals. Residential and major development proposals constitute perhaps 95% of all development proposals within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The Forest Service policy reversal could mean that some development proposals receive only cursory review as the Commission, with a considerably smaller staff than that of the Forest Service, will now find itself reviewing perhaps as many as ten times the number of development proposals as that reviewed by the Forest Service.

While this is distressing, a more disturbing consideration is what this policy may represent: a gradual withdrawal by the Forest Service from the more controversial aspects of the legislation, in this instance the management of land use activities on private land. It is premature, of course, to make this assessment. Certainly the Forest Service understands that less than full implementation of their responsibilities under the Act will generate considerable controversy on its own.

Nevertheless, this aspect of Forest Service management — the willingness to involve itself in controversial matters and make the often difficult, but necessary decisions — bears further scrutiny as implementation unfolds.

FOCG Responsibilities
With passage of the National Scenic Area Act, ratification by Oregon and Washington, appointment of the regional commission and enactment of the interim guidelines, the role of this organization shifts considerably.

Since President Reagan signed the Act last November, over 250 development proposals have been brought before the Forest Service. It is important that the Friends assist the Forest Service and commission in the review of these and future proposals to ensure that the National Scenic Area's scenic, natural, cultural and recreational values are given the greatest possible protection. In most instances this will require comprehensive research to determine which resources exist at a given site and whether the proposal will adversely affect these resources. This information will then be presented to the Forest Service and commission.

In some instances, if it is determined that a decision by the Forest Service or the commission does not provide adequate protection to the Gorge's scenic, natural, cultural and recreational values, it may become necessary for the Friends to file a lawsuit on behalf of these values. Litigation is never our first recourse, but unfortunately, often our only recourse.

In the past, FOCG has brought three major lawsuits — challenging the Columbia Gorge Riverfront Estates subdivision across from Multnomah Falls, the Hidden Harbor subdivision and private marina downstream from Beacon Rock State Park, and the commercial development of Hood River's Wells Island — and prevailed each time. We are presently challenging two hydroelectric permits and a dredging proposal. If we do litigate, we do so only after careful, detailed review.

Whether or not litigation will be necessary in the future, the Friends must actively participate, on behalf of the public, in the monitoring of development proposals and the successful implementation of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. Eternal vigilance is truly required if the timeless scenic, natural, cultural and recreational values of the Columbia River Gorge are to be preserved for ourselves and for future generations.

Your membership makes our participation possible.
IN MEMORIAM

Contributions have been made to the Friends of the Columbia Gorge in memory of:

Rollin C. Goodale by Andrew Sherwood
Charles S. Goodale by Sophia Bingham
Mary C. Goss by Thomas Campbell
Dorothy C. Rich by Alfred & Margaret Carter
Mrs. G. Ray Steed by Dorothy Duncan
Herb Goodman by Leonie Everett
James B. Harrison by Clair H. Fulton
Mrs. Josephine M. Harrison by Frederick & Carola Haugen
Michael Zander by Jean Hausler
by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zander by Ernest & Frances Markewitz
by Mr. & Mrs. R. A. McMahon by Dr. & Mrs. R. A. McMahon
Robert & Anne Maushardt by Mrs. Eric G. Richards
Mrs. Eric G. Richards by Betty J. Singer
The Ellouise Stinson Family by The Ellouise Stinson Family
Lennart & Donita Swenson by The Ellouise Stinson Family

NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Margaret Donsbach started work as our new Director of Development on June 1. She is an ardent conservationist and has wanted to move back to the Northwest for years. "I was born in Oregon," she says, "but my parents moved to Texas when I was two, and I've never quite forgiven them for it."

Margaret began her career in nonprofit development with the California office of The Nature Conservancy. More recently, she served as Director of Development for San Francisco’s Museum of Modern Mythology, a museum of advertising characters ranging from Chiquita Banana to the Poppin’ Fresh Doughboy. She put together a complete fundraising program for the Museum, which had never had a development officer before. Among the new programs she started were membership programs for both individuals and businesses and a formal travelling exhibition program. She also applied successfully for the first foundation grants the Museum had ever received.

As part of her new position, Margaret will be taking a close look at FOGC’s membership program to find out both its present strengths and how it can be improved. She would like to encourage all members to complete and return the membership survey in this issue of the newsletter. The survey is designed to provide an overall picture of the interests and concerns of FOGC’s members. Margaret promises to review the results personally, including any supplemental comments made by individual members.

MEET OUR LIVELY OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is truly blessed to have so many skilled and interesting volunteers. We have someone in the office just about every day of the week. All of our volunteers help with a broad range of tasks, but each of them has a specialty that we are particularly grateful for.

Leah Douglas comes in like clockwork every Tuesday morning, and has been a special help in inventoring the boxes of supplies, literature, and old files in our storage area.

Hazel Hatfield comes in on Mondays, and helped inventory our large supply of sale items, including 7 different posters, along with various books, pins, T-shirts, records and bumper stickers.

Jane Mersereau recently completed the job of merging and revamping our files of corporate and foundation donors, many of which had been kept in two or three different places in past years.

Elva Michael is familiar to most of our members because of her tireless work at events like the annual Hiking Weekend and the Neighborfair. During the Rose Festival, she brought us fresh roses for our desks every week.

Marna Moore has taken on the major project of coordinating the reorganization of our office filing system. We know she’ll do a good job because of her extensive background in office systems.

Dolly Yandle, one of our newest volunteers, is especially good at answering the many letters of inquiry we receive. Dolly answers the letters she can answer. Then she goes the extra mile, and forwards questions that do not relate directly to our work on to agencies better suited to answer them.
NO SURPRISE: CHAIRMAN NANCY RUSSELL
TWO-TIME PLUS AWARD WINNER

Margaret Douglas Medal

On Tuesday, May 1, in the banquet room of the Somerset Hilton Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey, Nancy Neighbor Russell received the Garden Club of America’s Margaret Douglas Medal. This prestigious award is presented “to members for notable service to the cause of conservation education.” Accompanying the award is this further note in the program: “The similarities between Nancy Russell and John Muir are great: both were tireless workers, both were great teachers, both great naturalists. John Muir left the nation a great legacy — Yosemite. Nancy Russell’s legacy will be as great — an unblemished Columbia River Gorge, protected forever for all.”

With judicious concern for the true essence of Chairman Russell’s responses upon receiving these high honors, blended with pride in association with and driving force by her, we caringly excerpt portions of her acceptance remarks.

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA, Margaret Douglas Medal

“In a very real sense, I have received the Margaret Douglas Medal because of the vast garden of wildflowers that fills that Columbia River Gorge. It was the flowers that brought me back, time after time, to hike in those natural gardens until I found myself knowledgeable enough to be asked by my friends Patty Lu Wessinger and Helene Dick of the Portland Garden Club to give a talk on the Gorge wildflowers — which led to many other talks.”

Recalling the reality accorded by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act which will allow our grandchildren to seek out waterfalls and wetlands, shorelines, historical and recreational sites and the ever-beloved wildflowers, Russell remembers the support of the Garden Club of America, and individuals Winsome McIntosh, Helen Edwards, Nancie McGraw, Gretchen Hull . . . and Janet Poor. “I am grateful for the support of all of you and for the great honor of this award. I will cherish it.”

AUBREY WATZEK AWARDS, 1987, LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE, Portland, Oregon
(front row, from left): Nancy Russell, Trustee; Rabbi Emmanuel Rose; Milton Herbert. (back row) Stafford Hansell, Master of Ceremonies; Jack Faust, President; James A. Gardner, Fred Wessinger, Bill Wessinger.

LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE, Aubrey R. Watzek Award

“In being here tonight I have come full circle, for in December of 1979 I came here, to this handsome campus, to help celebrate the Aubrey Watzek Awards of that year. John Yeon received one of the awards.” A chronicle of events follows with a strong emphasis on the strong role in early Gorge protection played by John Yeon, Don Clark and, of course, Aubrey Watzek in the active development of the soon-to-be-total Russell commitment to the protection of the Columbia River Gorge.

“There is, of course, a younger generation carrying a large share of the work of the Columbia Gorge. Bowen Blair, the Executive Director of Friends of the Columbia Gorge is of that generation and his talents and devotion to the cause had much to do with the National Scenic Area being, today, a reality . . .”

In a strongly worded, emotional close, Russell summons us: “I would like to close with a plea for — I would like to call it courage, but that isn’t quite right. It is a plea not to shun the controversial. Every issue is controversial when one attempts to

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COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE 12-MEMBER COMMISSION

The twelve voting members of the new Gorge commission have finally been appointed! The commission has primary management authority over approximately 45% of the National Scenic Area (the general management areas) and shares interim authority with the Forest Service throughout the National Scenic Area. Brief descriptions of the commissioners’ backgrounds follow.

Oregon Governor’s appointments

Stafford Hansell:
- former chairman, Oregon’s Department of Land Conservation and Development (1983 to present)
- former state representative
- farmer
- Umatilla County resident

Barbara Bailey:
- director, Orchard View Farms
- member, Wasco County Planning Commission, 1980-83 (chairman for one year)
- former board member, Friends of the Columbia Gorge (1980 to present)
- National Scenic Area resident (The Dalles)

Don Clark:
- executive director, Central City Concern
- former Multnomah County Commission Chairman and County Executive
- former Multnomah County Sheriff
- co-founder, former board member, Friends of the Columbia Gorge (1980 to present)
- Portland resident

Oregon county appointments

Kristine Olson Rogers (Multnomah):
- attorney (specialty: federal and state cultural resource law)
- former Assistant United States Attorney (10 years)
- Portland resident

Joyce Reining (Hood River):
- registered nurse
- member (9 years), Hood River Planning Commission (Chairman of the HRPC, 4 years)
- Hood River resident

Ray Matthew (Wasco):
- retired owner and operator of Matthew Distributing Co., Inc. (wholesale food distributor)
- former city councilman, The Dalles
- former Wasco County Commissioner (3 years)
- The Dalles resident

Washington Governor’s appointments

David Cannard:
- partner, insurance underwriting firm of Cannard, MacLarity and King, Ltd.
- co-founder and former co-chairman of Friends of the Columbia Gorge (1980 to present)
- Vancouver resident

Stuart Chapin:
- professor of land use, retired
- author of a major land use planning textbook
- former member, Washington State Gorge Commission (1985-87)
- National Scenic Area resident (White Salmon)

Historic Columbia River Highway Needs Shovel-Masters

August 15th, 9:00 a.m.: The Historic Preservation League of Oregon in cooperation with the Columbia River Gorge Ranger District will be sponsoring this summer’s second volunteer work party to clean an abandoned section of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Please bring a shovel.

WHERE: Ruckle Creek Bridge.
Follow I-84 eastbound, take exit 41 (Eagle Creek Park): immediately after entering Eagle Creek Park, head toward eastbound exit. Take immediate right before actually entering highway. Parking lot is right there.

For more information contact Mike Graves, 775-2564, or Kathryn Elsasser at the Historic Preservation League of Oregon, 243-1923.

Gail Rothrock:
- independent consultant (business-government, inter-governmental affairs)
- part-time professor
- former member, Washington State Pollution Control Hearings Board
- former member, Washington State Shorelines Hearings Board
- Vancouver resident

Washington county appointments

Robert Thompson (Clark):
- employed by Clark County Public Utility District
- active on Clark County Fair board
- Vancouver resident

Nancy Sourkes (Skamania):
- director, Clark/Skamania Department of Emergency Management
- former VISTA volunteer
- Carson resident

Pat Bleakney (Klickitat):
- rancher
- credit officer, Farm Credit Services, The Dalles
- former chairman, Klickitat County Planning Commission
- Dallesport resident

— Andy Dignan
Editor
CALENDAR OF EVENTS August - October, 1987

AUGUST

- CITY OF PORTLAND, PARKS & RECREATION
  Event: Ride Through Time. Discover the geology of the Columbia Gorge via your bicycle with Marshall Gannett. (Portland Parks require the wearing of a helmet.)
  Where: Meet at Lewis & Clark State Park (8:45 a.m.) or at Corbett High School (9:45 a.m.). Destination — Oneonta Gorge.
  When: Aug. 1 • Sat.
  Phone 503/796-5132

- BONNEVILLE PROJECT SITE, OREGON SIDE
  Event: Columbia Gorge Arts & Crafts Festival
  Where: Project Site, Hood River, Oregon
  When: Aug. 1, 2 • Sat., Sun.

- COUNTY OF HOOD RIVER, OREGON
  Event: Hood River County Fair
  Where: Hood River, County Fairgrounds, Hood River, Oregon
  When: Aug. 1, 2 • Sat., Sun.

- WINDSURFING
  (Phone 503/386-5787 for windsurfing information)
  Event: 1st Annual Slide, Ride & Jibe
  Ski, Bike & Sail from Mt. Hood, to Hood River and onto the Columbia River.
  Where: Contact Peter Menefee, Sailboards Hood River for complete information and registration material.
  When: Aug. 1, 2 • Sat., Sun.
  Phone: 503/386-5363

- TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
  Event: Harlow House open hours in August
  Where: 726 E. Columbia Street, Troutdale, Oregon
  When: August, Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

- BONNEVILLE LOCK AND DAM 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
  Event: Bonneville Dam 5K walk and 10K run
  When: CANCELLED Aug. 1, 2 • Sat., Sun.

- WINDSURFING
  Event: “Sailboats to Fight Nuclear Waste”
  Nuclear Days Wind Surfathon sponsored by Sailboards Northwest
  Where: Hood River, Oregon
  When: Aug. 1, 2 • Sat., Sun.

- BONNEVILLE LOCK AND DAM CELEBRATION
  Event: Reunion of Builders & Contractors at the Project Site, Oregon
  Where: Oregon side
  When: Aug. 7 • Sat., 11 a.m.

  Event: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers & Bonneville Power Administration Joint Ceremony
  Roll On Columbia
  When: Aug. 8 • Sat. Entertainment begins at 9 a.m.

- THE DALLES AREA
  Event: Dufur Threshing Bee & Draft Horse Show
  Where: Dufur, Oregon
  When: Aug. 8, 9 • Sat., Sun.
  Phone: 503/467-2625

- MARYHILL MUSEUM
  Events: 1. Cour de Miracles Concert on the Lawn, Aug. 8 • Sat., 7 p.m.
  2. Washington Brass Ensemble Concert on the Lawn, Aug. 22 • Sat., 7 p.m.

Museum staff encourages guests to bring picnics. There are new food service facilities available and strolling peacocks are promised.
Fee: $5 for non-members, $4 for members of Maryhill Museum. (Payable at the concerts)
When: Aug. 8 & Aug. 22 • Sat., 7 p.m.
Phone: 509/773-3733

- WINDSURFING
  Event: Mispal Week
  Where: Big Winds, Hood River, Oregon
  When: Aug. 8-13 • Sun.-Thurs.
  Phone: 503/586-3086

- HOOD RIVER AREA
  Event: Mid-Columbia Sinfonietta, POPS Concert in the Park
  Where: Jackson Park, Hood River, Oregon
  When: Aug. 13 • Thurs., 7 p.m.
  Phone: 503/286-4724

- WINDSURFING
  Event: Gorge Cities Blow-Out
  Where: Hood River, Oregon
  When: Aug. 14-18 • Fri.-Tues.
  Phone: Columbia Gorge Marketing offices
Out-of-Oregon: 1-800-222-9770
Oregon only: 1-800-222-8611

- BINGEN / WHITE SALMON AREA
  Event: Huckleberry Festival & Timber Carnival
  Where: Bingen, Washington
  When: Aug. 15, 16 • Sat., Sun.
  Phone: 509/493-3630

- MARYHILL MUSEUM
  Event: Oregon / Washington Juried Art Show of 120 Contemporary Pieces
  Where: Maryhill Museum, Maryhill, Washington
  When: Aug. 15 • Sat. & Nov. 15 • Thurs. (last day of the season for Museum)

SEPTEMBER

Event: Art on the Bottle  Original graphics from Pacific Northwest wine bottles.
Where: Museum Gallery, Maryhill, Washington
When: Sept. 11 - Nov. 15.

OCTOBER

- THE DALLES AREA
  Event: Fall Festival. Historic drama, 3-day craft market, Women’s Fair, Sunday historic home tour.
  Where: The Dalles, Oregon
  When: Oct. 2, 3, 4 • Fri., Sat., Sun.
  Phone: 503/296-2231

- VISTA HOUSE
  Event: Summer hours and fall closing
  Where: Crown Point, Corbett, Oregon
  When: Gift Shop and Gallery open daily from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 7 days a week. Last day of the season: Oct. 15 • Thurs.

- HOOD RIVER AREA
  Event: “Great Pumpkin Carve Off”
  Where: Columbia Gorge Hotel
  When: Oct. 31 • Sat.
  Phone: 1-800-826-4027
Statement of Purpose

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

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