

# Northwest Passages



## Trails Month a Success!

Free *Take a Hike* guides highlighting the trails of the Columbia-Pacific Region were a huge success during May's calendar of hiking events.

Trails Month, outlined in the Daily Astorian's *Take a Hike* guide, was a huge success for the region. Trail organizations – including public agencies and nonprofit entities – partnered up to host a month's worth of hiking events in May. The publication reintroduced residents and visitors to the many worthy places to visit in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Some highlights from the month included over 100 volunteers at the Fort Stevens Down By the Riverside clean up on Saturday, May 16 (sponsored by SOLV.) Oregon Equestrian Trails held a scavenger hunt

on horseback at DeLaura Beach, and bike tours were given by at Fort Columbia and Fort Stevens. Park Ranger Will George led a Full Moon Poetry Hike where participants were led up to Clatsop ridge followed by an evening of story telling, poetry reading, and music playing. Bird expert Mike Patterson led a Mother's Day hike along the Warrenton Waterfront where over 62 different bird species were identified.

Passports were distributed to track the numbers of participants. Winners of the month were Amanda, Trevor, and Ava Tufts, who attended 11 of the month's activities. The Tufts family received a \$100 gift certificate to Gimre's Shoes in Astoria.

“The *Take a Hike* guides were a huge hit,” said David Szymanski, superintendent at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. “Even if people were unable to attend the planned events, they now have a regional hiking guide they can use all summer long. We would love to see this collaboration happen again next year.”

The trail guides are still available at the regional parks. Pick up one today, and go take a hike!



*Lost but Found, Safe and Sound leader Glenda Miller helps Aidan Hillard, 9, become visible and stay warm and dry if he is lost in the woods*



*Park Ranger Dane Osis gives a SOLV t-shirt to our 100th Down By the Riverside volunteer*

## Lava Lands Visitor Center Exhibit Hall Dedication

Robin Gyorgyfalvy, Landscape Architect  
Deschutes National Forest

A storyteller sharing tales about medicinal plants and how the Cascades range was formed, a flint napper skillfully shaping obsidian into arrowheads, and young artists grinding red volcanic rocks to paint pictographs were all part of the lively scene at the Lava Lands Visitor Center on Saturday, May 30, 2009. It was a fun-filled and heart-warming day of events honoring Larry Chitwood, a geologist with the Deschutes National Forest who had dedicated his entire career to creating the Newberry National Volcanic Monument and enthusiastically teaching others about geology.

The new exhibit hall was named for Larry who died in 2008 shortly after retiring from the Forest Service in 2007. He was very central to all of the excitement and energy that went into creating the new exhibits. His fellow geologist Bob Jensen was also recognized for his contributions to the Lava Lands Visitor Center and to the Newberry National Volcanic Monument. Larry's wife Karen played a special part in the program by thanking Larry's colleagues who worked on the exhibit and cutting the ribbon to officially dedicate the new exhibit hall and celebrate the new 1,500 square foot reception area, gift shop, and office addition and remodeled spaces.

The new exhibits at the Lava Lands Visitor Center were created to provide visitors with an experience that ties together geology, ecology, culture, and climate in Central Oregon. A Forest Service design team set the tone of the exhibit for conservation education and worked diligently to showcase the Forest's excellent natural and cultural resource programs. The dedication of visitor center volunteers and the many partners helping to make the exhibit possible were recognized and thanked by John Allen, Forest Supervisor. Shane Jeffries, Bend/Fort Rock District Ranger, looked to the future by describing the expanding education programs as Newberry National Volcanic Monument celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.

The visitor center receives about 250,000 visitors each year and the goal of the exhibit hall is to create excitement and carry this through to the Trail of Molten Lands behind the visitor center and the Crater Rim Trail at the top of Lava Butte. Traveling through a volcanic landscape, the trails offer views to snow-covered Cascade peaks that are a striking contrast to the dark-colored surrounding lava flows. The exhibits introduce visitors to Newberry National Volcanic Monument and to Central Oregon. Plan your visit soon and see the explosive and intriguing new exhibit hall at Lava Lands Visitor Center this summer, located 11 miles south of Bend on Highway 97 and open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily throughout the summer.



Newberry National Volcanic Monument for the Lava Lands Visitor Center ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Lawrence A. Chitwood Exhibit Hall on Saturday, May 30, 2009. Larry Chitwood, a well-loved geologist who had retired from the Deschutes National Forest in June 2006, had suddenly passed away in January 2007. He and fellow geologist Bob Jensen were responsible for the success of the exhibits and were influential in the founding of the Newberry National Volcanic Monument in 1990. Karen Chitwood is cutting the ribbon.

## November 17-21, 2009

It's graduation season. Have you graduated yet? I don't mean necessarily from a college or university. I mean your interpretation! One definition of *graduate* is "to pass from one stage of experience, proficiency, or prestige to a usually higher one." Have you been in the same old interpretive rut, doing talks, tours and programs almost by rote? Then it's time to graduate! You need some inspiration, some creativity, good ideas, and plain old proven techniques! Make your plans now for the NAI national workshop in Hartford, CT, this November!



Make your plans now by holding YOUR spot. Go to NAI's website at [www.interpnet.com](http://www.interpnet.com). And while you are there, take a look at Region 1's page by looking at the NAI Regions and Sections part of the website to see the beauty and the history that make Region 1 a great place to visit or revisit.

Do you hear the strains of Pomp and Circumstance? It's time to register for the National Workshop in Hartford. (Cap and gown not included.) Mark your calendars for next November 17-21, and join us in Hartford!

## The David Weiss Memorial Scholarship Award

Created to perpetuate the character, and in memory of, master interpreter David Weiss, this scholarship award will be given each year to one Region 10 member who's skills emulate Ranger Dave's in the areas of interpretation, environmental education/outreach, creativity and the ability to live by example. Because of the unique combination of award and scholarship you can nominate a qualified NAI Region 10 member or submit the application for yourself. The award consists of a commemorative plaque for the recipient to keep and the recipient's name added to a living plaque on display at the Visitors Center of the US Army Corp of Engineers' Bonneville Lock and Dam, located in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The Scholarship includes \$700 for registration, travel, lodging or meals as you see fit to the up coming NAI National Workshop.

Go to <http://www.nairegions.org/10/> for nomination and application forms.

## The Grant W. Sharpe Award

Created in 2006 to honor the life and perpetuate the accomplishments of Dr. Sharpe. As a professor at the University of Washington, Dr. Sharpe worked tirelessly to legitimize the field of interpretation and foster it's credibility as a profession. The award will be given to the NAI Region 10 member who does the same, emulating the priorities, values and work ethic of Dr. Grant W. Sharpe. The award will be presented each year at either the National Interpreters Workshop or the Region 10 local workshop.

2006 Recipient: Lezlie Murray

2007 Recipient: Ronica Hathaway

Nomination form coming soon.

<http://www.nairegions.org/10/>

## 2009 Events

### Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Events

#### July 2009

- 18-19 Clark's Camp – first-person living history program  
at Cape Disappointment State Park
- 25 Christmas in July

#### August 2009

- 14-16 The Saltmakers Return – first-person living history  
program in Seaside on the beach at Ave. U
- 20-23 Teen Film Camp (reservations required)
- 25 NPS Founders Day

#### September 2009

- 7 Daily summer ranger programs end
- 17-23 Constitution Week
- 20 In Their Footsteps Lecture Series – David Dalton,  
“The Natural World of Lewis and Clark”  
1:00 pm Visitor Center Netul River Room
- TBA *National Parks: An American Story*. Ken Burns,  
a miniseries, scheduled to air on PBS

#### October 2009

- 18 In Their Footsteps Lecture Series – John C.  
Jackson, “Meriwether Lewis’ Pacific  
Northwest Legacy Written in a Little Red Book,”  
1:00 pm Visitor Center Netul River Room

#### November 2009

- 15 In Their Footsteps Lecture Series – TBA  
1:00 pm Visitor Center Netul River Room

#### December 2009

- 13 In Their Footsteps Lecture Series – Dane Osis,  
“Mysterious Mushrooms of Clatsop County”  
1:00 pm Visitor Center Netul River Room

For more information on daily activities and Fort Clatsop-  
Kid's Corps Children's Activities: Lewis and Clark  
National Historical Park Fort Clatsop Visitor Center  
(503) 861-2471 [www.nps.gov/lewi](http://www.nps.gov/lewi)

### Idaho Green Expo, Boise, ID, July 18-19

Join us at the Idaho Green Expo 2009 at the Boise Center on the Grove. The Foothills Learning Center and many community partners are proud to present the Kids Zone Exhibit, which will introduce the principles of environmental sustainability through multi-sensory, hands-on activities and demonstrations. From this experience, children will learn how to affect changes necessary to promote a more sustainable future. Double the size and double the fun from last year's exhibit.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday /

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** Free

### Sawtooth Salmon Festival, Stanley, ID Aug. 22-23

The 2009 Sawtooth Salmon Festival, to be held at Pioneer Park in Stanley, ID, is a great way to get involved in the effort to save the wild salmon in Idaho. The two day festival is packed with trips to different spawning beds in the Stanley area. Researchers are working to find out why the return of the salmon is so slow and going to where the salmon spawn is a rare chance to see nature in action. The festival alternates these trips with other events throughout the day such as live music, poetry readings, food, drink, art shows and traditional Shoshone-Bannock dances. There are also talks given by Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists. For more information visit:

[http://www.stanleycc.org/pages\\_vinfo/eventcal.html](http://www.stanleycc.org/pages_vinfo/eventcal.html)

**Want to share information for  
events at your site?**

**Drop me an e-mail**

**and I'll be happy to include them!**

## Region 10 Fall Workshop “Creative Investments Yield Interest”

October 1-4, 2009

**Menucha Retreat and Conference Center  
Corbett, Oregon**

Region 10 is investing in your success. Come to the 2009 NAI Region 10 Workshop at Menucha Conference Center in Corbett, OR, October 1 to 4. This historic lodge overlooks the Columbia River, just 30 minutes west of Portland. Highlights of this year’s conference include a full-day *Interpretation by Design* focused session, two focused sessions that travel to some of the Oregon’s most significant interpretive sites. Along with these all day focused programs there will be 12 additional programs that are going to give you tools to be more effect in these challenging times. Starting with a Keynote by our own Todd Cullins we’re going to take this opportunity to recognize the success of our many friends in the interpretive field.

Learn more and register. [http://www.naimembers.com/store/acatalog/NAI\\_Regio\\_n\\_10\\_Workshop.html](http://www.naimembers.com/store/acatalog/NAI_Regio_n_10_Workshop.html)



Did you miss the deadline for the **Region 10 Fall Workshop Call for Presentations?** There is still time! The due date has been extended to July 31.

Follow the web link

<http://www.nairegions.org/10/>

or contact Pat Barry

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Vista House overlooking the Columbia River. Photo by Sara McD

## Congratulations Robin!

Robin C. Norris has been awarded the **Hiram M. Chittenden Award For Interpretive Excellence**; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' highest interpretive award. Robin serves as a Natural Resource Specialist, Volunteer Coordinator, and Interpreter for Bonneville Lock and Dam on the Columbia River. She is a role model of interpretive excellence and a key employee at the largest and most-visited interpretive center operated by the Corps.



## 2009 Events Continued

### Re-Visioning This Place: Chinookan Communities on the Lower Columbia River

**Saturday, September 19 10:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

#### Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria, Oregon

Imagine a time when Chinookan communities dominated the landscape, canoes plied the Columbia River, and its tributaries, and the Chinook controlled trade into the interior. In the nineteenth century, canoes connected the Chinookan people to a complex world of trade through the coast's many estuaries and rivers, and became renowned worldwide for their beauty and craftsmanship. With canoes as a focus, family friendly presentations by Native and non-native historians will provide insight into the role the Chinook played in early international trade. A traditional canoe will be on display outside the museum.

Opening ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by presentations and family activities. Historian, archaeologist, and author, Ken Ames, will discuss historically significant but altered communities along the Columbia River. Chinook Nation members, Sam Robinson and Charlie Funk, will introduce visitors to traditional and contemporary Chinookan culture. A dialogue about the importance of canoes will be enhanced by viewing a Native canoe on display in the museum. The event includes carving demonstrations, singing and drumming. Children's activities include hands-on crafts to take home.

This program is sponsored by the Center for Columbia River History with the Columbia River Maritime Museum through a grant from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. For a complete schedule of activities, view [www.cmmm.org](http://www.cmmm.org) or [www.ccrh.org](http://www.ccrh.org). For further information contact Betsey Ellerbroek at 503-325-2323. Columbia River Maritime Museum is located at 1792 Marine Drive in Astoria.

### State Archaeologist Dr. Dennis Griffin

**October 24 2:30 P.M.**

#### The Archaeology of Shipwrecks: Plotting a course between the public's interest in shipwrecks and treasure trove."

Dennis Griffin, State Archaeologist with the State Historic Preservation Office in Salem, will speak about the importance of shipwrecks to archaeology and their relevance to Oregon. Griffin's presentation will include many shipwrecks including the appearance of Spanish galleons off the coast to the many shipwrecks that have surfaced recently. Updates regarding these latest uncovered wrecks will be highlighted. Admission charged.

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