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Editor Needed

After several years of providing a high quality newsletter for OCTA's Northwest Chapter, Jim Tompkins has decided to "retire." Our thanks to him for an excellent job. He continues as our Vice President, so is responsible for chapter outings and activities.

If you have writing or editing experience, we are looking for a chapter newsletter editor. Please contact Glenn soon if you would be willing to be the editor or would help out. Some people receiving the 4 newsletters by email have difficulty downloading 8 to 10 pages at a time, especially with several color pictures. So we are considering smaller newsletters, perhaps 6 times a year, starting in January.

Memberships

In late November, Joyce Bolerjack sent out the membership forms. Fortunately 12 had already invested in NW OCTA individual or family life memberships and another 36 had already prepaid their 2005 memberships. Please encourage others to join OCTA and NW OCTA.

If you have an email address, but wish to have your newsletter mailed, please donate \$3 to cover the added expense. You are welcome to make an additional donation to NW OCTA in any amount.

Election

Congratulations to Wendall Baskins who was elected to a three year term on the Chapter Board. He is in charge of the arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

Board Meeting

At 10:00 am on Saturday, **January 15** the NW OCTA Board will meet at the home of **Glenn & Carol Harrison** at 1132 30th Place SW in Albany, Oregon. While it is basically for officers, board members, and committee chairs to do planning, it is open to any chapter member. If you plan to attend, please let us know by emailing harrison@cmug.com or calling 541-926-4680.

Those attending are also invited to the home of **Wayne Burck** at 7:00pm the evening before.

Quilts of Community

The Ties that Bind: Quilts of Community will be the topic presented by Mary Bywater Cross, author and

quilt historian from Portland. The meeting will begin at 2:00 pm Sunday, **January 16** at the Lakeside Center of the Mennonite Village in Albany. The program is sponsored by the Linn County Historical Society, so it is free and open to the public and OCTA members are encouraged to attend. The presentation is part of the Oregon Chautauqua Program of the Oregon Council for the Humanities.



Mary Bywater Cross

Mary's interest in quilting was nurtured by sharing family heirlooms and history with her Iowa grandmother starting in 1968. Then, studying the broad field of quilt history and quilt making, she focused her work on making woolen quilts and researching quilt history for public presentations. She has lectured across the country from the Smithsonian Museum of American History to the church basements of rural Oregon.

For the last ten years, she has pieced together the story of nineteenth-century women's lives through the cloth records they created before, during, and after their journeys. She has been fascinated by these documents from the mid-1800s in America as the country "westered," as it was settled, and as the lives of women evolved.

The results of her research were published in two books Treasures in the Trunk: Quilts on the Oregon Trail and Quilts & Women of the Mormon Migrations.

Her books won national recognition including an Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History and the Benjamin Franklin Award from the Publishers' Marketing Association. She will bring to the meeting copies for purchase and autographing. Mary also wrote the article "Quilts of the Oregon Trail" that was published in the Winter 1992 issue of Oregon Humanities.

She serves as guest curator for the annual quilt exhibitions at the Museum of the Oregon Territory in Oregon City. Their latest quilt display was "QUILTS: Heirlooms from the Homefront." She has organized many quilt displays including ones for the Oregon-California Trails Association. In May 1999, Mary participated in a Quilt Social in Albany as a Monteith House fundraiser.

Her Chautauqua lecture focuses on the quilts and continuing quilting traditions introduced over the last 160 years ago in the Pacific Northwest. In 1993, she coordinated the Oregon Trail 150th Anniversary Wagon Train Quilt recreating the wagon train experience across Oregon. Some quilts, including that one, will be displayed at the LCHS meeting. Museums and individuals are encouraged to bring and display examples of their Quilts of Community.

Annual Meeting

Plan to attend the NW Chapter Annual Meeting from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, **March 12**. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes lunch catered by Busters Barbecue. Come at 9:30 am to get your name tag and buy raffle tickets.

In an effort to keep the member costs to a minimum, the Annual Meeting will be held at the Oregon City United Methodist Church, Cornerstone Community Life Center at 18955 S. South End Road in Oregon City. It is three miles up South End Road past the Oregon Territorial Museum, where the last two Annual meetings were held.

In addition to the business meeting, the program will include author Jane Kirkpatrick discussing Marie Dorian and Dennis Larsen presenting "Ezra Meeker in Oregon." Be sure to register when the forms are sent and bring some items for the raffle.

Marie Dorian

What was it like for an Indian woman accompanying the 1811 overland party that would found Fort Astoria? Noted author Jane Kirkpatrick, will discuss Marie Dorian at 1:00 pm on Saturday, **March 12** following lunch at the Annual Meeting.

Jane Kirkpatrick is nationally recognized for her authenticity and accuracy in telling stories of the West. Jane has written two nonfiction books, her



Jane Kirkpatrick

autobiography Homestead, and A Burden Shared, which in an expanded 2002 edition was retitled A Simple Gift of Comfort. Her first book, A Sweetness to the Soul, won the Wrangler Award from the Western Heritage Center and National Cowboy Hall of Fame. Previous winners include Louis L'Amour, Larry McMurtry, and James Michener. That was the first book in the Dreamcatcher Collection, which includes Love to Water My Soul, A Gathering of Finches, Mystic Sweet Communion. Jane's Kinship & Courage series includes All Together in One Place, No Eye Can See, What Once We Loved.

Her last 3 books of her 10 historical novels, the Tender Ties series, have been a Marie Dorian trilogy - A Name of Her Own, Every Fixed Star, and Hold Tight the Thread. Jane will bring copies of her books to purchase and be autographed.

Ezra Meeker in Oregon

At the **March 12** Annual Meeting Dennis Larsen will present "Ezra Meeker's Travels Through Oregon March 2 - April 30, 1906." It will be the story of the two months Meeker's fledgling Old Oregon Trail Monument Expedition spent in Oregon, his most successful state in terms of numbers of monuments erected. Follow the ox team from The Dalles, over the Blue Mountains, and on to the Snake River. The citizens of Oregon welcomed Ezra with open arms, with one or two notable exceptions. (Yes, he will name names!!) Learn exciting, never before revealed



Dennis Larsen

details!! And Dennis will let you in on a secret that Ezra has kept for nearly 100 years.



Monument dedication at The Dalles

Help Is on the Way!

By Chuck Hornbuckle, NW Trail Preservation Officer

Have you toyed with the idea of being a trail monitor, or do you want to get out on one of the trail mapping and marking adventures? If so there are exciting times ahead.

A recently distributed survey asked for OCTA members input concerning trail preservation, mapping and marking. As a result a Preservation Planning and Training Workshop was held at the NPS Long Distance Trails Office in Salt Lake City. Dave Welch, National Preservation Officer, chaired the two-day workshop to develop a training curriculum and schedule.

Over 215 survey responses were reviewed. It quickly became apparent many members want to become involved, but they don't know what to do or how to do it. Help will soon be on the way.

Three coordinators were selected to organize training activities, **Jim McGill**, ID, **Mapping**; **Gail Carbiener**, NW, **Marking**; and **Leslie Fryman**, CA-NV, **Monitoring**. Over the next three years they will conduct three three-day training sessions. The first will be with the Idaho Chapter in April 2005. The NW Chapter will have two sessions, one at The Dalles in 2006 and one in Medford in 2007.

In the past, volunteers have often endured considerable expenses to carry out their labor of love. With increased emphasis on trail preservation the National Board has provided funding for tools needed for the job, a job that MUST be done if OCTA is to carry out its mission. Tools being considered include reimbursement for direct expenses for both training and field work, GPS units, digital cameras, USGS maps, and other resource materials. The National Park Service will accept Challenge-Cost Share grant applications to further the training program.

For those who responded to the survey, you will be contacted. For those who put off responding please contact **Glenn Harrison**, **Gail Carbiener**, **Dave Welch** or **Chuck Hornbuckle**. Their addresses can be found in this newsletter.

There are exciting times ahead. We are no longer alone and your help is needed to ensure that future generations have the opportunity we enjoy.

Award Nominations

If you have someone to nominate for any of the OCTA awards of for a NW Chapter award, contact **Roger Blair** or **Glenn Harrison**. The awards include Friend of the Trail, Distinguished Service, Distinguished Volunteer, and Outstanding Educator - in elementary, middle school, high school, higher ed, or institution categories.

President's Report

2004 was a memorable year for NW OCTA largely because of the involvement of many chapter members in the OCTA Convention last August. Our membership continues strong, but could always be better. We are in strong financial shape. Be sure to renew your membership in the chapter and OCTA and be involved.

With the increased chapter commitment to trail preservation and education, we look forward to another great year in 2005. If you are interested in being a trail monitor; helping with trail mapping or marking; assisting with trail education with students, teachers, or the public; taking part in a trail outing

or other activity; leading a trail outing; helping with trail research or with COED, there is a place for you.

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OCTA Board to Meet

The OCTA Board retreat and meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado **March 3- 6**. Several NW Chapter members are active at the national level even though some chapter members live in other areas. Since expenses are limited to \$200, accepting a national position is a financial and time commitment.

Richard Pingrey-OCTA President

Bernie Rhoades-OCTA Secretary

Dave Welch-National Trail Preservation Officer,

Board member, Committee A, Committee C

Lethene Parks-Board member, Chair Committee C,

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Gail Carbiener- Chair Marking

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Committee A deals with headquarters operation, membership, and publications.

Committee B has responsibility for finance, governance, long-range planning.

Committee C is responsible for preservation, collections, public relations, and property management.

North to Puget Sound

By Chuck Hornbuckle

Mark your calendars for a two day April outing north of the Columbia. We will hear reflections on the Washington Territorial celebration. In addition, we will tour several historic sites in South Puget Sound area, and visit the Washington State Capital Museum in Olympia featuring displays on our early history.

The date is tentatively set for **April 16 and 17** in Olympia. Time, place and minimal fees will be announced as soon as the complete agenda is finalized. Coordinators are Chuck and Suzanne Hornbuckle.

Other Coming Events

Mark your 2005 calendar. Several interesting outings and activities are being prepared in various locations. Many people are also participating by adding to the COED files and doing trail research.

Saturday, **March 12** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, NW

Chapter Annual Meeting in Oregon City.

Sunday, **May 15** 2:00 pm, **Marie Dorian - Jane Kirkpatrick**, Albany, Linn County Historical Society.

May 22-25 Trail Marking: Idaho line to Huntington; base at Vale, Oregon - **Gail Carbiener**.

Saturday, **June 4 National Trails Day**-Trail Monitor Training, Salem, OR - **Chuck Hornbuckle**; Then tour Mission Mill - woolen mill & mission houses, caravan to Albany, dinner and information about the Willamette Valley - why people came and what it was like.

Sunday, **June 5** Continue Willamette Valley car caravan - Brownsville, Trail route near Corvallis, Polk County - **Glenn Harrison**

July 9 Meeting at Flagstaff Hill Interpretative Center; unveiling of the Richard & Trudy Ackerman Meritorious Achievement Award; installation of a steel rail marker at the crossing of the Powder River. Lunch at Geiser Grand Hotel with brief program - **Gail Carbiener**. The Oregon Cemetery Commission will be meeting in Baker City on July 8, so a joint activity is possible.

For those also interested in Lewis & Clark and the Corp of Discovery, the National L & C Heritage Trails Convention is Saturday - Wed, **August 6-10** at Blue Lake Park in Portland, Oregon.

OCTA Convention in Salt Lake City August 12-21 including pre-convention tours.

August 22-26 Trail Marking: Interstate 84 to Flagstaff Hill; base at Baker City - **Gail Carbiener**.

Saturday, **September 10 NW OCTA Gathering**, Dick Pingrey's hanger at Yakima - **Joyce Bolerjack & Marley Shurtleff**.

Thursdays at Mission Mill

Several events are being sponsored by the Mission Mill Museum Association in Salem, Oregon. Many relate to Lewis & Clark.

January 20-Lewis & Clark period music - Oregon Trail Band.

February 17-Tools of Survival - Weapons of the Corp of Discovery-Michael Carrick.

March 17-Lewis & Clark Expedition: America's Commitment to the Enlightenment - Stephen Dow Beckham.

April 21-Sacagawea, Beyond the Shining Mountains with Lewis and Clark - Joyce Badgley Hunsaker.

For tickets go online at www.missionmill.org, by phone 503-585-7012, or at the mill at 1313 Mill Street, Salem, Oregon.

Two PIT Projects

By **Gail Carbiener**

Richard Silva will be leading a PIT (Passport in Time) project on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest during the week of **June 6-10**. He does a great job of using mapping techniques, General Land Office (GLO) maps, GPS and metal detectors to locate the old Lockhart Wagon Road in the forest where few ruts exist. It is the kind of "experience" that our National Preservation Committee could well use.

Guy Marden with **Chuck Hornbuckle** and **Gail Carbiener** will lead a PIT project on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest during the week of **July 11-15**. We will try to confirm the trail location in the Hilgard area.

Membership Report

Joyce reports that our chapter is gaining in Life members and renewals are rolling in. It was nice to receive extra donations from seven members. If you haven't already mailed you 2005 membership dues, please do so promptly. There were 245 memberships in 2004. We already have new members for the 2005 calendar year. Keep encouraging others to join, or buy a membership for someone who should be a member.

Fiscal Year Budget

By **Joyce Bolerjack, Gary Shurtleff, Marley Shurtleff**

The NW OCTA board adopted the July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005 budget. A copy of the budget follows this article.

Income: We have a number of "lifetime members" in the chapter, who have paid their dues in one lump sum. If you are interested in becoming a lifetime member, contact Joyce Bolerjack.

For meetings and outings, the goal is to collect approximately the same amount of money that we expect to spend. Raffles held at meetings are sure money-makers for the chapter, and almost everyone goes away a winner! This year we are reaping the benefits of our convention raffle and sales, getting nearly \$6,000 in income from them. We paid in previous years for the merchandise we sold this year.

Expenses: Communication is very important, but is a major expense for the chapter. Note the printing and mailing costs, and web page maintenance

We are fortunate that we expect to have sufficient funds to support a strong preservation program in the chapter during the "outings" season. Other funds are earmarked for education, the recently completed project at the east entrance to the Whitman Mission site, and the National OCTA endowment funds.

If you have budget questions, bring them to one of the officers or board members. We'll be happy to hear from you, and will welcome your participation in the budget planning process for the next NW OCTA fiscal year.

NW OCTA Budget

July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

Beginning Balance	\$8,643.06
Income	\$11,412.50
Dues	\$2,500.00 (w/o life)
Donations	500.00
Annual Meeting	800.00
Other Activities	400.00
Interest	50.00
Raffles	500.00
Conv. Raffle & Auction	2,877.50
Conv. Merch. Sales	3,000.00
Scholarship Refund	285.00
Misc.	500.00
Revised Expenses	\$7,937.00
Printing	\$1,000.00
Postage	1,000.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Conv. Merch.	27.00
Web page	360.00
Annual Meeting	800.00
Preservation, Map & Mar	1,000.00
Other Activities	600.00
Education	1,000.00
Whitman Mission Proj.	1,000.00
OCTA Endowment Fund	500.00
Misc.	500.00
Ending Balance	\$12,118.56

On December 31, Joyce noted that we had \$14,424.55 on hand with no outstanding debts.

Interpretive Center Programs

Cut and paste to locate the websites for events at the trail related interpretive centers.

endoftheoregontrail.org/mambo

columbiagorge.org

easy-finder.com/brochures/wildhorse/cultural.htm

oregontrail.blm.gov

4rcc.com

highdesertmuseum.org

rogueweb.com/interpretive

Also check out what is available through events and programs sponsored by county or area historical societies and museums in Washington and Oregon.

Report Hours

OCTA needs hours, expenses, and mileage for any non-reimbursed, trail related activity that members participated in during 2004. So far only a few have been faithful in getting those to **Chuck Hornbuckle**.

He needs to get the information to Bill & Jeanne Watson shortly after the first of the year. Members should e-mail or otherwise get the information to him. This is a real help to the National Park Service funding process. In turn that helps OCTA and our chapter with expenses and projects.

Oregon Trail



The tiny picture used in the newsletter masthead was taken by Glenn Harrison in the Blue Mountains as NW OCTA members marked part of the Oregon Trail.

Fancher Train

Have you read about the Mountain Meadows Massacre or seen the December Investigating History PBS program that was mentioned in the Fall 2004 "News from the Plains"? NW OCTA member Dr. Burr Fancher of Albany is the president of the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation. Burr supplied some family photos for "Rescue of the Mountain Meadows Orphans", by Will Bagley in the February 2005 Wild West.



Oregon Trail Memorial Association envelop