

## Annual Meeting

January 27, 2013, Noon - 2:30 p.m.  
Clark County PUD Community Room  
1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver  
Cost: \$30.00

Our program for the CTA Annual Meeting will be presented by Dr. Paul Dally and Dr. Pierre Provost. They have spent two years hiking the Pacific Crest Trail and will share photos and memories of their experiences. Make your reservations by email at [ctaoffice@mail.com](mailto:ctaoffice@mail.com).

## Chinook Trail to the Pacific Crest Trail (the missing link)

By Bob Scullin

We have reached a well earned and important juncture in the creation of the Chinook Trail. The journey started with a vision by Don Cannard and Ed Robertson for a ridge-top trail circumnavigating the Columbia River Gorge. From that vision, and through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, we have created twenty-nine miles of trail which has earned recognition as a National Recreational Trail. This segment allows a through-hike from the trail's start at N.E. Hantwick Road eastward over Silver Star Mtn. to a trailhead east of Bluff Mtn. From the Bluff Mtn. trail head approximately eleven miles to the east is the Pacific Crest Trail. Chinook Trail's next big challenge is to bridge this gap tying together two nationally recognized trails. As anyone who has been in that area knows, it is both very rugged and offers sweeping views of the surrounding countryside. It will be a challenging segment of trail to build. As always, there is a tremendous amount of prep work to do before the project is shovel ready. Working with the various government agencies, a route must be selected and studies completed. These studies look at archaeological concerns, rare and endangered species (both plant and animal), compatibility with other user groups, any water crossings needed, etc. We have started this process and are working on assessing various route possibilities. Look for updates on the connector project in future newsletters.

## Tribute to Florence Wager

by Don Cannard

I feel very humble to comment on my feelings about Florence. Sue and I attended Vancouver High School with Florence. At that time it was situated on 26th Street, now called Fourth Plain Blvd. She was a stem winder at that early time. I remember her helping me write a campaign speech for a fellow classmate. I remember it was a grueling experience to have her cut my speech to the quick. She redid the speech and the candidate won. Years didn't seem to change her ability to correct things I had written for the Chinook Trail Association. I learned to take manuscripts to Florence.



Florence "Flossie" Wager  
Mar. 21, 1928 ~ Aug. 22, 2012

The Chinook Trail Association was not the only organization she supported with her skills of organization and her financial support. The Vancouver Symphony, the Columbia Land Trust and Parks and Recreation Foundation have profited from her talents and financial support also.

Florence believed you must reach out to the youth in our endeavors to build trails in our community. We worked with over fifteen AmeriCorps Volunteer Teams at Beacon Rock State Park. Trails were improved, re-routed and brought up to acceptable standards. She encouraged us to work with a Job Training Program administered by Education Service District 112 affiliated with the State Jobs Training Program. The ESD 112 group did a great deal of work on the trail to Silver Star. Florence served on the CTA board as secretary, treasurer and board member at large.

Florence enjoyed our work parties, particularly the overnight outings. She often brought her young nephew on work parties. I remember at least three times I was able to accompany her on these outings. The joviality around our cooking fire was just a lot of fun. Her enthusiasm was boundless. Ted Klump, Vern Swaim, Paul Clare and others added to the comradery. And she took great joy in setting the stone monument on the Ed's Trail on Silver Star Mountain with Paul Clare and myself.

Florence's enthusiasm encouraged us to press for the designation of the 30-mile trail connecting the Lewis River Trail beginning at Hantwick Road completing the trail to the Bluff Mtn. Trail. The US Forest Service designated that trail as a National Recreational Trail.

Florence was an inspiration to all who worked with her. We have missed her.

### Just a little reminder . . .

CTA requests that you pay your dues to support CTA activities, if they have not already been paid.



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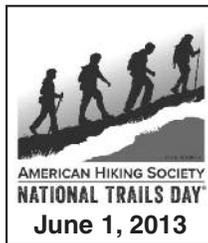
## Cape Horn Work Party

The Chinook Trail Association lent support to the Washington Trails Association and the Cape Horn Conservancy crews on a trail improvement project on the Cape Horn Trail. Two toters belonging to the Chinook Trail Association were used to haul gravel in the construction of a turnpike in an area that has serious water drainage problems. Beginning at the trailhead at the Salmon Falls Park & Ride, this first quarter-mile-plus section of trail became excessively muddy in wet weather and the turnpike was built to mitigate this problem. The three-day work party ran from November 29 to December 1, and, except for the morning of the first day, the weather cooperated beautifully.

The Cape Horn Trail is an eight-mile loop trail that begins and ends at the Salmon Falls Park & Ride off Hwy. 14. It offers spectacular views up and down the



CTA helps with Cape Horn Trail work.



Gorge and will eventually be a link in the Washougal-Stevenson Trail and an alternate route of the Chinook Trail.

## Rock Creek Work Party

On Sat. March 23, 2013, there will be a trail work party at Rock Creek Campground in Dole Valley. The event will be hosted by the Back Country Horsemen, Washington Trail Riders and the Washington Trails Assn.

Interested parties should meet at the Rock Creek Campground at 8:00 a.m. Wear sturdy boots or shoes, bring gloves and dress appropriately for the weather. Also, bring water and a lunch. The work party should be over by 3:00 p.m. These work party hours count toward a Discover Pass. To sign up, send an email to [ctaoffice@mail.com](mailto:ctaoffice@mail.com). We hope to see a good CTA turnout.

## CTA Members Attend WSTC Conference

The Washington State Trails Coalition held its 2012 Conference in Vancouver, WA on October 25-28. CTA members Roger Anderson and Ted Klump attended. On Friday, WSTC president Pete Beaupain gave opening remarks. Leadership panel discussions took place with State Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark, USFS Deputy Regional Forester Maureen Hyzer, and WSTA Advocate Director Jonathan Guzzo.

Keynote speaker Mickey Fearn, National Park Service Deputy Director for Communications and Community Assistance, gave an inspiring talk about the NPS's new focus on outreach and communication efforts.

Roger and Ted often attended separate sessions to gain more knowledge and ideas to better manage CTA. The general consensus was that all sessions emphasized closer connections and involvement with agencies and other organizations.

The dinner banquet featured Mayor Tim Leavitt introducing the keynote speaker Dr. John Compton, a distinguished university

professor from Texas A&M. His topic was Economic Benefits of Trails. Following the presentation, table-based discussions were held with Urban Greenway, Shared Use, and Equestrian and Bikes, to name but a few.

The keynote speaker on Saturday was Dave Hahn, a very accomplished climber, and an Eddie Bauer First Ascent Athlete. On May 26, 2012 he reached the summit of Mt. Everest for the 14th time, the most ever for a non-sherpa. Dave's presentation and slide show profiled a year in his climbing career. He was a key member of the climb team that discovered the remains of climber George Malloy who disappeared in 1927. Dave also received a Bravery Award from the Department of Interior for responding to a climber on Mt. Rainier. Enroute to the climber, the helicopter crashed; Dave first rescued the pilot, then went on to help the injured climber.

Roger and Ted came away with a lot of good and useful information that was shared with CTA's Board of Directors who plan to use the information to further CTA's plans for its future projects.