



# Annual Meeting Report

Bob Scullin was honored with the Founders Award at the CTA Annual meeting. The prestigious Founders Award has been presented only five times in the history of the CTA to recognize significant contributions in the spirit of Ed Robinson and Don Cannard, CTA Founders. Other honorees are Ed Robertson, Don Cannard, Ted Klump, Roger Anderson, and MarCine Miles.

Bob Scullin has been Tool Steward for 22 years. He has stored all of the construction and maintenance equipment in his barn, and has kept it available for CTA projects. In addition he has met physical challenges, and yet continues to be an integral part of many work parties.



Renee Tkach, Friends of the Gorge, speaker at CTA 2012 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the CTA was a great success as long-term members joined new members to begin the 24th year of the CTA. An exceptional presentation was made by Renee Tkach from Friends of the Gorge. Any organization who wants a presentation on the history and future of the Gorge should contact her. Chris Geraci and Jenny Cestnik were honored for their contributions. Doug Canoose provided music. And there was time for companionship and making plans for the coming year for all.



Bob Scullin with the Founders Day Award presented to him at the 2012 CTA Annual Meeting

# National Trails Day 2012

The Chinook Trail Association's event for the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® is Saturday, June 2nd in the Larch Mountain area of Clark County. We will meet at the PUD on 117th at 8:30 a.m. and car pool from there. We will work for approximately four hours on trail restoration and then have a BBQ and award participants with thank you gifts. If you are interested in participating call the CTA office at 360-993-0040 or email [ctaoffice@mail.com](mailto:ctaoffice@mail.com) for further details.



The CTA head table L-R: Florence Wager, Chris Geraci, Rod Musser, Nate Matos, Jenny Cestnik, and Larry Swatosh

# Work Party for Everyone

The Chinook Trail Association will partner with the Washington Trail Association and Friends of the Gorge on a project in the Catherine Creek/Coyote Wall area of the Columbia River Gorge. The event will take place on June 2nd, the first Saturday in June, and will be a one-day event. It is part of a series of volunteer trail work projects in 2012 made possible with generous support from the National Forest Foundation. If you are interested in participating call the office at 360-993-0040 for further details. This work party will be limited to 50 participants.

# Jean Dunlop 1926-2012

The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges the gifts given in memory of Jean Dunlop, a long-time member of CTA who passed away on March 20th of this year. Her family graciously named the Chinook Trail Association the recipient of memorial gifts given in her name. We extend our sympathies to her family for their loss.



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 Sat., June 2, 2012**

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## CTA EcoFair participation

Chinook Trail members, Evan Hull and MarCine Miles, participated in the 2012 Earth Day Celebration at Salmon Creek Greenway. The EcoFair sponsored by Clark PUD had many activities and booths, and was enjoyed by enthusiastic families. The CTA booth drew families interested in work with the development and maintenance of trails.

CTA will also participate in the 2012 Get Outdoors Day at the Fort Vancouver Reserve on Saturday, June 9th.

## Don Cannard named recipient

The Parks Foundation of Clark County has announced that CTA Founder Don Cannard has been named recipient of the Florence B. Wager Leading Eagle Award for 2012.

The Florence B. Wager Award honors leaders, volunteers, and parks and recreation professionals who through their actions, influence, and example, have had a significant impact in the development and enhancement of the parks, trails, and recreation programs of Clark County.

Don Cannard has led initiatives that have significantly influenced the life, health, and direction of our parks, trails, and recreation programs.

Don will be honored at the June 14th Parks Foundation Annual Luncheon which begins at 11:30 at the Vancouver Hilton. Tickets are available by calling the Parks Foundation office at 487-8370.

## CTA recommends family outing on the Moulton Falls Regional Park / Bells Mountain Trail

The Moulton Falls Regional Park is a 387-acre park located at the confluence of the East Fork of the Lewis River and Big Tree Creek, and boasts two waterfalls and an arch bridge more than three stories high. The park sits on both sides of the river and is heavily forested. The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad excursion train also passes through the park. The city of Yaocolt is not far away to the north.

Areas of interest include volcanic rock formations from early lava flows, historic Indian meeting grounds, the Murphy Grade, a swing bridge on Big Tree Creek, and access to the Bells Mountain Trail.

There are bathrooms, picnic areas, parking lots, benches, fishing, water access, viewpoints, and a 2.2-mile, multi-use trail. The beginning of the Bells Mountain Trail, a 7.5-mile trail that is part of the Chinook Trail, is not far from the park.

### Just a little reminder . . .

This is a little reminder that CTA dues are due at the first of the year. Where else can your money go so far to help with our trail vision? Thank you for your support.

## CTA considers Chinook Trail-Pacific Crest Trail connection

The Chinook Trail Association is exploring the possibilities of connecting the National Chinook Trail Recreation Trail with the National Pacific Crest Trail. Connecting two national trails seems a logical activity. We have been in communication with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Washington Natural Resources personnel to explore possible routes.

Proposed routes are now under many feet of snow so we will be limited as to when we can get on the ground to actually examine likely routes. USFS is planning some road closures that may be

helpful in determining possible routes. Some existing and seldom-used trails will be utilized in our examination of route-finding. We are fortunate to have Jim Slagle assisting us on this linkage project. Jim is a retired USFS Trails Engineer.

This linkage project will be a big commitment of the Chinook Trail Association. We are enthusiastic about completing this additional route of the Chinook Trail. If you have some ideas we should consider, or wish to assist with this project, give a ring to our office at 360-993-0040.