



Chinook Trek #14

February, 1995

SWIFT Grant awarded to Chinook Trail



SWIFT has awarded a \$2,500 challenge grant to the Chinook Trail Association to be used in the construction of the Cedar Creek Falls Overlook and 1,000 foot trail in East Clark County. This trail will be to standards to meet the requirements of the physically challenged. The facility is located out of Cold Creek Campground on Washington Department of Natural Resources Trust lands. This will be one of several 1995 Chinook Trail construction projects. Our thanks to the Board of Directors of the SWIFT Foundation.

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*Cedar Creek Falls
Photo: Don Cannard*

Quest 1995

Quest 1995 is the title for CTA's funding appeal. The Chinook Trail Association's Quest 1995 was boosted with the news of the allocation of a \$2,500 challenge grant from SWIFT (Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust). Funds collected from this appeal will be used to construct the 1,000 foot Cedar Creek Falls Overlook. This portion of the Chinook Trail will be user friendly to persons with a physical handicap making walking difficult. The trail will be elevated and overlook a small but beautiful waterfall. The trail and overlook is located on Washington Department of Natural Resources land along the Tarbell Trail out of Cold Creek Campground in northeast Clark County.

Our challenge is to raise the remaining cost of materials for constructing this trail and overlook. The overlook was designed by Larry Swatosh of the architectural firm of Dolle and Swatosh. Grant applications were made to various state funding sources earlier, however these were not successful due to the distance from urban population centers. The total anticipated costs including equipment rentals and materials purchase is in excess of \$10,000.

Gift categories will purchase: \$1,000 a platform segment, \$500 an elevated segment, \$100 a yard of trail, \$45 a ton of rock, \$30 a plank, \$15 a foot of trail, \$10 a bucket of bolts and \$5 a bag of cement. Material donations will place the donor in special benefactor category.

Contributors can become a Quest giver by mailing a check to the Chinook Trail Association at PO Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98668-0997.

Annual Meeting at Skamania Lodge

The annual meeting on November 6, 1994 was a huge success with an outstanding turnout. It featured a stimulating address by John Lowe, Region 6 Forester. The topic was "Forest Service and the Public: Partnership in Managing Recreation on our National Forests."

Grace Robertson, in a moving statement, expressed her appreciation for the friendship and support enjoyed by her late husband, Ed, in our common work. A toast was offered in tribute to Ed.

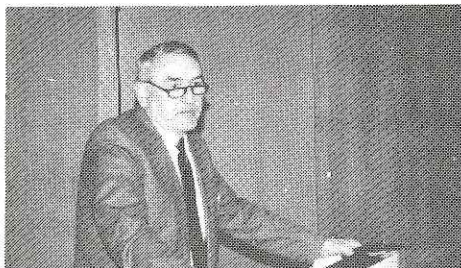
Bobbi Bindrieff, Chinook Trail Association first president, presented Karyl Ramsey, out-going president, with a beautiful garden bench designed and constructed by Don Cannard.



Above: Rhona Sen Hoss, SWIFT, Nancy Souvek, Community Foundation of SW Washington, Elaine Maull, Private Industry Council.

Officers for 95-96 were introduced: Ted Klump, President, Larry Devroy, Vice President, Fred Rogers, Secretary, and Florence Wager, Treasurer.

Chinook Trail Association saluted the Summer Youth Employment program (SYEP), a cooperative effort with the Educational School District 112. Awards of appreciation were given to Gina Mondragon, Ted Stubblefield, Gregg Cox, Jim Slagel, Fred Henschel, Tom Linde, Krista Thei and Daryl Hoyt. The contributions of the Meyer Memorial Trust, SEH America, SWIFT Foundation and Southwest Washington Foundation to these endeavors were acknowledged. Also featured at the meeting was a water color painting by Timothy Nishitani, commissioned by Paul Cannard and a stunning fiber art display by the well know Northwest artist, Eleanor Van de Water.



Photos by George Meddaugh



Grace Robertson

The following poem was read by Chuck Binder at the Annual Meeting as a tribute to those who have gone before us.

ONE DAY

One day I will say
the gift I once had has been taken.

The place I have made for myself
belongs to another.
The words I have sung
are being sung by the ones
I would want

And if my faith is good
then we'll meet again
on the road
and we'll be thirsty,
and stop
and laugh
and drink together again

from the deep well of things as they are.

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entitled *Where Many Rivers Meet*



Private Industry Council Recognizes Chinook Trail Association

The Private Industry Council of Southwest Washington presented the Chinook Trail Association with its Community Partnership Award for 1994 at its January 26 meeting. The Council contracts with Educational Service District 112 to train disadvantaged youth. The CTA developed an acclaimed program for training young people last summer. The project included a personal awareness focus developed by Paul Clare, an environmental component presented by a naturalist and job skills supervised by the Service District. This activity took place on Squaw Butte. The Summer Youth Employment Program participants were largely responsible for constructing the Squaw Butte Connector Trail.

Partners with the Chinook Trail Association in the activity were Meyer Memorial Trust (tools, transportation, participatory materials and media equipment), SEH America for personal gear and SWW Foundation for transportation and other materials. Clark County and C-Span assisted with transportation by providing a surplus bus to ESD112 thanks to the assistance of Clark County Commissioner John Magnano. This program will continue during the summer of 1995.



Klickitat Rails to Trails

Chugs Along

The first of several public meetings was held in Klickitat on January 25 to begin the scoping process relative to the development of a management plan for the proposed rails to trails project on the railbanked Klickitat Railroad.

An interim management plan is now being implemented. That plan calls for the immediate and complete closure of the railbed pending the development and funding of a properly developed management plan. The closure is necessary for safety, property protection and liability concerns. **It is not open to the public at this time.**

You will recall the Washington State Parks has taken over the abandoned railroad and has conveyed operation of the facility to the United States Forest Service. The Rails to Trails Conservancy put this together along with developing the salvage and cleanup program. That operation is now complete.

The scoping meeting was attended by representatives of the Chinook Trail Association along with over 100 local residents and others. There was plenty of expressed hostility to managing this abandoned RR as a recreation facility. However in discussion groups of special interests, such as seeing a trail established, there were many positive comments shared. Proponents living in the area were intimidated by the nay sayers. There are a number of lawsuits brought by local property owners. These challenge the legality of the process on several issues. It is believed these will be resolved in favor of the proposed rails to trails.

Support for this over 30 mile proposed Lyle to Goldendale trail needs to be expressed to the Forest Service as they begin this scoping process. You may express your support for this important proposed recreation facility by writing to Art Carroll, Area Manager, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, United States Forest Service, 902 Wasco Avenue, Hood River, Oregon 97031

Remembrance Fund

The Chinook Trail Association and the families of the deceased express appreciation for the contribution to this Perpetual Fund.

Memorials to:

Scott Saari

Jim and Pricilla Hughes
Don and Sue Cannard

C. Glen Jorgensen, USFS Retired

Jim and Pricilla Hughes

Cecile Cannard

Don and Sue Cannard

Ed Robertson

Anonymous donor
Clarence and Arlene Paul
Bruce Davis
Mrs. John West
Gayle Rothlock

John Cannard

Grace Robertson
Clarence and Arlene Paul
Bev Millar

Silver Star Summer Work Camp

We are making tentative plans for a week work camp on Silver Star Mountain from 18-23 July. For those who can't spend the entire six days, you are invited to join us for the weekend or any time during the week.

We plan to either camp near the new trailhead on the 4109 road or a short backpack up to near the top. Work will be primarily on Ed's Trail, depending of course on how the survey has progressed. Although these plans are tentative, please mark your calendars and let us know if you can join us. Although there won't be a limit to the number of participants, we will definitely need to know the number of people planning to attend to select an adequate camp area.

Call Joe Sunthimer 253-9619 or Roger Anderson 254-2371 if you are interested in participating. We will provide more information directly to you as the plans are firmed up.

Ed's Trail Next Chinook Trail Segment Focus for 1995

Ed's Trail in the Silver Star Special Interest Scenic Area in the southwest corner of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest will be a major focus of the Chinook Trail Outings Committee. This project is under the leadership of Joe Sunthimer and Roger Anderson. The initial planning needs have been completed by the USFS. CTA will now proceed to do the necessary on the ground trail layout. Following the approval of the Service the route will be cleared of brush and logs. Actual construction will commence on national Trails Day on June 3. There will be trips into the area not listed on the outing schedule. Anyone interested in assisting with any of these steps is encouraged to call Roger Anderson 206(360) 254-2371 or Joe Sunthimer 206(360) 253-9619.

Ellen Davis Recognized with Trail Bench

Ninety-one year old hiking enthusiast and CTA member, Ellen Davis was recognized on St. Valentine's Day with the dedication and installation of a bench on the trail bearing her name. The bench was purchased by the Dale Grams family in honor of her birthday. A poem by Arlene Paul titled Ellen was read. The event was sponsored by the Vancouver Audubon Society and the Chinook Trail Association. The Ellen Davis Trail was dedicated in 1990 and will serve as a connector trail between the proposed Clark County Chelatchie Prairie RR Trail and City of Vancouver's Discovery Trail. Happy Birthday and Valentine's Day, Ellen.



*Ellen Davis in her garden.
Photo by Don Cannard*

Chinook Trail Association (CTA)

Membership Application

- ☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Family \$30 ☐ Student/Senior \$10 ☐ Institutional \$60
☐ Sustaining \$100 ☐ Life \$500 ☐ Corporate \$1,000 and above

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

☐ I wish to purchase a trail patch @ \$3.00 + .50 handling TOTAL: \$3.50

☐ I wish to purchase a tie tack or ☐ lapel pin @ \$5.00 + .50 handling TOTAL: \$5.50

☐ I wish to become a volunteer:

_____ Trail building _____ Assist with mailings _____ Membership

_____ Promotions (Photography, writing, newsletters) _____ Other

Members will receive CTA newsletter, "The Chinook Trek," and other mailings as appropriate to keep you informed of Chinook Trail progress.

Send application and remittance to:

Chinook Trail Association

P.O. Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997



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1995 Work Schedule...

1995 Trail Construction and Maintenance Dates and Other Events set

April 1, 15, 29 (E)* Hamilton Mountain, Beacon Rock State Park

May 13, 27 (N)* Tarbell-Silver Star area
June 3 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY (N), commence construction on Ed's Trail and dedication of the Squaw Butte Trail # 180, see related article.

July 18-23 (N) Construction Campout on Silver Star to construct Ed's Trail, see related article.

September 16, 30 location to be decided
October 14, 28

November 4, 18
November 5 Chinook Trail Annual Meeting, Skamania Lodge

*All work parties depart from 134th (N) or Highway 14 (E) WDOT Park and Ride locations depending upon whether going east or north. Car pooling will occur, all departures scheduled for 8:00 am. Participants are asked to wear heavy boots, and bring work gloves, lunch, drinking water and appropriate clothing for anticipated weather.

CTA Board Members

Ted Klump, President (360)695-7149
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Joe King

Newsletter Deadline May 15

About our board members:

Ted Klump, President

Ted Klump was born in the Chicago suburb of Elmhurst in May of 1946 and moved to Vancouver in September of 1947. He was educated in the Vancouver Schools from kindergarten through high school, graduating in 1964. He completed an Associate of Arts degree from Clark College and attended Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington.

He has worked in the travel trailer industry and as a remodeling contractor, the latter for 16 years under the name of Silver Star Enterprises. He now works for DeWils Industries supervising their paint department.

He has three sons, Aaron 20, Brian 15, and Justin 11.

He has been an avid hiker and backpacker for many years and spent a lot of time in the back country of the Columbia River Gorge, and is thoroughly in love with its beauty and uniqueness. His involvement in the CTA began in 1989. He has been Treasurer and Trails Chairman before becoming President.

Ted says, "The Chinook Trail has become my passion in life and I enjoy my involvement. We must all work hard to protect this treasure; and do our part to build the Chinook Trail so that future generations can enjoy the Gorge."

Larry Devroy, Vice President

Larry Devroy is originally from Detroit, Michigan where he attended Detroit Public Schools, then Alma College, and finally Wayne State University to attain a B.S. in Zoology in 1976.

Along the way he learned to play drums, playing in several rock and jazz ensembles over the years, became an All-City Cross-Country runner, and developed his continuing interest in environment affairs.

He organized his high school's first Ecology Club in support of the first Earth Day in 1970 and ran a week-end bottle recycling operation out of a friend's ancient pickup truck.

Larry eventually went on to earn a Master of Science in Marine Biology from Jacksonville State University and the University of Alabama's Dauphin Island Sea Lab in 1980.

Moving to Florida, he became an Environmental Specialist for the State of Florida. He next moved to an Environmental Specialist Supervisor position for Pinellas County, finally switching to the private side of environmental consulting in 1986 at Biological Research Associates, Inc. in Tampa.

In 1989, he fulfilled a long-held dream by moving to the Pacific Northwest. He joined David Evans and Associates, Inc. where he continues to be the Manager of Natural Resources.

He met Don Cannard and Ed Robertson in 1989 and was soon attending Chinook Trail Association (CTA) work parties. He married Hing Lee in 1992 and now lives in Milwaukie, Oregon. He enjoys music, distance running, habitat restoration projects, cross-country skiing and hiking and, of course, all activities of CTA.

1994-1995 New and Renewing Members

We appreciate your support!

Sustaining Members +\$100

Joe Palena
Mitch Bower, Jr
Pat Bleakney

Family Membership +\$30

Donald and Julie Sterling
Jane and Joseph Cote
The Pirruccellos
The Kenneth Oslund family
Judith and Thomas Kovaric
Philip A Foster
Larry Swatosh and family
Thomas and Shirley Short
Byron and Jennifer Folwell
Dr Kenneth and Sandra Miller
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Individual &

Senior Members +\$10 - \$20

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Jocelyn Gay
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**Welcome on trail to
our new board members**

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