



Firstenberg Family Foundation supports upcoming trail work



Ed & Mary Firstenberg enjoying the outdoors at the Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau, Alaska

The Chinook Trail Association is very grateful to the Firstenberg Family Foundation for a recent grant to support CTA's upcoming work with Vancouver/Clark Parks and Recreation Department to complete the soft trail portion of the Chelatchie Prairie corridor. This segment of the trail will eventually extend from the city of Battle Ground to Battle Ground Lake. Work will begin in 2011.

It is an especially poignant contribution, as the Foundation made the decision to fund our work at about the time of the death of Ed Firstenberg. Ed and his wife Mary were avid supporters of efforts to enhance our Southwest Washington community. According to Foundation spokesman Marc Grignon, the Firstenberg family has appreciated the recreational opportunities hiking provides over the years and promotes the benefit of having accessible trails near urban, populated areas. The Chinook Trail Association proposal provided an opportunity to the Firstenberg Family Foundation.

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Annual Meeting to feature Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail Update

Date / Time: Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Place: Water Resources Education Center Community Room
Cost: \$25 per person which includes buffet-style lunch

Buzz words often heard about the accomplishment of large projects include "collaboration" and "partnership." The Chelatchie Prairie soft trail project is an excellent example of how collaboration and partnership can be more than "buzz," and actually lead to exciting results.



Lisa Goorjian

Join us at the CTA Annual Meeting and hear Lisa Goorjian, coordinator of the city and county trails program, give a presentation about "*The Power of Partnership—the Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail Project.*" She will describe the efforts of almost two decades of work planning for the 33-mile rail trail that will travel diagonally across Clark County. This trail will eventually connect to the Chinook Trail and the state-wide trail system, and is now closer to reality. Lisa will also describe how this project is meeting the trail and active transportation vision in Clark County.

The first segment is scheduled to begin construction in 2011.

Come hear about this project as it enters the building and implementation phase. *Better yet, choose to be part of it!*



Co-Founder Don Cannard

Don Cannard, the heart and soul of CTA, is retiring from active leadership and trail building. The annual meeting will honor Don and Sue.

***Please watch for
your invitation.***

Annual Membership Dues are due Jan. 1st.

- Annual Dues are: Senior or Student – \$20
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Tarbell Trail Work Report *by Phil Delany*

On Saturday, this past March 6th, Chinook Trail members Ted Klump, Henry Bergquist, Jerry and Andrea DeRuyter and Phil Delany worked on the Tarbell section of the Chinook Trail. The work party, which included volunteers from local mountain bike and equestrian groups, was directed by the Washington DNR. We replaced some plugged culverts and re-routed a section of trail around a muddy section. It was a pleasant day for early March and we accomplished a lot, but as always, there is a lot more trail work that needs to be done. We're looking forward to more Tarbell work parties.

Chinook Trail shown as National Recreation Trail in Oct. 2008 issue of National Geographic Magazine

In the October 2008 issue of the National Geographic Magazine (<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2008/10/ozark-trail/white-text/1>) the Ozark Highlands Trail was featured. It is a 165-mile trail in northwestern Arkansas.

As a sidelight to the main story, there was an interesting explanation of the National Trails designation process and a very nice map of the United States (map shown in magazine but not on website) showing all officially recognized trails, each color coded to show into which of the three categories they were accepted—"historic," "scenic" or "recreational."

A close examination of the map showed that in the area of east Clark County around the Bell's Mountain to Silver Star area it is shown as a "National Recreational Trail" on the national map.

It's enough to make the observant CTA member proud.

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ation to support trail building that will maintain walking and hiking as an important family activity in the Northwest for years to come.

The grant will support our efforts to coordinate our membership as we recruit crew members for trail building on this project in 2011. We look forward to many of our members joining our work on the trail, and reporting back to all about their progress.

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