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Friends of Olympic National Park Mission Statement:

Our mission is to support Olympic National Park in preserving the Park's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Friends of Olympic National Park promote understanding of the Park's ecological, educational, economic and recreational importance and work with the Park on special projects.

Friends of Olympic National Park

WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

FONP Board Members:

- Toni Harms (President)**
- Jenny Murphy (Vice President)**
- Norm Dawley (Secretary)**
- Dave Peterson (Treasurer)**
- Ben Braudrick**
- Dori Broglino**
- Jonathan Hamlin**
- Gay Hunter**
- Dale Julander**
- Amy Neil**
- Charles Sheldon**

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Hurricane Ridge. Photo from ONP Archive.



Lake Crescent. Photo from ONP Archive.



Toni Harms
FONP President

Message from the President, Friends of Olympic National Park

Happy New Year to you all! It is exciting to have the blank palette of a new year ahead of FONP. In December, the Board of Directors met to toast the holiday and work through our 2024 planning session. The board members agreed on five new activities to add to those we already have in place. These include: 1) Cleanup along the highway/pullouts at Lake Crescent, 2) Beach cleanup in coordination with ONP, 3) Coordinated trail work/support for the Greywolf Trail Crew when they are working in the park, 4) Coordination of our Facebook/Instagram/website messaging, 5) Second year at National Junior Ranger Day. Our goal is to develop partnerships and offer an increased number of volunteer activities for our members.

FONP is delighted to continue and expand its support of the Perspectives Winter Lecture Series, in partnership with ONP and NOLS. The lectures take place on the second Tuesday of the month and are being offered in-person and via Zoom link. The cookies are back! We also plan to have an FONP board member available at each event to answer any questions you may have about FONP.



As we do every Spring, we are solidifying the makeup of our board. We have two resignations from the board and would like to thank Dr. Sam Baker and Gary Holmquist for their invaluable counsel and service to the Friends. There are four incumbents choosing to renew on the ballot within this newsletter, and two community members who have expressed an interest in joining the board. We are looking for those with proficiency in IT/social media, as well as willingness to rotate through officer

Message from the President (continued)

positions. Each member of the board is more important than ever, as the scope of this organization increases. Please take the time to complete the ballot, and we will introduce the board at the Spring Membership Meeting.

Thank you to those who took the time to do the poll related to our **Spring Membership Meeting (March 21, 2024)**. Per your requests, we will start the meeting an hour earlier at 6 pm rather than 7. We will also add a Treasury Update and review upcoming opportunities for volunteering. We are excited to welcome Lee Whitford as our Keynote Speaker for the meeting. She will present a “Basic Introduction to Fungi” and will talk about characteristics used for identification, the role of fungi in the world and the current impact of gene analysis on name changes. FONP membership meetings are such an awesome opportunity to network with others who share a passion for the park. We hope you can join us!

2024 is going to be a great year. We thank you, our paid membership for your continued support as we grow. Hope to see you in March at our first membership meeting of the year.

Warmly,
Toni



Photo from ONP Archive.



Photo provided by Toni Harms.

Vote for 6 candidates to serve 3-yr terms

There are 2 methods for submitting your ballot. Please choose one of the following methods (but please only vote once):

Deadline: March 15

1) You can vote online at the following link https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjaiBLZtrQAAAAA&AAAAAAN_gkTXnVUQ0QyMENUNjQ4NTFLRFYwTVBQUTJKVFazVi4u&origin=lprLink

2) Or, you can mail in a paper copy of both pages of the ballot to:
FONP, P.O. Box 3238, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Ben Braudrick (Incumbent Board Member): If elected, this will be Ben’s third term as Board Member of Friends of Olympic National Park. During his two previous terms, he has been witness to, and a part of a changing of the guard of many original board members. New members have also been brought on to assist our efforts with the board’s expansion. During the pandemic we’ve continued to move forward with a reinvention of how we reach our members digitally, a move to become a federal non-profit, and preparation for the day in which we can all come back together and celebrate Olympic National Park and its employees through our volunteer efforts. There are many fresh new efforts on the horizon for the Friends Group, and Ben would be proud to continue contributing to those efforts and providing leadership to our board.

Dori Brogolino (Incumbent Board Member): is a natural resource professional who has worked in the outdoors in the Everglades, Southeast Alaska, Idaho and currently here on the Olympic Peninsula. She moved to Port Angeles in 2014 and has spent a lot of time hiking and backpacking in the Olympic National Park and surrounding areas. She has been on the FONP Board since 2019. She has previously served in the role of Secretary. Currently, she helps out with the management of the FONP Group Facebook page. She has enjoyed being part of FONP and helping the Board out on various projects..



Far left photo provided by Toni Harms. Middle and right photos from ONP Archives.



Kristin DeCou (New candidate): I am very interested in joining the Board and getting more involved with FONP, whether volunteering for events, growing partnerships, or supporting hands-on activities. While I currently work part-time as a Certification Program Manager and have my own organizing business, my prior background is in the non-profit and social entrepreneurship space. I managed corporate partnerships and volunteer service trips for [Direct Relief](#), and worked as Manager of Giving Partnerships at [TOMS](#). Our family is on a quest to visit all of the U.S. National Parks (currently at 47/63), and since we started two years ago, I've become passionate and determined to help more kids and people in general experience the parks! A few potential areas I can lend support: (1) **Social Media:** I've worked as a Social Media Coordinator for several local businesses and a national hiking challenge, the Six-Pack of Peaks Challenge. I love sharing stories of people, events, and showcasing how others can get more involved; (2) **Partnerships/ Community Engagement:** This is what I love and what I've helped grow at other organizations. This could include volunteer prospecting, partnership collaborations, or fostering local community engagement with other park-loving groups; (3) **Trail Maintenance/ Clean-up:** I love hiking and would love to lead a group project garnering more support for specific trail maintenance or clean-up activities in the park.



Jonathan Hamlin (Incumbent Board Member): Jon is a member of VFW, WTA, American Red Cross, Backcountry Horsemen, 4PA, PNTA, and PCTA. He's a medically retired and disabled decorated Iraqi Freedom combat Veteran of the 25th Infantry Division 3rd Brigade combat team Hawaii. He currently works for First Fed Community Bank of Washington. As a Texas native, he started serving the community and making a connection to the great outdoors at a young age, beginning with Boy Scouts. Through his later battle with PTSD, he learned how to love himself by reconnecting with nature and people. He feels that through conservation and stewardship that we ensure and protect these beautiful natural places for future generations. He is a certified USDA class A sawyer-crosscutting with WTA and has been working with them for 2 years on small trail maintenance projects. He looks forward to devoting his time in support of the Park and bringing a number of volunteers from his workplace who want to get involved, as well. He looks forward to planning and supporting a wide array of activities and fundraisers in support of the Park.



Kalaloch area. Photos from ONP Archive.





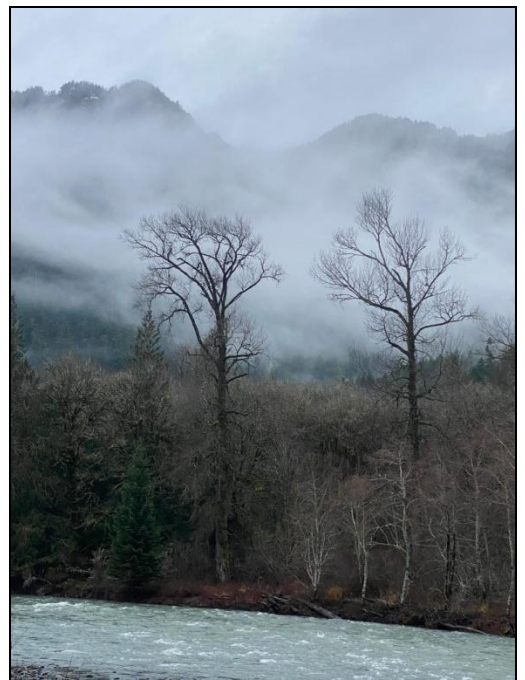
Max Kimble (New candidate): My background is primarily in IT where I conceived of and led many large scale data center construction and migration projects for Toyota Motor NA. I served in an executive position with Toyota, and I'm familiar with the nuances of working with people from various backgrounds and consider myself to be an amiable fellow that people enjoy working with.

In the non-profit sector, I've worked with the St. Baldrick's organization which raises funds for the research and treatment of children's cancer for the last 13 years, having created and led fundraising events for the last 7 of those years. Additionally, I briefly served as vice president during the start up of the Brave Like Ellie organization which builds and delivers comfort boxes for children and their families going through cancer treatment in Texas. I left only because we moved to Port Angeles.



Charlie Sheldon (Incumbent Board Member): lived on Kitsap Peninsula for 20 yrs, but he currently resides in Tacoma. He's been hiking and backpacking in Olympic National Park for 33 yrs. He's spent probably 500-600 days exploring the Park and has even made it to some off-trail traverse areas (Cameron, Muncaster, Lillian, Lake Success). He's done some trail maintenance work over the years, too. He worked at sea and along the waterfront most of his career, has a Masters Degree in Resource Management and Wildlife Biology from UMass, was engaged in some big gnarly cleanups in the Port of Seattle, and spent nearly 20 yrs working with the Suquamish and Muckleshoot Tribes negotiating fishing and shipping agreements. He has 20 yrs experience as a project and construction manager on waterfront projects, including cleanups. He moved here years ago to be near the Park, and he's never regretted the decision.

Photos provided by Toni Harms. Elwha River (right).



Perspectives Topics:

Abstracts and photos (below) are from the nols.org website.

Olympic National Park's monthly Perspectives presentations will resume on January 9. They will be presented in a hybrid format this year. Guests are welcome to attend in person at the Port Angeles Library (2210 S. Peabody St.) – refreshments will be provided. Or, they can view the presentations live-streamed in their homes via Zoom. (The Zoom link to the presentations can be found online at <https://www.nols.org/onp/>.) The presentations are free.

The Perspectives talks are sponsored by Olympic National Park, the North Olympic Library System, Discover Your Northwest, and the *Friends of Olympic National Park*.

Topics:

January 9: The History of Skiing in Olympic National Park Dr. Roger Oakes, retired physician; founder and past president of the [Hurricane Ridge Winter Sports Club](#).

Roger Merrill Oakes is a founder and past president of the Hurricane Ridge Winter Sports Club, which operates a small ski area within Olympic National Park. This presentation will highlight the history of recreational skiing in the park that Dr. Oakes researched to create his book, [Skiing in Olympic National Park](#). This book was completed with support from the cultural resource group at Olympic National Park and with the cooperation of many local skiers.

Presentation is available at: <https://www.nols.org/onp/>.)

Photos on the next 2 pages are from the nols.org website



February 13: In Search of the Rarest Plants on the Olympic Peninsula Patrick Loafman, Biological Technician, Olympic National Park

[View booklist](#)

Follow Patrick Loafman as he hikes to the mountain tops, slogs through bogs and kayaks lakes in a quest to find the rarest of plants in the Olympics. The presentation will be full of close-up pictures of plants, including many you might have never seen before.



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March 19: Olympic Hiking Trails and Tales (presented by Craig Romano) [Craig Romano](#), Author
[View booklist](#)

Come take a slideshow hiking tour around the Olympic Peninsula, Grays Harbor and Long Beach Peninsula with award winning guidebook author Craig Romano. Drawing from his bestselling [Day Hiking Olympic Peninsula Second Edition](#), Craig will introduce you to a diverse array of trails on the Olympic Peninsula. Craig hiked more than 2,000 miles researching this book from easy nature trails to wilderness romps. This completely revised volume contains 136 hikes, including many found in no other guidebooks. Many of the hikes from the previous edition have been greatly expanded providing for even more hiking opportunities.

Romano is one of the most prolific trails writers in the Northwest having penned more than two dozen books covering the region. His [Columbia Highlands: Exploring Washington's Last Frontier](#), was recognized in 2010 by Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed and State Librarian Jan Walsh as a Washington Reads book for its contribution to Washington's cultural heritage. Romano has hiked more than 33,000 miles in Washington alone and is an avid ultra runner recently completing the challenging Cuyamaca 100K Adventure Run.



April 9: Bat Research on the Olympic Peninsula (presented by Rebecca McCaffrey) [Rebecca McCaffrey](#), Research Biologist, USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center
Bats are a key part of our Pacific Northwest ecosystems, yet relatively little is known about how they are using forest, mountain, and coastal habitats. Bats are also under threat due to the spread of a fungal pathogen called white-nose syndrome, and are challenging to study because they are small, nocturnal, and cryptic. In this talk Dr. McCaffrey will discuss efforts to overcome these challenges in the Pacific Northwest, and present results from studies conducted in and around Olympic National Park



Park Update from Sula Jacobs, Superintendent, Olympic National Park



If 2023 was the year of loss, 2024 is the year of new beginnings.

Though the loss of the Hurricane Ridge Day Lodge still hangs heavy in all our hearts, we are excited and encouraged by our team's response. Olympic National Park employees and contractors worked throughout last summer and fall to ensure visitors could continue to enjoy the ridge's sweeping vistas and fresh mountain air. As winter approached, work crews removed the remaining debris before it could scatter in the (hurricane force) winter winds. In spite of a year of challenges, the ridge reopened for the winter season on the usual date.

One of the smaller, treasured pieces of infrastructure has already returned to the cheers of many -- the Hurricane Ridge webcams. Now skiers, snowshoers, and armchair snow-gazers can check conditions and catch breathtaking sunsets from the comfort of their own home. I personally view it almost daily while sipping some NW-style coffee! *[Note: Please see link, below, to the Hurricane Ridge webcam.]*

I was able to make several trips to explore the coast and interior of the park this past fall. While in the midst of hiking 7 miles uphill, I was awestruck by the beauty that I was surrounded by. My hiking partners were just out of eyesight, and I was left in a moment of solitude, surrounded by nature, and alone with my thoughts on how important this protected landscape is and has always been. I know many of you have felt the same thing – whether on a trail, by Lake Crescent, while watching the ocean's waves crash, or by sipping coffee and looking at the webcam

Happy Trails -
Sula

[Hurricane Ridge Webcam \(U.S. National
Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/hurricane-ridge-webcam)



1960's-vintage view of Hurricane Ridge in winter. Photo from ONP Archives.

Spring Membership Meeting:

Thursday, March 21, 2024 (6-8 PM)

Olympic National Park Visitor Center, 3002 Mount
Angeles Road Port Angeles, WA 98362



Lee Whitford holding a giant fungus.

Photos provided by Lee Whitford

Keynote Speaker:

Lee Whitford

[member North American Mycological Assoc.]

Title of Presentation:

"A Basic Introduction to Fungi"

Please register at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fonp-spring-membership-meeting-tickets-793482336027>

About the Speaker: Lee's programs, walks and classes are for beginners to help with observation skills which are the first steps to mushroom identification. Through a series of slides and samples she does an interactive program on fungal characteristics such as gills or pores, cap textures, sizes and colors as well as habitat and plant associations. Longer classes practice using keys and delve deeper into fungal ecology. She briefly touches on edibility, but it is not the focus of her classes or talks.

She is an Environmental Educator with a background in Geology and Science Education. In 1988, she took her first mushroom identification class and began a fascination with mycology. In 1989, a small group of started Northwest Mushroomers Association in Bellingham, WA. She started teaching beginning Identification classes in 1994 and currently teaches through North Cascades Institute and Seattle Public Utility District. She is a former president of the Pacific Northwest Key Council.

Graduate students from Western Washington University attending Lee's 1-day class on fungi



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Historical Perspective:

Sources of information: Makah Culture & Research Center website, Paul Gleeson (personal communication), & Wikipedia

Ozette Archaeological Site



Prior to roughly 500 years ago, a Makah tribal village existed near Cape Alava, located on the coast WNW of Ozette Lake. Ozette Village was the southernmost of five Makah winter villages. The village included multiple wooden longhouses constructed by the Makah Tribe. Makah oral history told of a “great slide” which buried a portion of the Ozette village long ago. Archaeologists, in collaboration with the Tribe, would ultimately prove this oral history correct.

The Ozette Village was set aside as a reservation for the Makah Tribe in 1893. In the 1950’s, the coastal stretch of Olympic National Park was established covering the areas north and south of the Ozette Village reservation. By 1970, the 719 acre Ozette Village reservation had been put in trust for the Makah Tribe.

In the winter of 1969-1970, a storm caused erosion of the bank at the Ozette Village site, exposing large numbers of well-preserved artifacts! A hiker spotted some of the exposed artifacts and informed the Makah Tribe. The Tribe then contacted Washington State University’s (WSU) Archaeological department.

In April 1970, just two months after the storm first exposed the artifacts, excavation of the Ozette archaeological site began. WSU archaeological staff and students worked with the Makah Tribe to carefully excavate the site. In order to remove mud from the site, they used pressurized water. The excavation project lasted for 11 years and ultimately produced over 55,000 artifacts along with evidence of six longhouses buried by the slide. Radiocarbon dating established an age for the slide of roughly 500 +/- 50 years BP (before present). However, the age of the artifacts ranged as far back as 2000 years BP, indicating the site had been occupied by the Tribe for a considerable length of time.

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Historical Perspective (continued):

Ozette Archaeological Site

Artifacts recovered from the Ozette excavation included: tools (e.g., knives that had mussel shells or sharpened beaver teeth for blades), bows and arrows, toys and games, and many artifacts related to whale and seal hunting as well as salmon and halibut fishing. Also recovered were timbers from the buried longhouses. The wooden artifacts were amazingly well preserved, which is rare in archaeological sites because wood generally decays quite quickly.

The Makah Tribe has curated the materials from the excavations at the Makah Culture and Research Center in Neah Bay. At the Center, a wide range of artifacts are on display illustrating the rich tribal story. The public is invited to visit the Center to learn more about the history of the Makah Tribe and the Ozette Village.

The following photos were provided by the Makah Culture and Research Center



L to R: (1) Aerial view of excavation site (left half of photo) with archaeology staff housing (right side); (2) Group of visitors touring the excavation site; (3) Close up of the excavation site.



L to R: (1) Extracting timbers from the excavation site; (2) Archaeology students carefully recovering artifacts while another student power washes mud from the excavation site; (3) Excavation levels stretching up the bank.

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- Sponsorship of annual Spring and Fall Membership Meetings and the Summer ONP Volunteers Picnic
- Sponsorship of the Perspectives Lecture Series
- Funding for special projects such as:
 - Landscape beautification of the Employee Entrance at the Visitor Center
 - Landscape clean-up around the Olympic National Park entrance sign on Race Street in Port Angeles
 - Landscape projects around the Park Administration building
- Funding for special events, such as:
 - Junior Ranger Day
- Funding of awards for Most Inspirational Park Employee and Most Inspirational Friend Volunteer
- Member newsletters (3-4 times/year)
- Routine business expenses, such as annual PO Box fees
- FONP Car Decals to share your pride, plus FONP neck gaiters and caps (for sale)!

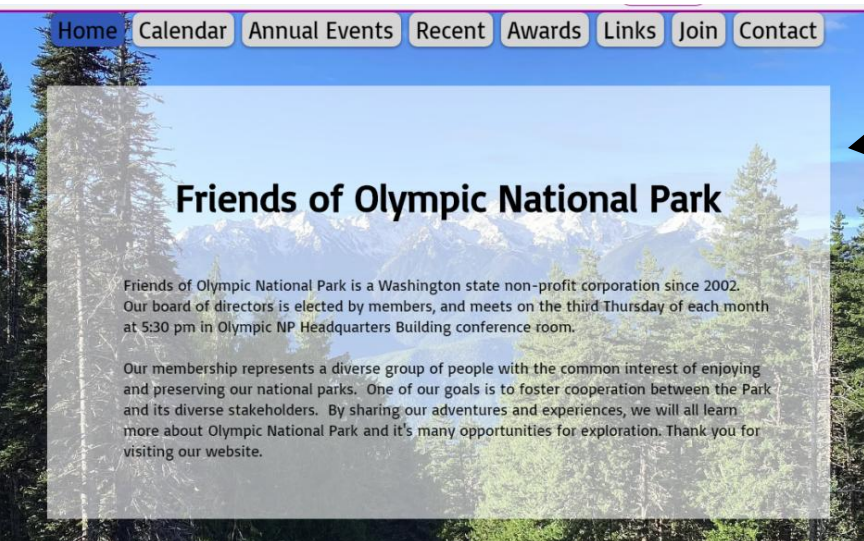


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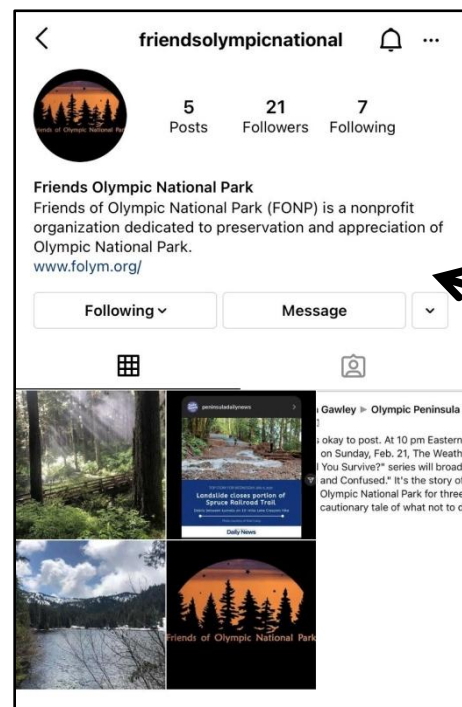
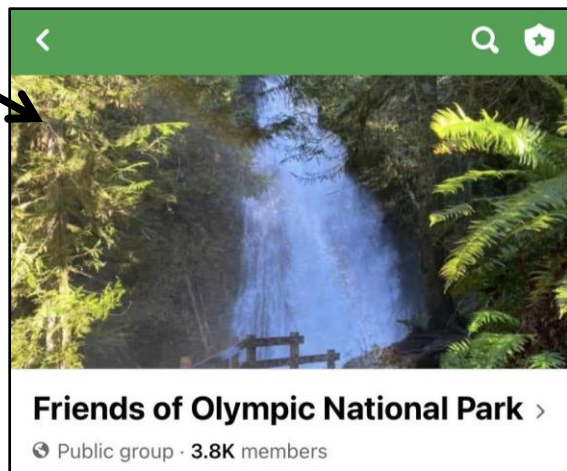
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