

Friends of Olympic National Park

March 2018

Friends Membership Meeting and Election
Tuesday, March 27, 7 pm
North Olympic Library, Port Angeles

The Crossroads of Historic Preservation and Wilderness: an Outdoor Enthusiast's Happy Place



On the surface, one might think advocates for historic preservation and champions of wilderness conservation would walk hand in hand along the pathway of protection. But this has not been the case. Rather, the two camps seem engaged in a classic chicken and egg debate: which came first – our cultural resources or our untrammeled wilderness?

Using the Green Mountain Lookout as a case study, **Chris Moore**, Executive Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, will examine the schism between preservation and wilderness, explore the regulatory framework providing the basis for

litigation, and consider the challenges ahead.

Most Inspirational Friend Award to Rebecca Wanagel

Becca inspires us all through her joy, energy and leadership of countless WTA and individual work parties throughout the Olympics drawing volunteers from across the Puget Sound region. This year she plans to work on Little River, Barnes Creek, Graves Creek, Duckabush, Appleton Pass, O'Neil Pass and Skyline Trails. We're inspired by her resilience through a personal medical crisis this past year. She's agreed to share photos and stories of her adventures with us.

Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum and Deputy Supt'. Lee Taylor will also present a "State of the Park" report, a look back over 2017 and forward into 2018.

Cast your enclosed ballot for Friends' board of directors at this meeting, or by mail in advance. We hope to see you there!



Friends of Olympic National Park 2018 Election Ballot

Board of Directors. Vote for 3. All are 3-year terms.

Ben Braudrick grew up in the Northern California State Park system. He moved to Washington to attend WSU and EWU. Fascinated by geology, ecology, and the wilderness, he made a point to settle on the Olympic Peninsula. As a public servant and City Planner in Port Angeles, Ben continues his interest in building community and making the Peninsula a wonderful place for both residents and visitors alike.

Dave Colthorp was born and raised in Port Angeles. He served three years in the U. S. Army. Dave retired from Olympic National Park as a Maintenance Supervisor with 34 years of service and has been working for the last three years as a Construction Manager on contracts associated with the removal of the Elwha Dams. He is a volunteer for Olympic National Park, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and Clallam County.

Gary Holmquist is a retired mechanical engineer, and worked for NPI USA and other owners of the Port Angeles mill for 37 years in various production management positions. Gary and his wife Jan are avid hikers, backpackers and backcountry skiers. They have traveled through most of Olympic National Park either on foot or on skis. He has been on the Board of the Hurricane Winter Sports Club for over 20 years. Gary has been their Liaison with ONP for the past 10 years, working closely with the park on many topics relating to winter recreation at Hurricane Ridge.

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Ballots may be cast in person at our March 27 meeting, or in advance by mail to:
FONP, P.O. Box 2438, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Upcoming Friends Events

Tuesday, March 13

7 pm, North Olympic Library, Port Angeles

A Final Assessment of Elwha Revegetation

Josh Chenoweth, Restoration Ecologist, Olympic National Park

Come learn the results of six years of revegetation efforts in the Elwha reservoirs and predictions on future vegetation changes. As active revegetation winds down, and nature takes over, learn what worked and what didn't.

Tuesday, April 10

7 pm, North Olympic Library, Port Angeles

Whale Rescue

John Calambokidis, Research Biologist, Cascadia Research

A dramatic response by multiple agencies led to the successful rescue of a stranded gray whale from the beach near Kalaloch in Olympic National Park. Come listen to those whose efforts helped rescue the whale and get an update on the latest gray whale research.

Saturday, April 21

Ozette Ranger Station

Coast Clean-up and Ozette BBQ, 8:30 am – 4 pm

Friends will again join forces with Kitsap Mountaineers as part of CoastSavers to cleanup Duk Point beaches near Ozette. **Meet at Ozette Ranger Station at 8:30 am.** Thanks to the cooperation of Olympic NP, Green Crow Corp. and inholders, we're able to drive to this remote wilderness beach via the Mainline and Seafield Lake Roads north of Ozette.

Duk Point beaches extend 3 miles south of Seafield Creek to the mouth of the Ozette River, and 2 miles north to Point of the Arches. We expect to be able to collect over one ton of debris, as we have in each of the past eight years. Washington CoastSavers honored Friends' efforts with its 2015 CoastSaver of the Year Award. Please contact Rod Farlee rodfarlee@olympen.com if you can join in our beach cleanup.

Friends will again host a barbeque for all Ozette area cleanup volunteers at the Ozette Ranger Station from 3 to 6 pm. If you can help host the BBQ, please contact Dave Colthorp davencindy@tfn.com 928-3607.

CoastSaver of the Year Kelsie Donleycott

Friends joins Washington CoastSavers in honoring Kelsie Donleycott for her efforts to clean the beaches around Ozette every April and September.

Kelsie regularly recruits friends to join her on overnight expeditions to some of the more remote beaches during the cleanup weekends. They pack their camping gear to the beach more than three miles, set up camp, and then start cleaning. They often make multiple trips from the beach to the dumpster over a couple of days, utilizing creative techniques. Rain or shine, Kelsie and her friends come out hauling bags on pack frames, handcrafted driftwood yokes and/or hung on a driftwood pole between two carriers, along with buoys, rope, nets, and assorted large irregular items.

Kelsie and friends have several times joined Friends at Duk Point.



It's Time to Renew

We Invite You

To renew your membership in Friends of Olympic National Park.

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.

Member Benefits

Knowledge that you are supporting this treasured place

Help sponsor the Perspectives Series lectures and Park Volunteer Picnic

Support Friends events and special Park programs and needs

Opportunities to connect with Olympic National Park and its staff

Participation in special events

Member newsletter, Facebook group and e-mail alerts

Yes, I would like to renew my membership in Friends of Olympic National Park.

- Individual \$25
- Family \$30
- Student \$15
- Current Armed Services \$15

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