

# *Friends of Olympic National Park*

## *March 2017*

**Friends Membership Meeting and Election**  
**Thursday, March 23, 7 pm, Olympic NP Visitors Center**



### **Day-Hike Olympic with Craig Romano**

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 long-awaited for and newly released Second Edition Day Hiking Olympic Peninsula (Mountaineers Books); Craig will introduce you to a diverse array of trails on the Olympic Peninsula. Craig hiked more than 2000 miles researching this book from easy nature trails to wilderness romps. This all new completely revised and updated 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 a 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.

### **Most Inspirational Friends, Mike and Sue Raney**

Friends honors the trail philanthropy of Mike and Sue Raney. Their donation of \$2 million through the National Parks Foundation, with an additional \$1 million coming from the REI Foundation, has set up an Olympic Conservation Corps and a Wonderland Trail Conservation Corps. Their goal is a decade-long restoration and maintenance Olympic and Mt. Rainier National Park trails.



"We've travelled the world, but you have to anchor your soul somewhere. For us, that place will always be the Pacific Northwest," they said. "Both Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks are close to our hearts. In targeting our gift, we wanted to help bring diverse youth into the parks, not only to improve trails, but to ignite a shared passion for the national parks, America's best idea."

To follow their recent travels on Olympic beaches, Quinault rainforest trails, in Antarctica and around the globe, see <http://www.wherereasueandmike.com/>

Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum will also present a "State of the Park" report. 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 2017 Election Ballot

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

**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.

**Karen Jensen** has been a FONP board member and secretary of the board since our founding in 2002. Karen acts as Friends' co-sponsor of the Perspectives Series of monthly presentations, and of other volunteer activities. She remains committed to helping with FONP events and programs. Karen is retired and lives in Port Angeles.

**David Morris** spent his professional career with the U.S. federal government, mostly employed by the National Park Service. He began his career as a park ranger, then a wildlife biologist in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Between 1979 and 1994, he served as a park manager in several national parks in Alaska, Utah and Oregon, including a one year tour as a park management advisor in Sri Lanka. He completed in Park Service career serving 8 years as superintendent of Olympic National Park between 1994 and 2002. David finished his career as the Peace Corps Country Director for Zambia between 2003 and 2006. From 2007 - 2016 David was a part time instructor with Western Washington University's Huxley College of the Environment based at the WWU's Port Angeles office.

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Ballots may be cast in person at our March 23 meeting, or in advance by mail to:  
FONP, P.O. Box 2438, Port Angeles, WA 98362

## ***Friends Events Calendar***

Thursday, March 23 - Spring meeting with Craig Romano  
Saturday, March 25 - Spring clean-up at the Visitors Center  
Tuesday, March 14 - Fire in the Olympics, Todd Rankin  
Tuesday, April 11 - Mountain Goats, Patti Happe  
Saturday, April 29 - Coast Clean-up & Ozette BBQ

### **Spring Visitors Center Clean-up, Saturday, March 25**

Friends of Olympic National Park and park staff will gather in the visitor center parking lot at 9:00 AM and will wrap up by noon. This will be a morning event focused on cleaning up around the Port Angeles Visitor Center and adjoining Discover your Northwest office. Projects will include washing stone walls, pruning, exotic plant removal, weeding, raking up leaves and local trail cleanup. Some tools will be available, but participants are urged to bring their favorite hand tools and gloves. This is the fifth in our bi-annual series of work parties. FONP members, park volunteers and the general public come together to support the park's maintenance program. Park staff has identified specific tasks and has offered to dispose of the yard waste. We hope you will join us in this effort.

### **Perspectives**

7:00 pm, Olympic National Park Visitor Center, 3002 Mount Angeles Road, Port Angeles.

Tuesday, March 14

#### **Fire in the Olympics**

Todd Rankin, DOI Interagency Fire Management Officer; Olympic National Park  
Fire in Olympic National Park has been making headlines recently, from fires in the rainforest to unusually early and active fire seasons. Learn about the history of fire on the Olympic landscape, its ecological benefits, and the park service's options for managing fire.

Tuesday, April 11

#### **Mountain Goats in Olympic National Park**

Patti Happe, PhD., Biologist, Olympic National Park

Dr. Happe will present information on the current trends and distribution of mountain goats on the Olympic Peninsula, and provide an update on mountain goat management planning.

### **Coast Clean-up and Ozette BBQ, Saturday, April 29, 8:30 am**

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](mailto: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@tfon.com](mailto:davencindy@tfon.com) 928-3607.

# *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*

*Opportunities to connect with Olympic National Park and its staff*

*Help sponsor the Perspectives Series lectures and Park Volunteer Picnic*

*Support Friends events and special Park programs and needs*

*Participation in special events*

*Member newsletter 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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