

Friends of Olympic National Park

March 2016 Newsletter

Thursday, March 24, 7 pm - Friends membership meeting

Saturday, April 23, 8:30 am - Duk Point coast clean-up, Ozette BBQ

Saturday, May 7, 9 am - Visitor Center outdoor clean-up

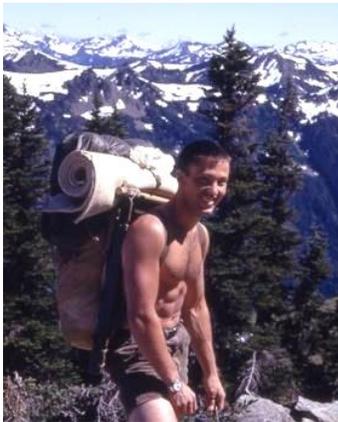
Friends Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 7 pm

Olympic NP Visitors Center Auditorium

3002 Mount Angeles Road, Port Angeles

A "State of the Park" report will be offered by Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum and Deputy Sup't Lee Taylor. Dr. Sam Baker will receive our 2016 "Most Inspirational Friend" award. Dave Schwartz, avid hiker and creator of the ProTrails website, will present "Enchanted Valley - Land of the Black Bears" and answer your questions on trails and hiking in the Park. Members will cast ballots for Friends' board. Please join us!



Most Inspirational Friend awardee Sam Baker has been hiking in ONP since 1952 and skiing in ONP since 1954. He was introduced to the Bailey Range in 1978 by the late Dr. John Siemens, and therein began an almost annual trip into that region either with family and friends or solo. Sam was the volunteer Medical Advisor for ONP for many years and does volunteer trail work in the Park. After a career as an orthopedic surgeon in private practice in Port Angeles, he's served annually for the past decade with Health Volunteers Overseas in Bhutan. Sam will share photos of his many experiences in the Park.

"Enchanted Valley - Land of the Black Bears"

Dave Schwartz introduces us to Enchanted Valley, located 13 miles from Graves Creek Trailhead in the SW quadrant of Olympic National Park. This celebrated trail closely follows the Quinault River through old growth temperate rainforests into a deep glacial valley below Chimney Peak, Mount Anderson and White Mountain. The Valley proper runs approximately 3 miles with scores of waterfalls pouring from steep valley walls, and is home to a large, concentrated and active black bear population. The bear problem at Enchanted Valley has been the cause of recent seasonal camping closures. Other than permanent closure of the valley to camping, the bears will and should remain a concern to park visitors.



Friends of Olympic National Park 2015 Election Ballot

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

- **Paul Gleeson** first came to the Peninsula as an archeologist with the WSU Ozette Archeological project between 1966 and 1981. Paul began working for the Park Service in Alaska in 1985. From 1992 to 2011, he was the cultural resource manager for Olympic NP. Now retired, he is committed to assuring that Olympic NP remains protected for the enjoyment of all. He has served on the FONP Board for 3 years.
- **Dan Peacock**, born and raised in Port Angeles, worked for ONP from 1964-1979, retired from Port Angeles School District 2005. He has served on the FONP Board for 11 years and as Treasurer for the last 8 years.
- **Dave Peterson** was born and raised in Port Townsend. He spent time working on the ONP trail crew in 1970 & 1971. Since moving to Port Angeles in 1978, he has worked in construction and was the instructor of the Building Trades Program at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center from 1999 through 2012. Currently semi-retired, he is happy to have more time to explore the back country of the Park. He has served on the FONP Board for 6 years.
- Write-in: _____
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Ballots may be cast in person at the March 24 General Membership Meeting, or by mail to:

FONP
P. O. Box 2438
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Coast Clean-up and BBQ, Saturday, April 23, 8:30 am

Friends will again join forces with Kitsap Mountaineers as part of CoastSavers to cleanup the Duk Point beaches near Ozette. We'll 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 access 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. Be aware the high tides forecast will limit the range of our cleanup this year for safety. We expect to be able to collect over one ton of debris, as we have in each of the past seven 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 host a barbeque for all Ozette area cleanup volunteers at the Ozette Ranger Station from 3 to 6 pm on Saturday, April 23. If you can help host the BBQ, please contact Dave Colthorp davencindy@tfn.com 928-3607.

Spring Visitors Center Clean-up, Saturday, May 7

Friends of Olympic National Park is planning a 'work session' together with park staff. We plan to 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 fourth 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 that as many people as possible can participate in this effort.

Perspectives Series

Olympic National Park Visitors Center
Co-sponsored by Olympic NP and Friends of Olympic NP

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 7 pm

Interpreting Olympic National Park in Words and Photographs

Tim McNulty, Poet and Author

Pat O'Hara, Photographer

The National Park Service celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2016. From the very first national parks, the role of art, photography, and inspirational writing has been essential to the preservation and enjoyment of our treasured landscapes.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7 pm

Science, Technology and Salmon in Olympic National Park

Sam Brenkman, Fisheries Biologist, Olympic National Park

Explore some of the innovative technologies used to reveal the distribution, abundance, and migrations of salmonids. Learn findings from headwaters-to-sea snorkel surveys and thermal imaging in major Olympic Peninsula rivers.

Spring, 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

The 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 FONP speakers and events

Chances to share and hear stories

Participation in special events

Member newsletter

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Armed Services | \$10 |

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