

Newsletter

OCTOBER 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Fall! I hope you are enjoying days of sunshine and many harvest events. As I write this, it is a beautiful day in Neskowin. I need to finish this letter and enjoy an outside activity.

Thanks to all of you for making the 2010 season so successful and fun! As you read on, you will see that we have chairs for all of our 2011 events. Yippee and thank you!

Our fundraising efforts helped us to fund our annual events and to also give generously to our community. This year we are granting donations to the following programs. We have asked these groups to periodically collaborate with us on a newsletter article. In this issue we highlight the Nestucca Valley Backpack Food Program.

- \$500 South Tillamook County Christmas Baskets
- \$3,600 Nestucca Valley Backpack Food Program
- \$2,000 Nestucca Elementary School
- \$2,000 Neskowin Valley School
- \$1,000 Community Arts Program

The NCA Board had its last meeting for 2010 on October 2nd. We will resume our monthly board meetings on April 9, 2011. The Board says goodbye and thank you to Nancy Nagel and Deb Sweeney for their years of service. We are welcoming Robin Crowell and Stu Gerrish to the board. I will continue as the President for one more year, Craig Healy is Vice President, Meri McLeod will continue as

Secretary, and Linda Vickers takes over as Treasurer. Do contact any board member with your ideas and input.

We receive lots of compliments about the NCA Newsletter. I would be remiss if I did not give credit to the folks behind the scenes who make this newsletter look first class. Cameron Nagel is our copy editor. Susan Linman and Ashley Keller are our publishers. They are all a joy to work with and I appreciate the support they give me. Also, I appreciate those of you who volunteer to write an article...keep those submissions coming. The next deadline is January 15th.

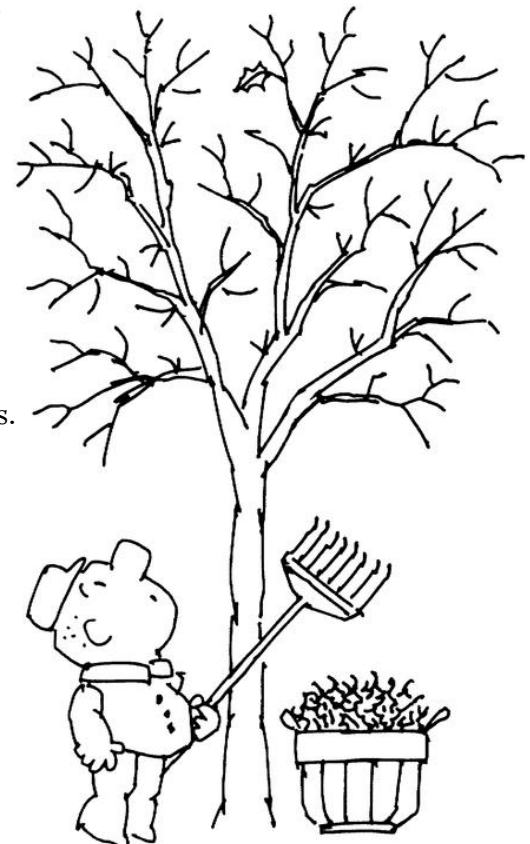
If you want an update on Neskowin news, check out our website. Thanks to Jeff Linman, we are able to provide you updates and links.

Enjoy the Holiday Season. The next edition of the newsletter will come your way in February of 2011.

Best regards,
Christi Clark
NCA President
cclark@oregoncoast.com

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*A message
from your
President*

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NCA
Board Members
and
Volunteers

NANCY NAGEL AND DEB SWEENEY LEAVE NCA BOARD

Thanks to two long time NCA Board members:
Nancy Nagel and Deb Sweeney.

” Nancy Nagel has worn so many hats and done so many volunteer jobs for the NCA it seems as though she has always been on the board! Most recently, Nancy held the board position of Vice President, and prior to that she was our Secretary. Nancy can be counted on to help no matter what the project...she is thoughtful and caring.

Deb Sweeney is ending a four year stint on the Board, and for the past 3 years she was our Treasurer. This is a huge job which Deb managed while teaching full time. In this day-and-age a board Treasurer does much more than just write checks, and Deb just jumped in there to manage all the required bookkeeping!

Nancy and Deb are committed volunteers who have raised the bar for giving back to the Neskowin Community Association. Our hats go off to you both for your services to NCA!

CHAIR PEOPLE IN PLACE FOR 2011 EVENTS

Sign Painting—Ingle Family
Swap Meet & Dumpster—Bill Blake, Rowan Mizer, and Sierra Elizabeth
Bake Sale—Shelley Stoll and Ann Wieck
Burn Pile—Craig Healy
Lunches for Memorial Volunteers—Linman and Howe Families
NCA Membership Signup & Fireworks Donation Opportunity—Meri McLeod
Parade Line Up—Deb and Joe Sweeney
Flag Raising & Sing A Long—Jeff Walton
Castles & Kites on the Beach—McDonald Family
Fireworks—Craig Healy
Beach Clean Up July 5—Kacey Joyce
Golf Scramble—Courtney and Adam Crowell

ROBIN CROWELL JOINS THE BOARD

Welcome to new NCA Board Member **Robin Crowell!** Robin has been a very active volunteer for the Neskowin Community Association and this year took the plunge and agreed to join the Board. Robin and her family have run the Kites & Castles contest and awards for the last 3 years. You can always depend on Robin to help out at the Memorial Day activities! For several years, she has helped behind the scenes with the Golf Scramble which she ran for 2 years prior.

Robin and Bryn Crowell have been coming to Neskowin for 28 years and have been second home owners since 1991. With their sons Adam and Max and new daughter-in-law Courtney Warner Crowell, they have created many family traditions in Neskowin.

In her professional life, Robin works for Pendleton as their retail stores division director. In her spare time she likes to cook/eat, cycle, and of course walk on the beach.

GOLF SCRAMBLE A SUCCESS

By Adam and Courtney Crowell

It was another fun and successful NCA Golf Scramble this year! We had nearly 100 participants and raised almost \$5,000 for the community.

The number of people to thank is far too long to list here and as usual the whole community pitched in to make our first year chairing the event a lot of fun. We can't wait for the next Golf Scramble potluck, raffle, auction, tournament, and more on August 12-14, 2011.

MANY THANKS TO THE DONORS FOR
THE 2010 GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Breakers Beach Houses, Neskowin
Blacktail Coffee Shop in Cloverdale
Brian Lind and Negotiations Northwest
The Chelan, Neskowin
Coastal Village Properties, Neskowin
Grey Fox Rentals, Neskowin
Maintenance & More, Pacific City
McMenamins Brew Pubs
Michael Schlicting of Hawk Creek Gallery,
Neskowin
Mills Ace Hardware, Lincoln City
Nestucca Valley Recycling/Garbage
Pacific City Hardware
Pelican Pub, Pacific City
Proposal Rock Inn, Neskowin
Quirin Builders, Neskowin & Portland
Reversal Wines, Pacific City
River House Restaurant, Pacific City
Sportsman Pub, Pacific City
State Senator Betsy Johnson
Village Merchants, Pacific City
Widmer Brewing
All of you who donated wine for “Wall of Wine”

A special thanks to Neskowin Marsh
Golf Course.

Our loyal volunteers and food donors.

And of course any one whose name we
inadvertently left out!

NCA GRANTS NESTUCCA BACKPACK
FOOD PROGRAM \$3,600

By Christi Clark

The Neskowin Community Association and its members have the good fortune to be able to support many of our Nestucca Valley neighbors due to the result of a variety of great annual fundraising efforts. This year, the NCA board has increased our donation to \$3,600 for the Nestucca Valley Backpack Food Program. All the money donated goes directly to the cost of sending food backpacks home every Thursday with students who might not otherwise have meals over the weekend.

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Charted below is a 4-week menu for this high school program to give you an idea of what is included. Jo Rack, program volunteer stated, “We cannot tell you how helpful this [donation] is. Since we have so many more kids participating this year, we were really worried about having enough to fund them. But, it looks like we will make it, and it is definitely partly due to NCA’s generosity. Thank you!”

It cost about \$360 a year to send a weekly food backpack home with one student. Note the address below if you would like to individually sponsor a 'Backpack' for one of the needy and appreciative students in the Nestucca Valley.

Nestucca Valley Backpack Food Program
PO Box 793
Pacific City, OR 97135



FALL AT CORVUS LANDING FARM

By Nancy Nagel

If you haven't taken the opportunity to visit Corvus Landing Farm on Slab Creek Road, this fall would be a good time. The farmstand will now be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:30AM to 5PM. Depending on weather and harvest, Carolina and Mike hope to be open until Thanksgiving. Some of the beautiful produce you should be able to find this fall are seasonal greens such as chard, kale, komatsuna, and napa cabbage. Also, they should have fall peas, potatoes, beets, carrots, green onions, beans, and more.

I love the energy and hard work Carolina and Mike bring to Neskowin. Carolina also expressed her appreciation for our community by commenting, "Mike and I so appreciate all the support we've gotten from the community. We think that everyone's generosity, enthusiasm, and active support show what a need there is in the community for fresh, local food. We would like to see the farm develop into a true community farm, where local folks have a stake in what happens here, and where there are opportunities for people to gather, to learn, to eat, and to be involved."

Carolina is hoping to offer gardening workshops early next spring on basic gardening skills, garden planning, and starting plants from seed. You can email her if you're interested in classes or receiving her newsletter: carolina@corvuslanding.com

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The following recipe is from Carolina Lyddy utilizing farm fresh greens available from their farmstand:

Corvus Landing Farm's Sweet and Sour Fall Salad

The cool nights of fall bring out the nutty, sweet flavors of the darker greens. Kale and komatsuna (a tender leaf like a cross between kale and bok choy) are quite tender this time of year and delicious raw. Make sure to use the stem of the komatsuna; it's succulent.

Salad:

1 bunch kale, de-veined, or komatsuna (or a mix), chopped into bite size pieces (about 4 cups loosely packed)
1/2 pear, sliced
1/2 c. toasted walnuts (or pecans)
1/3 c. fresh basil leaves, chopped

Dressing:

Juice of 1 lemon
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 c. olive oil
1 1/2 tsp. maple syrup

To prepare dressing, whisk together lemon juice and salt. Add olive oil and whisk until well combined. Whisk in maple syrup.

Put all other ingredients together in a bowl and toss with dressing.

Serves 4 to 6.

Variation: Use thinly sliced fennel and orange instead of the pear. Replace half the lemon juice with orange juice.



CENTENNIAL SWEATSHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS

Don't miss your chance to order a Neskowin centennial sweatshirt or t-shirt. You will find an order form included in this newsletter. Order deadline is Friday, November 5th.

We are combining new orders with those submitted at the Labor Day meeting and all merchandise will mail by November 30, 2010.

Tsunami Warning Signals in the State of Oregon

By Michael Soots,
Tillamook County I.S. Director

NEW Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 104-030 will unify siren

A few years ago, Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 401.863 was passed directing the State Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) to establish a uniform Tsunami Warning signal for the Oregon Coast. OAR 104-030 implements that directive.

The OAR specifies:

1. A uniform signal of an up/down "Wail" will be used for a Tsunami warning.
2. A uniform siren test date and time of "The first Wednesday of the Month, 11:00AM" to correspond with the NOAA Weather radio required weekly test.
3. Local agencies have 5 years to implement the uniform signal.

In Tillamook County, we have used the 3 minute solid siren for our Tsunami warning signal. Also, our test date has always been the second Monday of the month at 1:00PM.

Over the next one to two years, the State OEM will be developing a public education program to advertise the change. OEM will work to educate the public on Tsunami dangers. They hope to raise awareness in both residents and visitors on Tsunami dangers and the proper response to the siren signals. OEM is working with local fire, police, and other first responders to develop similar response plans statewide.

The changes to the Tillamook County sirens are not yet scheduled. The changeover will be coordinated to take advantage of the State OEM's education program. The projected cost is on the order of \$5,000 to change all the sirens in Tillamook County, and include a public education/outreach component.

Water District Update

By Jean R. Cameron, President,
Neskowin Regional Water District Board of Commissioners

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Neskowin Regional Water District has been granted a new water right by the Oregon Water Resources Department. The new right is for 1 cubic feet/second (cfs); combined with our existing water right, we now have access to a total of 1.65 cfs (cubic feet per second) which equals 718 gpm (gallons per minute). This should be sufficient to meet our water needs well into the future. The Board congratulates Guy Holzworth, our General Manager, on his foresight and persistence in securing this new right.

You may have noticed that Dan Tompkins is painting the fire hydrants throughout the district; he's also painting our water plant, so everything is looking brighter! We're also in the process of constructing a storage shed at the plant. If you ever want to visit the plant and see our operations, please contact the District Office to arrange a tour.

Winter is waiting in the wings (we can only hope that it will be as short as our summer was!), so don't forget to winterize your property. Every year, some unlucky residents of Neskowin experience burst pipes from freezing, with subsequent water loss and property damage. Bring in hoses, cover the hose bibs, drain any outdoor pipes or pipes in uninsulated walls and roofs, and if your house will be closed for the winter, turn off the water valves. If we discover a broken pipe at your house, we will try to contact you. Last winter we discovered that many people had changed their phone numbers and we could not reach them. Please let the District know if you change your phone numbers.

Neskowin Regional Water District Office:
503-392-3966
<http://www.nrwd.embarqspace.com/>

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TILLAMOOK PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT NEWS

By Doug Olson

Tillamook
PUD
Update

As we head into fall and winter, your Tillamook People's Utility District (PUD) is ready. A couple of new boom trucks have been added to the fleet and a new radio system is coming on line which will offer improved communications throughout the county as well as with other public agencies. No one enjoys those dark rainy nights without power, but each year our system has better equipment, redundant circuits and is even more reliable.

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), the region's wholesale supplier of electricity, serves nearly 150 utility customers throughout seven western states and a population of about 12 million. The BPA is responsible for about one third of the electricity consumed in our region, managing production of electricity from 31 hydro projects on the Columbia River and a large nuclear plant in eastern Washington. Tillamook PUD has been singled out by BPA as one of the region's most diversified small power generators.

While Tillamook PUD is a "full requirements preference customer" of BPA, there are a significant number of small generation projects right here in our own backyard, as well as some sizable projects on the drawing board. A number of wind generators serve individual customers which can feed surplus generation back into the grid. Larger wind projects are under development in the open ocean through the Tillamook Intergovernmental Development Entity (TIDE), a joint venture between Tillamook County and the PUD.

There's a methane capture system at the Port of Tillamook Bay which generates about one half megawatt, enough power for about 150 homes. Manure from our well known dairy farms is trucked to the Port where it decomposes in large holding tanks. The resulting methane gas is burned in two commercial motors to generate electricity.

The Port, Tillamook County, Economic Development Council of Tillamook County,

the Creamery Association and the PUD recently received a \$50,000 USDA grant to study the feasibility of expanding the methane system. Among the additions would be a system of incinerating commercial food waste and dead cows from the county's dairy industry, significantly adding to the generating capacity. Currently, dead cows are transported to a facility near Corvallis. Not a pretty picture, but it's green and can put power in your wall.

PUD has been involved in discussions with a private firm regarding a potential large wood biomass project. If it goes forward, logging slash would be collected from our forests and transported to a facility which would burn the material and generate electricity.

And there's some solar activity. Yes, you can generate significant electricity from solar panels, even in Tillamook County. Think of your watch. Some are powered entirely by daylight. The same can be true in a larger commercial design.

There are also several international groups looking at tidal or wave energy potential. The variety of engineering approaches to harness the power of the sea is most fascinating. One approach is a large swinging gate which moves with the tidal motion. Another is an underwater fan or blade system which is also powered by the tide.

Yet another device moves hydraulic fluid in a container simply by moving with wave action. And the list goes on. This is not stuff of a junior high school science fair. It's quite real and has generated millions in venture capital. And a large part of it is right here in our own backyard.

BPA is watching closely and has asked Tillamook PUD to help develop regional policy regarding small generation projects. Many investors, utilities and indeed the entire electric industry are also paying attention.

Finally, you might be interested to know about what percentage of your local electric bill is attributable to fish enhancement. About one third of the BPA wholesale cost is directly

connected to fish enhancement including hatcheries, barging around dams, extra water spills (which cannot generate electricity to be sold to others out of the region) and more.

Since the BPA cost represents about 40 percent of your electric bill, somewhere around \$13 - \$14 of every \$100 you pay PUD ends up enhancing anadromous fish survival in the Columbia River system. And recent returns of both salmon and steelhead are at record levels. Whether recent success is because of actions by BPA and others, or ocean conditions, or simply nature remains an open question.

As always, if you have questions or comments about your PUD, call or email anytime: dougolson@oregoncoast.com or 503-965-9919.

NESKOWIN SERVES AS MUSE FOR DEBUT NOVEL BY BRIAN DOYLE

By Tom Booth

Readers of Brian Doyle's debut novel "Mink River" might notice a resemblance between Neawanaka, the fictional Oregon coastal town that is the setting for his book, and Neskowin. Doyle is married to Mary Miller Doyle, whose family has owned a house in South Beach for nearly thirty years, and Neawanaka was inspired in part by the people, landscape, and village atmosphere of Neskowin.

A Portland author, Doyle has earned a national reputation for his descriptive essays on nature, his colorful observations of people, and his humorous forays into topics readers just seem to care about—like his recent book on the pursuit of the best pinot noir in the world ("The Grail").

Now Doyle is taking on a new genre with "Mink River" (paperback, \$18.95), due in bookstores in October from the Oregon State University Press.

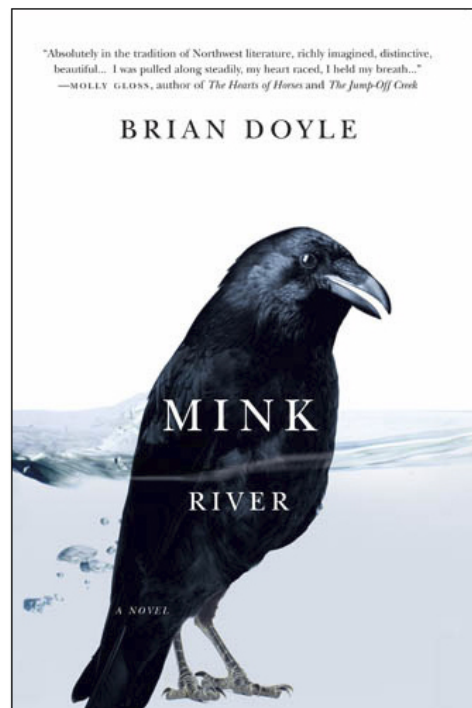
In bringing Neawanaka to life, Doyle weaves together the stories of dozens of characters, including a 12-year-old boy who incurs a horrific bicycle accident and is rescued by a bear; the boy's grandfather, Worried Man, who embarks on a dangerous mission to track down the source of time; a philosophizing crow that speaks English; and a policeman who is addicted to opera.

Molly Gloss, author of "The Hearts of Horses," praised Doyle's first novel as "absolutely in the tradition of Northwest literature, richly imagined, distinctive, beautiful." In a starred review, Library Journal noted that Doyle "writes with an inventive and seductive style that echoes that of ancient storytellers...This lyrical mix of natural history, poetry, and Salish and Celtic lore offers crime, heartaches, celebrations, healing, and death."

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Brian Doyle is the editor of Portland Magazine at the University of Portland and the author of ten books. His essays have been published in the Best American Essays and Best American Spiritual Writing anthologies.

Copies of "Mink River" are available in libraries and bookstores, including Village Merchants in Pacific City (503-965-6911), or by calling 1-800-426-3797.



ROSY MEMORIES OF NESKOWIN
MEMBER FEATURE: ROSE EDMUNDS
SOUTHER

By Christi Clark

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*Meet Rose
Edmunds Souther*

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I had the treat of spending a sunny fall afternoon visiting and reminiscing with Rose Souther. What a treat for me. Rose is a long time Neskowin resident who moved here as a young girl and has lived here since...except for a 17 year gap spent in Minnesota.

Rose's parents met in a logging camp where her father was the Head Rigger and her mother had a job called "Flunky". Rose did clarify that the flunkys were the waitresses at camp. After marriage, her dad travelled to the different logging camps when working while her mom, Rose, and older sister Jeanette stayed "stationary". She was born in St. Helens and lived in Vernonia, Willamina, and Hebo prior to moving to Neskowin in the 7th grade.

Their family moved to Neskowin in 1944 during World War II. At that time they were required to have black out curtains on all the windows. Rose remembers fears of being attacked from the ocean.

The Ogle and Hodges families were the only other loggers in Neskowin; those 2 families are cousins. The Ogle family still has deep roots in Neskowin. The Hodges house is where Rose and I spent our afternoon, as that is where I live.



In the 7th grade Rose attended the one-room school house in Neskowin which is now the home of the Hawk Creek Gallery. There were 2 other kids in her 7th grade class, one of them being John Souther (more on that later). The teacher was "lousy" and she wore the same navy blue dress everyday with a collar soiled with makeup. When she talked she spit all over you and her body odor filled the room. It was the job of the older kids to help the younger ones learn to read.

A lot of Rose's memories center around horses as her mother bought her two horses at an open auction in Tillamook right after WW II. They were Coast Guard horses stationed at Winema named Blackie and Darkie, and they quickly learned to patrol the Neskowin Beach together. If Rose took one out without the other, the mate would kick out the back of the stall. For a while Blackie and Darkie stayed in an empty field beyond the 3rd green on the golf course. One morning she got a call from the owner saying, "Get over here right now!" She scrambled over to find her two horses on the 5th green with a red flag flying and posing as if they were in a whiskey ad. That was the end of that home for the horses. The next spot for boarding came with the condition that Rose would have to haul off the manure to her mom's garden...that got old!

Other horses were brought over to Neskowin from the valley, but they were not familiar with the ocean and it's ways so Rose worked for free breaking those horses to get them oriented to the surf and the white ocean foam.

Growing up in Neskowin Rose loved the summer people. It was someone different every week but she knew everyone's visiting schedule and who was coming when. In the fall she looked forward to sharing her time with the "dairy kids" at Nestucca High School.

Rose married Vern Edmunds and had four children: Ron, Christie, Vicki, and Sandy who were all born in different states. Vern was a professional baseball player and for many years he played for the Boston Braves Farm System, which became the Milwaukee Braves. While following the baseball circuit, they wintered

in The Neskowin Cottages owned by Rose's parents. For a period of time they settled in Minnesota where they owned a grocery store. Once back in Oregon, they stayed in the food business and owned Barnacle Bill's Seafood Market in Lincoln City. Rose's son Ron now owns that business.

About 5 years ago, a Neskowin friend got the idea that he should fix up Rose and her 7th grade classmate, John Souther, since both Rose and John's spouses had passed away. John is a lawyer by trade and has 4 children as well (John Jr., Ann, David, and Dan).

They courted for a couple years and then John asked Rose's son for her hand in marriage. Rose and John are still pinching themselves that they found each other. They spend their time in Neskowin, Portland, and Yuma, Arizona.

Rose loves her aerobic work outs, painting, and quilting. Plus she is such a great story teller and listener. We have a real treasure in our Rose Edmunds Souther.

CITIZEN SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY IN NESKOWIN

By Sue Gabriel

Do you have a burning desire to be a "citizen scientist"? If your answer is yes, read on.

COASST (Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team) is a citizen science project of the University of Washington that utilizes volunteers to gather field data for baseline information about seabird mortality on beaches from Alaska to California. "Normal" baselines are important to have when measuring the effects of oil spills, disease, climate change, stressful breeding, and severe winters.

Two miles of Neskowin beach are currently monitored once a month by teams of local residents. Each team of two is assigned one mile of beach. When we find a dead bird, or even a part of one, we attempt to identify the

species, measure it, tag it, record our data and photograph it. Data and photos are then entered on the COASST website.

Over the past nine years Jane Boyden and I have done 102 surveys and have found 426 birds on the Neskowin beach. That represents 23 species, with Common Murres, Northern Fulmars, and large immature gulls at the top of the numbers list.

COASST continues to add beaches and participants throughout its geographic range, as well as expand through partner programs. They published a second field guide (to beached birds along the eastern seaboard of Canada and the U.S. in 2002) and are acting as a sister program to beached bird start-ups in Argentina and Russia.

In its second decade COASST plans to add data collection modules on marine mammals, beach debris, invasive species, and species indicative of climate change.

Executive Director Julia Parrish says, "There are only two things you need to become a COASSTer: tell what's in front of you on the beach is a bird, and know that it's dead." COASST participants do not have to have years of scientific education, nor do they need to be bird experts. They do need to care about what's happening in the coastal environment.

For more information go to:
<http://www.coasst.org>.



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Study in
Neskowin*

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Neskowin Community Association

PO Box 820
Neskowin, OR 97149

NCA Community Meetings
May 29, 2011 4:00 PM
September 4, 2011 4:00 PM

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NCA 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 28

Sign Painting at the Fire Hall: Noon-2PM
Swap Meet & Dumpster: 8AM-4PM
Bake Sale: 8AM until sold out!
Burn Pile: 9AM-3PM
NCA Membership Signup & Fireworks Donation Opportunity: 9AM until Bake Sale sells out

Sunday, May 29

NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM

Monday, July 4

Nesko Club Book & Bake Sale: 8AM-1PM

Parade: 10AM

Flag Raising & Sing-A-Long: Right after the parade

Castles & Kites on the Beach: 2PM-4PM

Fireworks: ~9PM

Tuesday, July 5

Beach Clean Up: 9AM-11AM

August 12-14 Golf Scramble

Friday: Potluck Dinner & Raffle: 6PM

Saturday: Golf Scramble

Sunday: Golf Scramble, Catered Lunch, Awards and Raffle

Sunday, September 4

NCA Community Meeting: 4PM