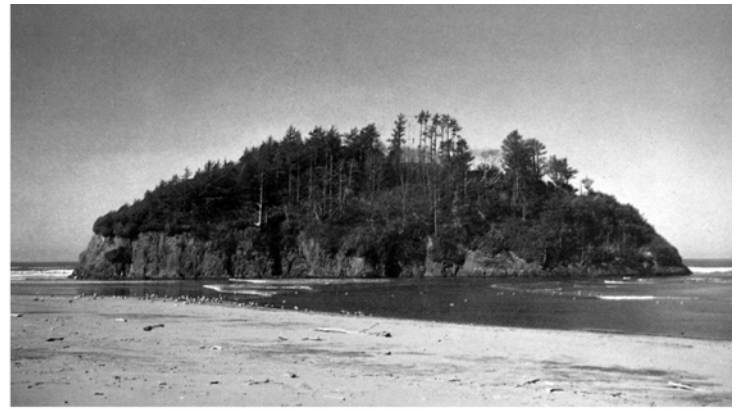




# Newsletter



AUGUST 2010

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that your summer has been everything that you dreamed it would be. I have enjoyed all of the activities and vacationers in Neskowin. It looked like everyone was having fun even though the sunshine has not been too cooperative. It is such a joy to see kids have the freedom to ride bikes, explore the creek, and play in the sand in our Norman Rockwell little slice of paradise.

I am sure that you join me in thanking all of your Neskowin neighbors who chaired and organized our summer events. A special thanks to the following folks and a big oops to anyone that I missed.

### Life Rings

Lyle Rowland & crew

### 4th of July

*Parade Organizers:* Deb & Joe Sweeney

*Flag Raising & Sing A Long:* Jeff Walton & John Eshleman

*Kites & Castles:* The Crowell Family

*Fireworks:* Craig Healy

*5th of July Beach Clean Up:* Kacey Joyce

### Cottage Walk

Linda Powell

### Golf Scramble

Adam & Courtney Crowell

Do plan to attend the Community Meeting on September 5th at 4PM at the Firehall. As a little

bribe to encourage you to attend, we will be passing out the new NCA Directories... to paid members!

Enjoy the last blast of summer. I am predicting fabulous weather for the rest of August and into October. Hope that I am right. Smile!

Best regards,  
Christi Clark  
NCA President

*A message  
from your  
President*



2010 Beach Cleanup

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*Spectacular  
July 4th*

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### BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!!!

By Craig Healy

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the 4th of July Fireworks. Your contributions made for a rousing and successful show. We hired Homeland Fireworks to provide the fireworks and expertise. The lead pyro for the show even contributed his fee toward more fireworks for Neskowin. Keep those contributions coming and that will assure a great show again next year.

A special thanks to John and Kitty Forsythe and the Proposal Rock Inn. They donated 2 rooms on the 4th for the Homeland Fireworks crew. We all really appreciate this generous donation!

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### THANKS EVERYONE!

By Evie Harris

The Nesko Women's Club wishes to thank our community and friends for your wonderful support for our 4th of July "Bake and Book Sale". Net proceeds were approximately \$5,500, which go to South Tillamook County programs, which include The Good Neighbor Program, Christmas Baskets, College Scholarship, Community Arts Project: Slug Soup, South County 4-H Youth, and SMART Reading Program.

Nesko Women's Club meets at the historic Hudson House on the 3rd Friday at 11:30AM September-May, except December. December's meeting is set aside to help fill the Christmas Baskets. An interesting speaker is scheduled for each regular meeting. Lunch is \$10. We would be happy to have ladies join us. You do not have to be a member to attend, but reservations are required. Please call Carol Doyle, 503-965-6875 for lunch reservations. Dues are \$20 per year. Please call Evie Harris 503-392-3061 or Teresa Smith 503-965-6521 for more info.

Again, Thank You So Much!

### 2010 COTTAGE WALK A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to superb organizing and planning by chairperson Linda Powell, the Neskowin Community Association raised over \$2700 on this year's Cottage Walk. It was great fun! We were able to tour 20 homes that showed the diversity and creativity of our Neskowin neighbors. Over 125 tickets were sold and comments like "best Cottage Walk ever" were heard from many participants. We can hardly wait for the next Cottage Walk in 2012 ...

We appreciate the following Neskowin folks who opened their homes for this bi-annual event:

- Linda & Spence Powell
- Jenny Hector & Charlene Carter
- David Guilietti, Mike Coral & Mark Epley
- Esther & Tom Nelson
- Melanie & Michael Freeman
- Rob & Athena Douglas
- Bruce & Sharon Douglas
- Mike & Peg Shea
- Bill & Kristie Fitzgibbons
- Margarat Drips
- Mike & Cindy Fellows
- Linda Hamilton & Bill Zulauf
- Brian & Gwyneth Booth
- Jeff & Susan Linman
- Rhea Jacobsen & Rick Glantz
- Andy & Gail Jacobsen
- Bob & Dee Moore
- Mary Kay & Mark Rodman
- Nancy & Bryan Arneson
- Lana Donnell
- Mary & Bill Blake



*Monkeying Around at the 4th of July Parade*

## KITES & CASTLES 2010

By Robin Crowell

July 4th, 2010 was a great day to fly a kite and build a sandcastle. Not too many actual castles were created, but there were some very finely crafted masterpieces enjoyed by all!

This year we had 69 sand designs and 2 kites that flew our beautiful sky above. Also, the event had a fly-by of two motorized hang gliders. Who were those brave souls? They did not register so we could not include them in our kite contest where they would have surely won a prize for 'the most novel and daring'.

This event would not have happened without the support of some very helpful community members. Special thanks to Bryn Crowell who cut out and hand finished the award plaques... all 100 of them! Max Crowell, Jeremy Carp, Maggie and Mary Ruble, the newly married Andy and Taya Saxton, and Susie Shannon who helped with the huge job of judging and coming up with the award categories. The fabulous job of writing all the names on the plaques was done by the woman with the best handwriting in the village, Ann Weick!

This community event (the highlight of many 4th of July celebrations and award plaques that enhance many a local wall) awaits the next family to take on the event, so please volunteer for 2011.

[From the Editor: Thanks to Robin Crowell for hosting Kites & Castles for the past several years. Yeah Robin!]

## 5TH OF JULY BEACH CLEAN UP

By Kacey Joyce

As usual, Neskowin families and friends celebrated a wonderful 4th of July holiday. We did make a bit of a mess on the beach and along the parade route, but by mid-morning on the 5th, all signs of our festivities were gone. Our sincere thanks go to SOLV for generously

providing the plastic bags and gloves at no charge, to David Woody who arranged for removal of the garbage bags from the Wayside, and to Lyle Rowland who cheerfully collected full bags from the beach and kept us on task. And, a standing ovation goes to ALL the volunteers who arose from their sandy beds early in the morning and worked so hard to make this year's beach and town clean-up a huge success.

See you again next year!

[Note from the Editor: Thanks to Kacey Joyce for chairing this event. Kacey has agreed to take this on again next year. Double thanks!]

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*July 4th  
Castles &  
Cleanup*

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## SLUG SOUP CELEBRATES 15 YEARS!

Seventy-five young artists found creative expression this year at Slug Soup, Community Arts Project's summer art day camp. The program took place at Nestucca Jr/Sr High School during the week of June 28 – July 2. A group of 14 very talented artists served as this year's instructors, offering classes in writing, quilting, printmaking, sculpture, theater, photography, beading, nature installations, mosaic, watercolor, and calligraphy.

Friday's end-of-week celebration marked Slug Soup's 15th anniversary and was punctuated by an outstanding display of artwork, a parade of handcrafted quilts, a costumed play, and Tillamook ice cream! Parents and friends joined the party and helped celebrate another year of impressive creativity.

Many generous sponsors, donors, and volunteers helped make the week the success it was, Neskowin Community Association being one of the sponsors and a very generous one at that! Thank you, NCA, for your part again in making Slug Soup a memorable week for all who participated.

## NESKOWIN VALLEY SCHOOL UPDATE

By Julie Fiedler

Thanks to all of you who helped us get the word out about our Summer Community School program. We had well-attended classes for children ages 3-12, and what a delight to have the school in use during some of the best weather of the year. I loved getting to know more people from Neskowin through your inquiries and your children and grandchildren who attended our week-long camps.

We had students cataloging the tidepools in Pacific City, 3-5-year-olds investigating the Neskowin beach, and children making art, recreating medieval society, exploring (and swimming in!) Slab Creek, building forts and camping outdoors over the summer. The closing day of 'Bring on the Gnomes!' included a reception with gnome-made spice cakes, nuts and berries, and a special walking tour of a forest wonderland of tiny flower-bedecked gnome homes built by children into the roots of spruce trees along the creek.

Enrollment for the fall continues for our pre-school (starting at age 3) through 8th grade programs. We are excited about the upcoming arrival of Frank O'Brien, his wife, NVS alumna Kate Greenlee, and their children, Henry and Ben, from Whitefish, Montana. Frank is our new Middles (3rd-5th grade) teacher and an accomplished musician, and he and his family will reside in Neskowin.

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- Summer School Updates*
- ” Another Neskowin resident, Sabine Monn, will be teaching music and drama at the school this year. Sabine has a degree in music and movement from a Zurich, Switzerland university, including training in teaching children to play the Orff instruments the Neskowin Community Association enabled us to purchase last fall. Sabine and her daughter Seraina have been part of the school for a year, and we are thrilled to be able to use Sabine's extensive training to benefit our students.

You are all welcome to stop by school and enjoy Monday Morning Music each Monday at 8:30am starting September 13. The whole school gathers in the center and sings for a half

hour (now with guitar accompaniment by Frank and administrative assistant Patsy Guard), and it's hard to come up with a more inspiring way to start your week than singing with children.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 9, when we will hold our Harvest Festival, complete with children's activities, Slab Creek Grill, a silent auction, a book sale, quilt raffle, and our Bakery Café, full of treats to eat or take home. This parent-led fundraiser helps keep our programming strong and our tuition low. We would love to see you there.

Enjoy the rest of summer and a lovely fall at the beach!

## SUMMERTIME AT NESTUCCA VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Nick Gelbard, Principal

June 16 was our last day of school for the 2009-2010 school year. We had a fun assembly where we honored our students-of-the-month and gave out some traditional black and orange Nestucca hooded sweatshirts, gift certificates, and other prizes. We also had a drawing for three bicycles given to three lucky students. The sweatshirts were donated by the Nestucca High Boosters Club and the other prizes were courtesy of our generous donors which include the Neskowin Community Association, the Pelican Pub, and the Sportsman Pub and Grub. Some of these donations also funded our field trips this past year and some additional materials for our classrooms. The field trips included the Oregon Aquarium, OMSI and Ft. Clatsop.

Our 6th graders took an end-of-the-year fun trip to the camp at Winema along with next year's 7th and 8th grade classes. Believe it or not, many of our children don't go to the beach very often so it was a real treat. Some fished, some swam, and some used the water slide. Others just walked on the beach and enjoyed the good weather and the ocean breezes.

So, now that summertime is here, things should be quiet at Nestucca Valley Elementary. Not really! Our three week summer program for

students needing an extra boost in reading and math is in full swing. This year, there is also a summer school for junior high students, with busing available, and lunch served courtesy of Ruth Kiser in our Grub Club program. At NVES, we have six staff serving about 30 students a day. The two summer school programs are funded from our federal grants.

The summer is also the time to refresh our buildings. We do deeper cleaning including carpet shampooing, floor waxing, dusting, and painting. Our custodian, Julie Reddekopp, has been hard at work getting the classrooms ready for the opening of school. Our district maintenance coordinator, Ed Flinter, has been busy laying new tile in three classrooms to replace worn-out carpet, supervising the re-siding of the kindergarten modular, and many other projects at all the district buildings.

While we believe that most of our incoming Kindergarten children (41 at this time) have registered, we are hearing from parents of children who will be new to us in the fall. Each year, a number of families move away and some families join us – this was more pronounced last year than usual. We anticipate between 250 and 260 children in the fall.

One sad note – this summer we lost a student in a tragic accident. Prowdy “Jack” Walker would have been in the 4th grade. He was a bright and engaging boy and he will be missed. Donations in Jack’s memory can be made at the US Bank in Cloverdale.

Most of our staff is enjoying the summer, but the opening of school isn’t far away. Soon, our wonderful pre-fall weather will be here. The peak of the growing season will have passed, we’ll have even cooler mornings, and that special smell will permeate the air. While our Kindergartners have an abbreviated schedule the first week of school (for assessments), we will be welcoming children in grades 1 to 6 on Tuesday, September 7, right after Labor Day. There’s a lot to do to get ready for school but we’ll not only be ready, we’ll have that special back-to-school excitement. I know that our children will be happy to see their friends and that they will be ready and eager for the new school year.

## NATURE’S NEIGHBORHOOD

By Barbara Camp

It’s early morning in Neskowin and I’m sipping my tea on the south back deck. The sun is shining through the dew-laden branches of the coastal pines. A ceramic gull looks down from his driftwood piling perch, keeping watch over the five hydrangeas encircling him. The soothing sound of the ocean is ever present. One of our white-tailed deer, Bambi, must have dined on some of the blooms and leaves earlier, leaving just two dark pink mop-head varieties intact. Strolling through the yard to the west is our aviary area where a seed tray made of driftwood is mounted on a sculpted pine branch a perfect spot to view birds from the living room window. The battle of the birdseed is hilarious with Alvin the chipmunk and a family of Steller’s Jays of at least six vying for the black oil sunflower seeds, with Alvin controlling the banquet. Bertie chipmunk then scampers over to join in. An Anna’s Hummingbird hovers quietly, sipping nectar from her feeder.

Deciding to go for a walk, I enter the house to put a leash on my dog Phoebe. As I turn around, much to my great surprise there stands Stanley, a two-point stag, just outside the door. Obviously he and not Bambi must have been the culprit in the garden. As I watch he strolls sure-footedly around each of the carefully placed stepping stones down the meandering path towards the street, leaving distinct prints in the damp sand. Phoebe and I follow losing sight of him and take the path to the ocean half a block away. The sand has been raked clean by the ocean waves with nary a foot print to be seen ours being the first of the morning. We stroll to the rhythm of the waves while glancing down in typical beach-combing posture, hoping to find shells of interest. The call of the gulls and the caw of the crows accompany us. A bevy of Sandpipers scurry in the ebb of the waves searching for mini bites of oceanic morsels. With the warmth of the sun on my back, the coastal breeze gentle on my face, and a vision of Cascade Head in the distance, all is right with my world on this beautiful private beach.

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*A Lovely  
Neskowin  
Morning*

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*Neskowin Hero:  
Neil Marquis*

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**NEIL MARQUIS,  
THE GUY IN THE BLACK TRUCK**  
By Christi Clark

Let me introduce you to Neil Marquis. He is the man that drives around Neskowin in a black truck. I had the chance to sit down and interview Neil. I was amazed to learn about all the volunteer activities that this modest man does for the larger Neskowin community. Let me tell you about some of the hats that Neil wears.

**Oregon State Police Volunteer**

This job for Neil is based out of the Newport office. He patrols state parks and waysides. Neil could go as far as Cape Lookout. State police volunteers are meant to be deterrents and are not sworn officers. He does not carry a gun and can not make an arrest. Neil did say that a trooper or sheriff would be readily available if he needed to call for one, and he has.

Neil drives through Neskowin at least one or two times a day. This is especially important in the winter. He has seen people who appeared to be up to no good. Just the presence of Neil and his truck is enough to have some shady characters leave the area quickly. He makes a point to drive around after a big storm to see if any doors or windows are open and notice any visible water leaks. The beach road accesses are checked daily to make sure that emergency vehicles can get through.

Neil is president of the State Police Volunteer Fish and Wildlife Group. As a part of his volunteer job, Neil works with the Hatfield Marine Science Network. He rescues stranded seals and helps protect baby seals. Posting signage and education are part of this task. Neil especially enjoys the educational aspect and working with children. Neil told me about a Stellar Sea Lion stranded in the rip rap. It was very ill and he found out that this sea lion was being tracked by satellite from Northern California. Scientists came and picked up this animal, got it back to good health, and transported it back to California.

For birds, Astoria's Wildlife Center of the North Coast is the contact point. Neil says this is an incredible place to tour. Neil gets lots of calls about injured birds and has rescued a pelican off the Neskowin Beach. After a stay at the Wildlife Center the birds have to be re-taught how to fly and then released back where they were found.

'Shop with a Cop' is one of Neil's favorite activities. This non -profit group raises money to take needy kids shopping with an officer at the holiday time. Neil says this is very rewarding and emotional.

**Nestucca Rural Fire Protection Department (NRFPD) Volunteer**

Neil is assigned to Neskowin Station #84. He works out of the Neskowin station but could get calls for anywhere in the district going as far south as the top of Cascade Head and north to Hemlock. The district covers Sand Lake, Blaine, and more with 6 stations.

Neil is part of NRFPD's efforts in County Emergency Management. Neil has high praise for the Red Cross who is a partner in this effort. A priority project is to Map Your Neighborhood and assign captains to designated areas. Right now he is recruiting for captains who will be trained to help in emergencies. This program is a great way for us to look out for each other, especially neighbors who might need medical monitoring such as oxygen during a power outage.

Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT) is an offshoot of a FEMA program and is something else Neil is spearheading in South Tillamook County. This is a program that has grant money available to help.

Neil started his career as a nurse and moved into being a respiratory therapist. He worked for 10 years at the Lincoln City Hospital and 22 years at the Newport Hospital. In Newport he became interested in the operations and management part of the job. Neil has been retired for about 5 years. He obviously likes keeping busy and his priorities for his volunteer career are saving lives and children.

I started my interview with Neil with the intention of being able to write an article that thanks Neil for all he does for the Neskowin Community and to find out a little more about him. Neil is too modest to sing his own praises, but we should all know we are in good hands through his efforts.

Thanks Neil! You make us all a lot safer and more secure!!!

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SWEATSHIRTS & T-SHIRTS

We will have zipped hoody sweatshirts and long sleeve t-shirts for sale at the Neskowin Community Meeting. Take advantage of this opportunity to be the first on your block to make this cool fashion statement.

### A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF KRIS WEILAND

Dear Neskowin Community Association  
Members,

Hope you had a great 4th of July!  
This was my first time for attending the  
Neskowin Walk About and Fireworks show...  
what great events!

But, I have some concerns about the parking in  
the Neskowin village. Many areas were blocked  
to the point that I could not get my vehicle  
through. Of major concern was the south end  
of Breakers Blvd. from Salem to Carlton streets  
and down to the beach access. I really do not  
want to make a huge issue about this, but the  
fact is that if we can't get to an area, we can't  
provide the emergency service required.

I don't want to put up 'no parking' signs and  
tow away offending vehicles, so let me suggest  
we all do some self policing.

I hope that we can make this simple and  
painless because I want everyone to enjoy  
themselves at future holiday gatherings!

Thanks,

Kris K. Weiland  
Chief Nestucca Fire & Rescue  
(503) 812-1815 Cell  
(503) 392-3313 Office  
[kweiland@nrfpd.com](mailto:kweiland@nrfpd.com)

## IN REMEMBRANCE: BILL THERROW 1957-2010

It is with much sadness that the Neskowin  
community says goodbye to our friend Bill  
Therrow. Bill passed away on June 16th after  
battling cancer. We will all miss Bill's outgoing  
greetings when we go to the Hawk Creek Café.

As many of you know, Bill and Sasha have  
owned and run the Hawk Creek Café for many  
years. You might not know that Bill graduated  
from Centennial High School in Portland, and  
that he was very active in music. In fact he  
was the drum major for the school band and  
performed in school musicals, the swing band,  
and the swing choir.

Bill's first career was in the field of medicine.  
He was trained as an x-ray technician and went  
on to interpreting EKG tests, as well as other  
physician assistant duties.

Bill moved to the Oregon coast in the early  
90's. Here he was active in the Nestucca  
Rural Fire Protection District where his  
medical background came in handy.

While volunteering for the fire department he  
met Sasha. Sasha and Bill's children are Abbie  
(born in 1994) and Jake (born in 2000). If you  
knew Bill, you knew that nothing gave him  
more pride than his family!!!

Our positive thoughts are with Sasha, Abbie,  
and Jake during this difficult time.

If you care to contribute to a family fund, you  
can send a check or stop by the Oregon Coast  
Bank in Pacific City.

Oregon Coast Bank  
Attn: Therrow Fund  
35490 Airport Way  
P.O. Box 398  
Pacific City, OR 97135  
503-965-6600

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*Remembering  
Bill  
Therrow*

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“ 2010  
Dates to  
Remember  
NCA 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
Sunday, September 5  
” NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM

**NESKOWIN COMMUNITY MEETING:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT 4PM  
AT THE FIREHALL**

Our last Community Meeting for 2010 will be the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. We try to be respectful of your time and keep our agenda to about an hour. You will have a chance to find out some current events in Neskowin. Our special guests for this Community Meeting will be State Senator Betsy Johnson and Tillamook County Commissioner Mark Labhart. Plan to attend and give these guests a real Neskowin welcome.

**NCA DIRECTORY WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING**

The fresh off-the-press 2010 Neskowin Community Association Directory will be available to all paid members at the meeting. We will also have extra copies available at \$5 each. If you miss the meeting, your directory will be mailed to you in early September.

