



Newsletter



JUNE 2006

FOURTH OF JULY

Donations to support these activities can be made to the NCA, PO BOX 820, Neskowin, 97149.

This year's event responsibilities have been divided among several individuals. Extra help is always needed and appreciated. The following individuals will manage the different events; if you want information or to volunteer your assistance, please contact them directly.

NESKO CLUB BOOK AND BAKE SALE: Come early! 8:00am until sold out!!!

WALKABOUT: Line-up at 9:30am and begin walking at 10:00am. The Sweeney Family will be lining-up walkers. Judging will be done by KK Burrell and family.

FLAG RAISING AND SING-A-LONG: Jeff Walton and family are leading this important event immediately following the walkabout. If you had a family member pass away this year, give the name to Jeff for the roll-call.

FLY-BY: Watch for the Oregon National Guard at 11:15am.

CASTLES AND KITES: From 2:00-4:00pm Michael and Melanie Freeman will register entrants and award prizes. Check the tides before you dig!

FIREWORKS: Will be launched on the 4th of July at sunset off the Corvallis access. 131e Rowland (503.392.3000) needs three volunteers to mark-off and patrol the area which separates the spectators and the pyrotechnic guys. What a great way to see the display, but bring your own earplugs!

CLEAN-UP: Christy Clark (503.392.3937) is organizing for a beach sweep following the festivities. Clean up will begin at 8:00am on July 5th and everyone is welcome to assist.

NCA GOLF SCRAMBLE, AUGUST 11-13

Don't miss out on this year's NCA Annual Golf Scramble! The weekend begins Friday evening with a potluck feast and raffle, followed by two days of 9-hole golf at Neskowin Marsh Golf Course, and wraps up on Sunday afternoon with a catered lunch and awards. Use the enclosed entry form to sign up for this great event.

SUMMER CALENDAR

- July 4 Nesko Club Book and Bake Sale
Walkabout
Flag Raising and Sing-a-long
Fly-By
Castles and Kites
Fireworks
- July 5 Beach Clean-up
- July 22 NCA Cottage Walk
- August 11-13 NCA Golf Tournament
- September 3 NCA General Meeting

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NESKOWIN COTTAGE WALK

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND, NOON TO 4:00PM

Join neighbors on a stroll through the village to visit participating cottages and their gardens which will be open for an afternoon of fun and fundraising. Tickets are \$20.00 per person with funds going to the Neskowin Community Association and support of tsunami preparedness. Tickets will be available the day of the event, at each of the open cottages. Look for the bouquet of balloons at each entrance! For additional information contact Nancy Nagel, Kacey Joyce, or Janet Ogdahl.



MEMORIAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

By Pam Rowland

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weekend*

” The community worked under sodden skies to clean-up gardens, storage sheds, and garages during the recent Memorial Day weekend event.

” Wally Ogdahl, chairman, reported that the community association would net about \$1,100 after paying the dumpster fee. These funds will be earmarked for future community activities.

Working the swap meet and dumpster were Bill Blake, Gary McClain, Loren Krebs, Roger Coit, Roger Coit Jr., and John Klump.

The second annual Mary Ridings Bake Sale, led by Sara Coit, netted \$632 dollars. Some of the bakers and sellers were Janet Ogdahl, Cathy Healy, Nancy Nagel, Christie Clark, Susan Rennie, Sara Sifford, Mary Emlaw, Robin Crowell, Ann Wieke, Zoey Briggs, KayCee Joyce, and Pam Rowland. Laurie Firsch of Red Fox Bakery also donated baked goods from her bakery in McMinnville.

Don Graber kept the heat on at the burn pile with the assistance of Craig Healy, Bryn Crowell, Mo, Adam and Colton Oakes, Chuck Carlborn, and Lyle Rowland.

Tom Shields along with son Tanner and brother-in-law Tommy provided sign painting at the fire hall. Carol Bickford assisted them in this colorful event.

The long, wet day hit a high point when the Nagels' and Ogdahls' generously donated lunches and beverages arrived for all the workers!

The Community meeting at the Fire Hall was well attended. The meeting began at 4:00pm and concluded at 4:45pm.

Our next community meeting will be the Sunday of Labor Day weekend at 4:00pm.

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter to verify your membership expiration date. If you haven't renewed this year, please use the following form to pay your dues.

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*renew your
membership*

” NESKOWIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2006 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Neskowin Address (if different) _____

Neskowin Phone (if different) _____

I do not want to be included in the next NCA Directory

_____ \$25.00 dues for 2006

_____ I would like to support fireworks, with \$_____

_____ I would like to make a general donation of \$_____

Return this form with payment to: NCA Membership, PO Box 820, Neskowin, OR 97149

RAIN BARREL LOGIC

By Nancy Briggs Nagel

Recently, residents in our community were asked by the Neskowin Regional Water District to reduce water usage during installation of a new membrane water treatment system. Even though that project is complete and despite record rainfall this past winter and spring, we can and should still contemplate water conservation!

The fact is, we do experience some pretty dry stretches in summer months, and while it may not get as hot at the coast as it does in the valley, our houses and gardens do place seasonal demands on our local water supply. In fact, every year we see reminder lists on how to conserve water with suggestions such as "water when the temperature is cooler to avoid evaporation", and "water less often but for longer periods". Amending your garden's soil and mulching the flower beds are also highly effective ways to reduce watering demands.

A great water conservation tool I have found very useful in my coastal garden is a rain barrel. It holds about 55 gallons of water and is located close to my potting shed for easy access. I am using an old wine barrel placed on end with the top removed. That way I can fill my one gallon watering can by dipping it into the barrel. It's also possible to insert a spigot into the side of the barrel for easy access to the water.

One day this spring I used water from my barrel to feed all my potted plants. Filling my one gallon watering can and then adding a water soluble plant food, I used 7 gallons of collected rain water to feed my plants. With an overnight rain, the barrel was once again filled by morning!

A rain barrel is easy to set up. Remove the downspout from the roof gutter in a location that will accommodate a rain barrel directly underneath the now open gutter outlet. After determining this location, dig a hole 6 to 8 inches deep and approximately one and one-half times the diameter of the barrel. Place a 3 to 4 inch diameter drain pipe in the hole to direct overflow water several feet away from the house. Then fill the hole with gravel and then level your barrel on top of the gravel. Add back a short section of downspout to just above the barrel's top, or better yet attach an attractive downspout rain chain to guide water into your barrel. With a few good rain showers the barrel will fill up in no time!

As with any pond or water feature, an open barrel can be an inviting breeding habitat for mosquitos. But most garden centers now offer organic, pet-safe "mosquito dunks" in the form of a small donut that floats on the water's surface thereby preventing mosquito larvae from developing.

An open-top barrel can also be hazardous for playful children and pets, so seriously consider a safety cover or a commercially made 'enclosed-design' rain barrel.

A wooden rain barrel should last many years and collect countless gallons for watering pots and garden beds throughout the summer, while at the same time conserving a precious resource. This water is not only free, soft rain water, it is also free of chlorine! Your plants will thank you...

TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOOKMOBILE

By Merry Emlaw

Have you noticed the Tillamook County Bookmobile parked at the Neskowin Wayside? It's there every Friday from 12:30-1:30 come rain or shine (but not snow or during the week of the Tillamook County Fair). This service has been available since 1946 and the county is now using their 5th vehicle. Bruce Cooper, the traveling Librarian, is completing his 10th year on the route. You won't find a more friendly or helpful person; no "hush-ing" at this library!

About half the space is devoted to books for children and young readers. You will also find music cassettes, DVDs, books on tape, cassettes and large-print books in addition to your regular library fare.

Free library cards are available to all Tillamook County property owners. You need to present proof of ownership to Bruce or at one of the libraries in the county. This proof can be a tax statement or utility bill for non-resident owners. With this card you will also be able to use library services in most of the Lincoln County branches as well as accessing the library web site.

Videos and DVDs can be checked out for 1 week, all other items for 2 weeks.

Ask Bruce about how you can pre-order by calling 503-842-4792, or visit <http://tillamook.plinkit.org/>. About 3000 items are loaned each month from this outstanding county resource. Thanks Tillamook County!

Not in town on Friday? The South Tillamook County branch is located on Camp Street in Pacific City. While you are there

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THERE WAS A PARTY GOING ON...

A familiar face with a new set of responsibilities is running the Neskowin Post and word has traveled fast! Many neighbors arrived at the post office May 16 laden with coffee and cookies to make an official welcome to our new Post Office manager Doreen Ermatinger!

Many of you know Doreen, who has lived in Neskowin for eleven years working at the Marketplace for Roy and at the post Office for Bob. But did you know she has always been a "coastal gal"? Prior to moving here she lived for 16 years on Catalina Island and before that in Huntington Beach.

Stop by and say "Hi". While you are there note the post office is open five days a week from 9am-1pm. Inside the post-office you can drop off local mail through the slot in the door. Mail is picked up M-Sat. at 3:30 from the outside mailbox.

The full-range of services include: Money Orders, Express Mail, Priority Mail, 1st Class Mail, Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail and various signature services. Additionally, you may rent a post office box of your own for \$26 (small), \$38 (medium), or if you are only staying a few weeks, have your mail forwarded to Neskowin via "General Delivery". See Doreen for details.

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NORTH NESKOWIN GOLD RUSH

By Jeff Walton Jr.

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Legend has it that before there was a white settlement at Neskowin, a large ship ran ashore approximately where the Fry's house is located (about 6 houses south of the Neskowin North gate). The vessel is believed to have finally settled down east of the current road on the far eastern side of what is now a huge swamp.

Then, around 1968, two local Neskowin area residents became convinced that the ship not only existed but carried a significant cache of gold on board. With gold fever running high the two partners invested significant resources to hire a large digging operation at the supposed final resting place of the craft.

How long and how far down they dug is not readily known. However, Jeff Walton Sr. remembers a mountainous pile of dirt and mud that was built up over the years as a result of the operations.

Unfortunately, after much expense the Neskowin Gold Rush petered out without a single doubloon to show for the effort. No sign of a vessel either. However, the methane that was released to the atmosphere by the Neskowin swamp shipwreck and gold dig enterprise was given credit for increasing global temperatures by 2 degrees Celsius.

Believe it or not!

LAUNDRY PILING UP?

Need a place to do several loads of wash? On the north end of the same building which houses the Post Office is just the spot for you. Sparkling clean, it houses three washers and dryers. Bring quarters (\$1.25/load), soap, and your own baskets. Tell the family you are "on the beach" and have a restful interlude as you suds those duds!

GREY FOX UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Brook and Joe Boyd have purchased Grey Fox Vacation Rentals. Brooke worked for the past five years with Vonnie. The Boyds have lived in Neskowin since 1999. They currently manage 78 homes and condos in the Neskowin area. Brochures are available in the office adjacent to the Neskowin Marketplace store.

In addition to providing space for out-of-town guests they offer an internet service. Fully equipped with a printer, you may work on-line for \$5/half hour in their office lobby.

Brooke wants you to feel free to call 392-4355 if you have questions about rentals or if you have concerns about your neighbor's two-bedroom house being rented by 16 spirited souls with a keg of beer on the porch. Even with the best of screening efforts problems can occur, so don't hesitate to be a good neighbor and call Brooke or Joel!