



Newsletter

JUNE 2009

NCA President's Message

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Happy (almost) 4th of July! Hoping to see you at our traditional 4th of July events. Maybe we will even have some sunny and warm weather...

Thanks to all of you who attended the Community Meeting on May 24th and I look forward to seeing you at another one on September 6th at 4PM. Do try to come as it is a great way to meet your Neskowin neighbors. We present an agenda that is current, informative, and about an hour in length. (By the way, the Fire Hall doesn't magically come set up for a meeting...we have Neil Marquis to thank for always being so helpful in having the room ready for us!)

I would like to thank the following Memorial Weekend chairs and their team of volunteers for another successful year of activities and fundraising:

Sign Painting: Nita Shields

Swap Meet & Dumpster: Bill Blake, Loren Krebs, and crew

Bake Sale: Mary Blake

Burn Pile: Craig Healy

Life Ring Set up: Lyle Rowland

Food Drive: Nancy Nagel

Lunches for Volunteers: Susan & Jeff Linman, Mary Howe

Also, thanks to those of you who worked behind the scenes. Apologies to anyone whose name I did not mention.

One of the most pleasurable activities of being the president of NCA is the opportunity to meet and interact with YOU! Everyone is so great about stepping up and doing what they can. We are a real team in Neskowin, and fun too!

Best regards,
Christi Clark, NCA President

4th of July Events

By Pam Rowland

The usual family-orientated events will occur on Saturday, July 4, 2009!

The day starts at 8AM with a Nesko Club Book and Bake Sale on the Neskowin Marketplace lawn. Be there early to get the best selection!

At 9:30AM the walk-about line-up forms in the Proposal Rock parking lot. The parade starts at 10AM and winds through the village streets. Joe and Deb Sweeney will be "organizing" the line-up.

Immediately following the parade (about 11AM) will be our Flag Raising & Sing-a-Long. Speeches, singing, and prizes will be part of the fun in the Proposal Rock parking lot.

The Crowell family will be running the Castles and Kites event from 2 - 4PM on the beach by the McMinnville Avenue beach access. Be sure to check in at their table to enter your kite or castle.

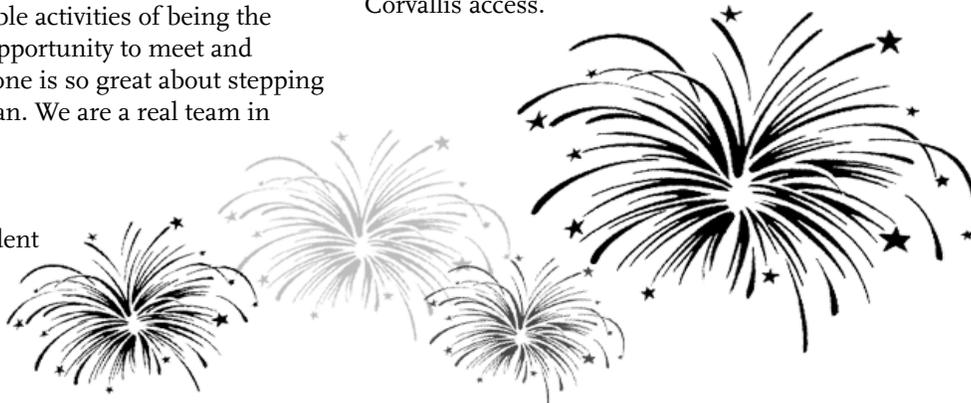
Fireworks will be displayed at dusk. The display is spectacular and is paid for by your donations and the NCA. If you haven't already, mail your donation to PO BOX 820, Neskowin, OR 97149.

On July 5th the beach clean up will begin at 9AM at the Corvallis access.

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Welcome the New NCA Board Members

Kat Gerrish

Katharine (Kat) Gerrish's grandfather, George F. Patten Jr. first came to Neskowin in 1936, and then bought a small piece of beach front property in 1944 for \$350. Little did George know what an enormous impact this small purchase would have on the future generations of his family! Kat's mother, Debby Patten Gerrish, grew up spending her summers roaming the streets of Neskowin and in turn, Kat spent her childhood summers roaming the same streets. Neskowin holds a big place in Kat's heart and she was thrilled to become a homeowner of her own in 2005. When she is in Neskowin, and not on the golf course, you will likely find her out gathering clams, mussels, chanterelles, or blackberries. She is happiest with a house full of friends, a dry golf course, a bright blue sky, a low tide and high sand levels. Kat is passionate about preserving the small town feel that makes Neskowin such a special place and she is enthused to be a member of the NCA Board. Kat has a degree in fine art from Santa Clara University and as the owner of Canary Marketing, she brings 12 years of marketing expertise with her.

Kacey Joyce

"As a child I spent every summer in Neskowin, staying at my grandparent's home. Neskowin is where I learned to ride horses and play golf, while gathering life long friends. As a teen I worked at the Neskowin Golf Course; remember the fabulous milkshakes? I graduated from Nestucca Union High School and later completed my degrees in Fine Arts at the University of Oregon. I married David Joyce in 1970 (we met in Italy) and our daughter, Anna, was born in 1977. We made our home in Eugene, enjoying teaching and art careers, and purchased our own little Neskowin cottage in 1985... repairs are ongoing. I am avid about gardening and golf, but love nothing more than being with my family (including two young granddaughters) and with friends in Neskowin."

Brian Lind

"I only learned about Neskowin after marrying Catlin Spears. The families Spears, McLeod, and Garnjobst have been a part of Neskowin for a long time, and the Garnjobst house that we are fortunate enough to use now was built in WWII. From my first visit I loved Neskowin and longed to help ensure that only truly desirable changes would ever take place – gratefully I now get a chance to help as a member of the NCA Board! Each of my 3 children have learned to walk here, pulling themselves up on the turquoise coffee table, then off to the races! They have also learned to enjoy the precious things such as walks on the beach, sunsets, sandcastles, and time with the cousins.

I am hopeful that my 20 years as a purchasing professional can help the board maintain all that we

love about our community. For the last two years I have worked for Iberdrola Renewables, a company that offers energy produced from renewable sources, mostly from wind.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve on the NCA Board."

Mulligan's Alley

By Mary Blake

It's hard to believe that we already need to get ready for another Neskowin Community Golf Scramble! Even though the golf course suffered a pretty tough winter this year, I see the efforts of Tom, Linda, and Brad shining through all the silt and water.

The Scramble is scheduled for August 28, 29 & 30 this year. Friday night the 28th will begin with a potluck and raffle. We line the counter at the club house with secret family potluck goodies and dine family style under the sun (keep your fingers crossed). Back by popular demand will be the Wall of Wine with some unexpected surprises. We are currently taking your wine contributions for the evening. You can either drop off your wine donation to me at 4360 Yamhill Street or to Pam Rowland at 4360 Independence Ave.

Speaking of donations, we are also in need of door prizes. If you have a business or service you would like to promote, why not donate a gift certificate? Anything goes in the way of door prizes.

Another favorite event is the silent auction. We have been lucky enough the past few years to have local artists donate some wonderful pieces for our silent auction.

Saturday and Sunday tee-times begin at 7:30AM, and we are normally off the course by 12 noon so that you have the remainder of the day for some good old fashioned beach and family time. Speaking of family time, what a great way to spend some time together – why not create a family foursome this year?

The weekend is finished off with a fabulous BBQ done by Western Pacific Catering all the way from Wilsonville, OR. They are amazing and if you haven't had their BBQ, you don't know what you're missing. More raffle prizes and awards round out the final day.

I have to say, this is one event I look forward to each year. Great wholesome family fun and an amazing fund raiser for the community. Please see the sign up sheet in this edition of the NCA newsletter and on the website, and sign up early. I have a feeling we are going to fill up fast!

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2009 NCA Golf Scramble



**BENEFITING
NESKOWIN
COMM ASSOC.**

**\$45.00 Per Person
w/golf membership**

**\$58.00 Per Person
For non-members**

Copies of this entry form are available on the NCA website www.neskowincommunity.org
Password: fish

AUGUST 28-30, 2009

Make up your own 4-person team or let us know if you would like to be on a team!!! We will pair you up with a team.

Price includes:

- Potluck dinner Friday night
- 9 holes of golf on Saturday at Neskowin Marsh
- 9 holes of golf on Sunday at Neskowin Marsh
- Barbeque, awards and raffle prizes

Schedule

Time	Event
6:00 PM, Fri Aug 28	Potluck Dinner @ Neskowin Marsh Golf Course
7:30 AM, Sat Aug 29	Golf tee times begin at 7:30 AM
7:30 AM, Sun Aug 30	Golf Tee times begin at 7:30 AM

Player #1

_____ Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Player #2

_____ Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Player #3

_____ Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Player #4

_____ Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Bring a dish to share to the kick-off party on Friday night. There will be raffle prizes and some new fun in store for everyone.

If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Mary Blake at 503-392-3670 or 503-577-2101

We have a limited number of Power carts available, if you desire a power cart, please indicate here _____

We will do everything we can to accommodate your tee-time preferences. Please indicate your tee time preferences: _____

If you have a guest that is not playing golf but you would like them to attend the BBQ lunch on Sunday please include \$15 per person for additional lunch tickets.

Please return entry forms to Mary Blake, 5055 SW Greenwood Circle, Tualatin, OR 97062; make checks payable to NCA.

Neskowin Valley School Update

By Nick Gelbard, Principal

Our year at Nestucca Valley Elementary School is now complete! While it was a significant shift to go to a four day week (in late January), the students and the staff adjusted well.

This was our second year using the Response to Intervention (RTI) model for language arts skills. This program focuses on the early identification of children who are struggling with reading skills and provides appropriate interventions immediately.

Our school's Positive Behavior Support program continued with weekly prizes. The Neskowin Community Association (NCA) is one of the prime sponsors of the cost of this program. Our own Partners in Education (parent support group), the Pelican Pub, and the Sportsman Pub and Grub also made contributions. The donations from these groups have enabled our teachers to make purchases for their classrooms in a year of a severely restricted budget.

All of our children were able to go on field trips because of the generosity of our donors, including trips to Fort Clatsop, the Oregon Zoo, the aquarium in Newport, a jet boat trip on the Willamette, and a visit to the Oregon Capitol while the legislature was in session. These trips were both educational and fun. Many of our children would never have these kinds of experiences if we could not provide field trips. NCA has been instrumental in helping to fund these activities.

As of today, the Nestucca Valley School District's budget has not yet been approved (by the budget committee) or adopted by the board of directors. The proposed budget will close the middle school in Beaver, but this has not been approved. If the middle school does close, we will be a kindergarten through 6th grade school next year with approximately 260 children. The 7th and 8th graders will attend Nestucca High School where they will keep a middle school model within that building. There will likely be some lay-offs, but our class sizes will be relatively small, especially in the primary grades.

I am looking forward to next year, having learned much during my first year as principal. We are excited about becoming a K-6 school and welcoming new staff. And, we all very much appreciate the support that NCA has provided. If any of the NCA members would like to visit Nestucca Valley Elementary School, they can call me at 392-3435. I hope all of you have a great summer. Thank you!

Neskowin Valley School Announces New "Head of School"

By Ran Koch

The Board of Neskowin Valley School announced recently that Julie Fiedler will become the next Head of School. Julie has an extensive background in education, including teaching at liberal arts and community, and administrative work at the college level. Her connection with Neskowin Valley School (NVS) is already established, as her husband, John, has been a teacher at the school for several years.

Julie has organized and taught a summer children's program at NVS for the past five years and has been a special-projects teacher in the classrooms. She has also collaborated on committee work for the school. Much of her previous work for the school has been as a volunteer.

In addition to a background in education, Julie brings to the job her experience in writing and editing for business and her interest in the arts. For more than 20 years, she has been an independent studio artist with exhibitions around the Northwest as well as Massachusetts, Michigan, Colorado and Florida. In addition she has a custom decorative tile business.

Neskowin Valley School Hosts Ancient Romans

By Ran Koch

Even 2,000 year-old Romans can't resist Neskowin as a vacation spot in July! If you have young friends or relatives, you can sponsor them at the Ancient World Summer School at NVS July 6-10. Up to fifteen 2nd-5th graders will do as the Romans do, or did, as they explore the history of the Roman Empire through literature, language, math, drama, sports, and art. John and Julie Fiedler will teach the week-long program, 9AM to 2PM each day. The cost for the week is \$140.

The public is invited to the final celebration, featuring ancient-world food, costumes, and a special play on July 10 at 1PM. Enrollment is limited—please call Julie or John at 541-994-8178 to reserve a space. Watch for us in the Neskowin walkabout on July 4th.

If one of your young friends or relatives live in the area and would appreciate an enriching year-round education, enrollment is open at the school and tours are available this summer.

Call NVS at 503-392-3124 for more information.

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NVS Community Service Projects

By Ran Koch

On a recent morning in June, Neskowin Valley School students went street to street through Neskowin village (as well as up and down the beach!) to clean up litter. Students participate in these spring and fall clean-ups as part of the Community Service program through the school. They have performed this task as a tradition for decades.

Students also propagate plants and then plant them along with new trees in the Neskowin Creek watershed, ultimately helping to stabilize the stream banks, cool the water in the creek, and shade out blackberries as the riparian area returns. These plantings are in coordination with Alex Sifford and the Neskowin/Nestucca Sandlake Watersheds Council.

Neskowin Community Post Office Update

By Christi Clark

Doreen Ermatinger, our local post mistress, passed away after a short illness. This sad turn of events has unfortunately interrupted service at the Neskowin Community Post Office (CPO). As of the end of May, our CPO was temporarily relocated to Cloverdale. It is everyone's hope that a new contractor will take over the Neskowin Community Post Office within 90 days.

Thanks to the many people who have made lobbying efforts, we are confident that we will soon have postal services return to Neskowin. We are especially grateful to Charlie Walker, Linda Vickers, and Marilee Irwin who have spear headed this effort!

Look for updates on our website:

www.neskowincommunity.org

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Bake Sale Recap

By Mary Blake

Alas, the 'Baker Babes' gave it their all, but despite all of our best efforts, the men working the nearby dumpster (aka the 'Dumpster Dolts') beat us by a mere 3 bucks! Nonetheless, this year's bake sale was probably the best ever. For those of you not fortunate enough to partake in this year's event, let me tell you, you missed some amazing goodies. The variety was vast and we had everything from cookies to pies. Various killer brownies, buckles, and many other gastronomic delights were lovingly made in the kitchens of my fellow Neskowiners. This year the bake sale took in an unprecedented \$911. For those of you that helped by stopping by to purchase the baked goods, thank you so much!

One contributor brought a fabulous looking Berry Buckle that his wife made for the sale. We gladly accepted the donated goody, priced it, and put it out for sale. Twenty minutes later, the same contributor showed up and purchased his wife's Berry Buckle back! I guess it just goes to show, nothing beats home cookin'. I just hope he doesn't have to wait another year to get her to make him another Buckle. Until next year, keep those ovens burning with love. Have a great summer everyone!

CPAC Update: Highlights from June 6, 2009 Meeting

By Nancy Bantsari

Charlie Ciecko, a representative of CPAC Land Use Committee, spoke regarding the tentative plat application for the proposed development called "The Cottages at Neskowin" on the property formerly known as the Hawk Creek Golf Course. The application is for a clustered subdivision. Charlie stated many of the submittals were incomplete. Some of these he noted were: wetlands delineation, planting and excavation plans, storm drain treatment, specific building materials, and transportation impact.

Sarah Absher, Tillamook County's representative to the CPAC, announced that Neskowin's CPAC testimony regarding The Cottages at Neskowin would **not** be considered before the Tillamook County Planning Commission as the County seems to think that the CPAC is biased against this project. Also, Sarah said that the use of consultants by CPAC would not be considered. If this stands, it would present a very serious setback for the Neskowin CPAC. The present and new officers plan to debate this issue with the County.

Elections were held and the newly elected officers for CPAC are: Deborah Wright (Chair), Doug McCourt (Secretary), and Charlie Ciecko (Vice Chair).

For the latest info on Neskowin CPAC check the website: <http://www.neskowincpac.org/>

In other business:

The Neskowin CPAC Land Use Subcommittee is looking for an individual to represent them at the Marine Reserve.

Plans are in the works for the OR Coastal Management Program to help communities be climate ready.

Changing ordinances are being considered to create affordable housing in coastal communities. One of the possibilities: housing above garages as many positions such as teachers & policemen have not been filled as a result of lack of affordable housing.

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In Memory of Sara Coit

Sara passed away this winter after a long illness. Many of you will remember her tooling around the village in her golf cart. Sara started coming to Neskowin as a young child when her parents purchased a summer home. Sara was married to Roger Coit and is survived by her sons Roger Jr. and Richard. While the Coits lived in Southern California, Sara worked as an advocate in the family services system. Sara had a great sense of humor and was lovingly referred to by her close family and friends as “The Cobra”. She attended the University of Oregon and continued to be a huge supporter all her life. Neskowin has lost a good friend.

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In Memory of Doreen Ermatinger

” Doreen passed away this past May. Doreen served as our village post mistress for several years. In that role she wore the hats of friend, confidant, and special grandma. She will be missed!

What’s Your Sign?

By Christi Clark

Thanks to the Shields and Wiitala families for being the “sign folks” for Neskowin.

This past Memorial Day Weekend, Nita Shields and her sister Kathy helped kids of all ages paint the traffic slowing signs that we see posted all around the village. Nita brings out the creative side in our Neskowin artists. Each year we all anticipate seeing the new versions of the signs appear throughout the village.

The first week of June saw the Wiitalas refreshing the traffic speed limits painted on our village roads. This family work party has benefited the Neskowin Community for over 15 years! This years crew had John Wiitala at the helm, with his trusty helpers son Elliot and family friend Doug Casebeer.

Your good deeds are noticed and appreciated!

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CPA Wanted!

” If you are a Certified Public Accountant and are looking for a volunteer job, the NCA needs your expertise. We hope to find someone in the accounting field to review our association books and guide us in making sure that we have a trusted bookkeeping system. If interested, please contact Christi Clark: cclark@oregoncoast.com

NCA Membership Dues Reminder

NCA annual dues are payable each May.

Many of you have already paid for this next round of dues, but if you have not recently paid, please drop a check in the mail as soon as possible:

- \$25 Annual Dues
- \$50 Recommended contribution per family for Fireworks

General donations gladly accepted.

Mail to: NCA, PO Box 820, Neskowin, OR 97149

A Summer for Rowboat

By Christi Clark

We now have two Schlicting Galleries to enjoy! This summer marks the 31st year for Michael Schlicting’s **Hawk Creek Gallery** in Neskowin on the eastside of Highway 101 where gallery summer hours are daily, 11-5.

This summer Michael is featuring paintings of his recent travels as well as new work from Neskowin and the Oregon Coast.

A special new and expanded treat is the **Rowboat Gallery**, now open across from the Village Merchants in Pacific City. (Last summer Ted and Judith Schlicting opened Rowboat in a small space at the Inn at Cape Kiwanda and they will operate out of both spaces as we go into summer.) Judith is a great artist who specializes in tile work and paintings; Ted is a printmaker and graphic artist. Michael’s work will also be featured at Rowboat.

In addition, you can find furniture by Rainy Lehrman as well as other artists, including Randall Koch, Frank Boyden, William Park, Kevin Shluker, Kelly Howard, Deborah DeWit Marchant, and Liisa Rahkonen. Judith and Ted are committed to bringing in local artists from our coastal communities.

Village Merchants owners Genie, Chris, Marty (all Neskowin residents), and Karen are excited to be sharing a building with Rowboat Gallery.

The quality of the art and the Neskowin connection make for a great fit. Now we have more reasons to go to Pacific City and shop!

A Good Beach Garage

By Loren Krebs

A beach garage is different than a town garage in so many ways.

A town garage is a place to park the cars and store a thing or two. With sterile white walls of sheetrock and shelves on one side that make it difficult to open the car door, a town garage is typically a big uninviting box of suburban utility, punctuated by a furnace and a hot water heater. But beach garages, especially the older ones, do not resemble their town cousins at all.

Unlike valley homes, many of our beach houses were built with no garage at all. The beach goers of the past needed a cottage or cabin for summer use and the automobile would sit out front and work up a good case of rust blisters in the damp salt air. And so I was delighted to see that the Neskowin house we purchased had an attached garage. Even better, it was a garage filled with useful and manly stuff.

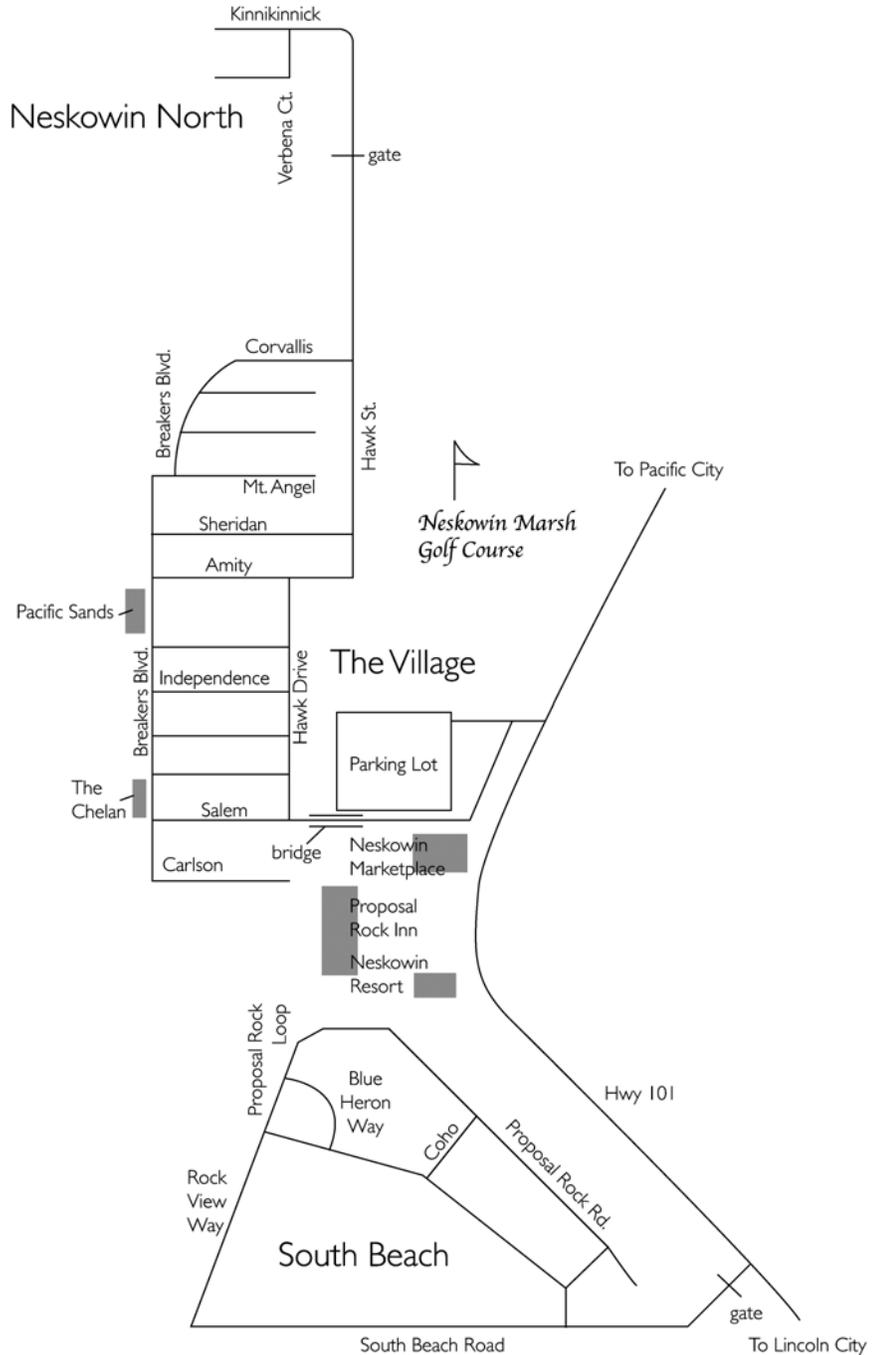
My new beach garage had bare stud walls and an open rafter ceiling. Nails and hooks were pounded and screwed into the wooden studs to hang all manner of salty, sea-stained items. There were fishing lures, a couple of crab pots, some old tools, and a boat anchor all hanging neatly from hooks and nails. There was a workbench with a nice little vice and wooden shelves filled with mouse traps, paint, poison, slug bait, and other environmental nightmares. Next to the workbench was a red Craftsman tool box on wheels and it was filled with files, chisels, hammers, screw drivers, and assorted old woodworking tools. A half cord of firewood was stacked neatly at one end and next to it, hanging from a hook on the wall, was a small fiberglass row boat complete with wooden oars. And, there was a great old Schwinn bike with a wire basket carrier and a working head light.

The beach garage served me well for several years, but it was dark and dank and in need of some renovation. As a life long "wood guy" sheetrock was never a consideration, so my friend Bryn Crowell began the project by laying a tongue-and-groove wood floor over the rafters and installing an Anderson casement window in the north wall. The window let in some much needed light and offered a great view of the dunes as well. The floor over the rafters added storage for "stuff." I spent the remainder of last summer insulating the walls and paneling them with 1x6 clear vertical-grain Hemlock. Cutting, fitting, and nailing each piece of Hemlock to the old stud walls filled most of last summer's weekends, but was complete before the winter rains began.

I built a new workbench that sits in front of the new window and purchased a comfortable stool from which I can see the breakers and watch the ebb and flow of

wildlife in the dunes. I have a small stereo system and listen to golden oldies, country music, or opera depending on my mood. It's a good beach garage but I can't seem to get much done in it. A glass of wine, a great view into the dunes, and a little Mozart or Alan Jackson can kill a lot of ambition. Mostly, I sit on my stool looking into the dunes and feel superior to my garageless friends.

Neskowin Map



Share this map with your guests. You can also find this map and directions on the NCA website.



Neskowin Community Association

PO Box 820
Neskowin, OR 97149

NCA Meetings
September 6, 2009 4:00 PM
May 30, 2010 4:00 PM

Web: www.neskowincommunity.org
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NCA 2009 Calendar of Events

- Saturday, July 4
Nesko Club Book & Bake Sale: 8AM – 1PM
Walk-about: 10AM
Flag Raising & Sing-a-Long: right after the walk-about
Castles & Kites on the Beach: 2 – 4PM;
Awards @ 4PM
Fireworks: At dusk (9ish)

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*Dates to
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August 28, 29, 30
Golf Scramble Weekend
Friday, 28th: Potluck Dinner and Raffle
Saturday, 29th: Golf Scramble
Sunday, 30th: Golf Scramble, Catered Lunch, Awards,
and Raffle

- Sunday, September 6
NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM

NCA 2010 Calendar of Events

- Saturday, May 29, 2010
Sign Painting at Fire Hall: 12 noon – 2 PM
Swap Meet & Dumpster: 8AM – 4PM
Bake Sale: 8AM until sold out!
Burn Pile: 9AM – 3PM
Food Drive: 9AM – 3PM
NCA Membership Sign Up & Fireworks: 9AM – 3PM

- Sunday, May 30, 2010
NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM

Cottage Walk
Note that our next Cottage Walk will be Summer 2010.
Date to be announced.