



Newsletter

MAY 2007

Memorial Day Activities

Burn Pile - Burning will be from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM will be held at its usual site. All debris needs to be at the site by 3:00. A donation of \$10 for a small pick-up and \$20 a large pick-up is suggested. This burn is for individual yard debris and small amounts of untreated wood. This is not for contractors or remodelers to clear their work sites. If you need assistance in getting your debris to the site call 503.392.3000 prior to the 26th to arrange for a pick-up. Craig Healy is in charge of this event.

3rd Annual Bake Sale - (see following article) Mary Blake is in charge of the bake sale.

Swap Meet - The swap meet will be held in the parking lot next to the Marketplace. Dumpster donations are needed to pay for the container. Bill Blake will be happy to give you a donation guideline. This event is not intended for large trucks of remodeling debris. Come

find a treasure you didn't know you needed!!!

Sign Painting - Join us for sign painting at the Fire Hall from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring your old signs to repaint or create a new sign for safety! The Shields family is providing the materials for this activity.

NCA Membership - Pay your dues at the table located at the swap meet site or at the community meeting. Membership is \$25 per year. You may also donate to the fireworks at this time. Your membership expiration date is printed on the mailing label of this newsletter.

Community Meeting - The meeting will begin at 4:00 on Sunday at the Fire Hall. This is a good time to meet folks, so come early and say "Hi!" The meeting will last until we are done or 5:00...which ever comes first! Mark Labhart, Tillamook County Commission, will be in attendance.

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Ladies and Gentlemen: Start Your Ovens

by Mary Blake

It's time to think Memorial Day Bake Sale! Originally the brainchild of Mary Ridings, the bake sale is a fundraiser for the community and continues to be held in her memory. About four years old, the bake sale can be found adjacent to the Neskowin store's parking lot along with the Memorial Day cleanup dumpster and swap meet area. So this Memorial Day around 9:00 AM, head out for a morning stroll for a nice hot cup of "joe" (a new addition to this year's bake sale) and see what might tickle your fancy for a breakfast treat. Or if you're looking for a dessert to take to a potluck, you can find it at the bake sale, and we won't even tell anyone that you didn't make it yourself!

The bake sale doesn't happen by itself, and so we need able bakers to get to baking. We will accept a variety of items for the cause: cupcakes, pies, cakes, cookies, scones, biscotti, breads, cobblers, muffins, crisps, and other baked delights will all be gladly accepted. Please bring them to the bake sale area by 8:30 AM on Memorial Day (completely packaged and labeled) and sale day volunteers will price them and put them out on display. So dig deep into your recipe files and pull out your Aunt Matilda's recipe for Mississippi Mud Pie and bring it on over to the sale! I have it on good authority that one sweet-toothed local donated \$292 for a bumble-berry pie last year and has pledged to pay that much again if someone would make him another bumble-berry pie this year. I'm not sure, but I think I heard that he and a spoon went into hiding when he got home with his pie last year...

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2007 Golf Scramble Slated for August

by Mary Blake

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It's so hard to believe we are planning for this year's annual Golf Scramble again. I will be chairing this year's function and believe me; a good time will be had by all. Through the help of several volunteers and a plethora of fun seeking golfers, this year proves to go down in the record books as a great time.

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Mark your calendars for **August 17th thru 19th**. We begin on Friday night with a huge potluck kickoff party at Neskowin Marsh Golf Course. Raffle prizes abound and this year has some extra special surprises.

Golfers play Saturday and Sunday morning and we end the weekend with a fabulous catered BBQ lunch, the tournament prizes and more raffle prizes.

Entry forms will be available in the next issue of the newsletter and at the golf course. Form your own foursome or we can pair you up with a team. If you are interested in helping or would like to donate a prize for our raffle, please feel free to contact me at blake@aracnet.com. Hole sponsorships are also available and a great way to promote your local business or cause.

See you on the links.

December 13, 2006

Dear NCA Members,

What a nice surprise to find an unexpected check for \$1,000 in our mail today! On behalf of the students and staff of Nestucca Valley Elementary School please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for your kind and generous donation.

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My teaching staff recently went to a physical education in-service. As a result they have recently given me a moderate list of PE and recess equipment they'd like to have. In that it is not in our normal budget I was wondering how to obtain this equipment for them. Your check arrived and I thought that this would be a good use for it. The PE items will be used by the majority of our students and staff.

Again, thank you for thinking about us. We're proud of the education we're providing in our extended area of unincorporated Tillamook County. We're able to enhance our services due to the generosity of your group and others in the community who continually support us in various ways. I live in Neskowin and I'm proud to know your organization is active in my community.

Warm Regards,
Bob Simonson
Principal

Photos on the cover and right were taken this winter during one of Neskowin's rare snow storms.

Artist Karen White at Neskowin Valley School

by Randall Koch

Karen White of Colorado, is an artist who creates ceramic and mixed media sculptural works responding to structures and cycles in the natural environment. She was recently in a four-month Residency at Sitka Center for Art and Ecology.

In January, Karen worked at Neskowin Valley School, supported in part by a local schools grant from the Neskowin Community Association. Working with four different age groups at the school, Karen explained the idea of art as a process using slides and an explanation of past works of hers, as well as examples by Jackson Pollack and Andy Goldsworthy. She then worked with the children arranging and constructing ephemeral pathways, piles, buildings and fields of these objects indoors, helping to create a new understanding of the objects and how the constructs alter the spaces they occupy.

The work then moved outdoors with the younger ages "drawing" a contour line along a stream out of hundreds of 8" to 12" sticks pounded into the ground, side-by-side running for 50 feet. This created a sinuous line mimicking the stream/land relationship. The use of these simple stick modules allows the children to describe the stream's relationship to the landscape in a simple and elegant manner. And by using materials of this place, the line slowly will become a part of the landscape.

Another project the children constructed used 18" sticks drilled on either end and then tied end-to-end into triangles, which were then used to construct a large shape hanging from trees as a framework.

These projects, done over a three and a half day period, demonstrate to young people how to be resourceful in finding ways to express elements in the landscape, and to use repetitive objects to construct larger images in a collaborative manner. This process also involves looking at the place you install the pieces to understand that place well enough to gather a feel for what is worthy of expression. In the end the works are a part of that place, simply recycled to tell a story.

Neskowin Valley School is grateful for the support received from the NCA and for the opportunity to work with artists like Karen who are available through the Sitka Center's Residency Program.



Living In The Lap Of Luxury

by Nancy Nagel

I have some very spoiled worms at my cottage. No, they're not reading my best books or watching the latest DVDs, but they are eating very well and enjoying the garden. OK, they're in a box, but the box is in the garden. I'm talking about a worm bin where our composting red wigglers dine regularly on gourmet produce.

Red wigglers are worms that turn kitchen food scraps into castings (poo) which makes incredible compost for use in your garden. The compost doesn't stink, nor does a well-maintained worm bin.

Composting worms will eat any type of kitchen produce: egg shells, coffee grounds, lettuce, and even tea bags. And they will eat right through banana peels and orange rinds! They seem to have a sweet tooth as well judging by the hoards of them working on the apple peels and sweet potato skins we toss their way. A recent weekend of entertaining at our house offered up scraps of Belgian endive, radicchio, watercress, potato peelings, green onions, cabbage, and grapefruit rind; our worms truly spoiled! (By the way: One pound of worms, about 1,000 in number, will eat one-half to one pound of scraps per day, so keep 'em fed...)

Some people keep a small worm bin under their kitchen sink for easy access. Others keep them in the garage or garden shed. I prefer to keep mine outside since it is quite large, 3' x 2' x 3'. They like to stay cool, so my bin is on the east side of the cottage, which is shaded in the warmest part of the day. And even when the weather has been freezing, the thick walls of the box as well as the compost itself keep the worms well insulated. The lid of the box is hinged in the back for easy access. But it is also heavy enough that a wandering raccoon could not lift it up in order to get a snack.

My worm bin is constructed of wood, but a simple bin can be made from a large plastic box with a lid. Air holes need to be drilled in the side and small drain holes in the bottom. Shredded newspaper is all that's needed as bedding to get started.

Besides eating, my worms are also quite busy reproducing. So if you would like to start a worm bin, come see me for some free red wigglers. I'm sure a number of them would like to start a new home. Just remember, these wigglers have very refined taste in food!

Nesko News

By Carol Doyle

May is here. This is the time of year "visions of sugarplums" begin to dance in the heads of the members of Nesko Women's Club.

Nesko is an 84 year old social and philanthropic organization, which meets on the third Friday of each month September through May. We support South Tillamook County Good Neighbors, the SMART reading program, Art Literacy, Victim's Assistance, South County Christmas Basket Project and award a scholarship to a Nestucca High School graduating senior.

Ball Hawking

by Jeff Walton, Jr.

For many, "The Jewel" represents the cradle of their golf lives. In the late 60's and early 70's golf balls represented a significant expense for young links beginners. To minimize the cost, intrepid seekers of thrills and golf balls ventured out on the Golf Course late at night in bare feet to collect golf balls out the muddy creek that stretches from #3 to the club house.

Ball Hawking took courage. A Ball Hawker had to be willing to risk getting caught by the legendary Jewel owner Stan "The Man" Carbaugh. Stan, well known for his thrifty ways, would regularly rake the muddy creek for golf balls in hip boots at 1:00 AM, to sell for 25 cents a piece out of "the barrel." Sound cheap? Stan charged "5 cents extra!" for a slice of butter for a butterhorn.

Entering the dark Ball Hawking arena with Stan on the prowl was full of risk and thrills. Obviously, Stan didn't appreciate the liberation of golf balls out of his creek. Stan would often stake out for Ball Hawkers in the moon shadows...near the 4th green amongst the trees with only the glow of his cigarette to give him away.

Make no mistake, if Stan could be avoided, Ball Hawking could be very lucrative. Of course, one had to be willing to step into a cold black creek in the pitch black night in mud and water feeling unspeakable things slithering through the bare fingers and toes while sifting for golf balls.

Why did Ball Hawking stop?

Well, the truth is that a certain mother or two of the Ball Hawkers decided to get in on the fun. Ball Hawking just wasn't the same when your Mom hawked as well.

Old Golf Ball Hawkers can still hear the grand ol' muddy creek beckon at night. They know however, that one step in could yield the dark abyss. Never to be heard from again.

Just buy 'em out of the barrel.

The May 18th meeting will be devoted entirely to planning our ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY BOOK AND BAKE SALE, which is held "on the green" at the Neskowin Marketplace. This is a fundraiser for our projects in South Tillamook County. Members will sign up to bring irresistible home baked goods and to volunteer for work at the bake table, the book table, the children's booth and the glass float raffle station.

The meeting will be held at the Pacific Coast Bible Church next to the Post Office in Pacific City at 11:45AM. Lunch will be catered by Grateful Bread. You need not be a member to attend or to bake for the sale. For reservations, please call Jeanette Hagerty at 503.392.3618 by May 11th.

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Neskowin Community Association

PO Box 821
Neskowin, OR 97149

NCA Meetings:
May 27, 2007 4pm
Sept. 2, 2007 4pm

Web: www.neskowincommunity.org
Password: fish

NCA Summer Calendar of Events

Memorial Weekend

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| May 26 | Burn Pile 3 rd Annual Bake Sale Swap Meet Sign Painting | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM (setup at 8:30 AM) 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Noon – 2:00 PM |
| May 27 | Community Meeting (Fire Hall) | 4:00 PM |

Fourth of July Weekend

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| July 4 | Nesko Club Book & Bake Sale Parade Flag Raising and Sing-a-Long Castles and Kites Fireworks | 8:00 AM until sold out!!! 10:00 AM (Line up at 9:30) Immediately following the parade 2:00 – 4:00 PM At Sunset |
| July 5 | Clean-up | Begins at 8:00 AM |

Golf Scramble Weekend

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| August 17 | Potluck Dinner and Raffle | 6:00 PM |
| August 18-19 | Golf Scramble | First tee time at 7:30 AM |
| August 19 | Catered Lunch and Awards | 1:00 PM |

Labor Day Weekend

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| September 2 | Community Meeting (Fire Hall) | 4:00 PM |
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