

August 2018

MAKING TRACKS

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE TUALATIN RIVER NWR



JOYFULLY CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE WONDER OF THE REFUGE

PRESIDENT'S PERCH

By Don Nelson, President of the Board



Changes in your leadership

A big thank you to Willem for his service on the Board over the past year as President-Elect as well as his continued role as Friends Treasurer. Willem brings his attention to detail as well as a very level head in all that he does for the Friends as an officer, board member, and volunteer on the refuge.

Willem has decided to step aside from the President-elect and next year's President roles for various reasons which only he can explain. I will simply say that Willem is, and always has been, a gentleman that can be counted on to do the right things. Fortunately, Willem continues in his role of Friends Treasurer and Board member. Willem could not have held both President and Treasurer roles next year due to Federal and State requirements for nonprofit leadership. Finding a treasurer to replace him next year was becoming problematic – his experience with other non-profits in this role makes him somewhat unique and very hard to replace.

We look forward to presenting the membership at the September meeting with candidates for a new President (October 2018+) as well as president-elect (for the following year). Many of you already know that the President's role is an annual one, with the current President rotating off after a year of service.

Summer on the Refuge

Seems like the heat will never end – record days of high temperature affects all the wildlife on the refuge as well as the flora. The pond in front of the Visitor Center is still holding water while other ponds on the Refuge are drying. While the mid-day heat certainly is a deterrent to visitation, the cool down in the evening coupled with late sunsets makes for some good opportunities. Bring water, wear a hat, use sunscreen, but please take the opportunity to visit your refuge in the evenings.

2018 Annual Meeting

Save the date for the Friends of the Tualatin River NWR Annual Membership Meeting. It will be held on September 22, 2018. Invitations with additional information will go out via email mid month. Please be sure to RSVP.

JOIN

DONATE

RENEW

AUGUST EVENTS

[Family Exploration Hike at the Refuge](#)
Aug 4, 10:00 AM

[Summer Exploration Days](#)
Aug 8, 10:00 AM

[Puddle Stompers](#)
Aug 8, 1 PM

[2nd Saturday work party](#)
Aug 11, 8:45 AM

[Puddle Stompers](#)
Aug 14, 10 AM

[Summer Exploration Days](#)
Aug 15, 10:00 AM

[Bio-swalls work party](#)
Aug 17, 9 AM

[Family Exploration Hike at the Refuge](#)
Aug 18, 10:00 AM

[Friends Board Meeting](#)
Aug 28, 6:30 pm



SOCIAL MEDIA



Featured Non-Profit



The Friends of the Refuge are the featured non-profit for the month of August with Oregon Bottle Drop. Pick up a Bottle Drop blue bag in the Visitors Center and help support the Friends of the Refuge. The bag should be filled with bottles and cans that have a deposit. Bags can be dropped off at the Bottle Drop Center or at the Refuge. This is an easy way to help the environment and support the Friends.

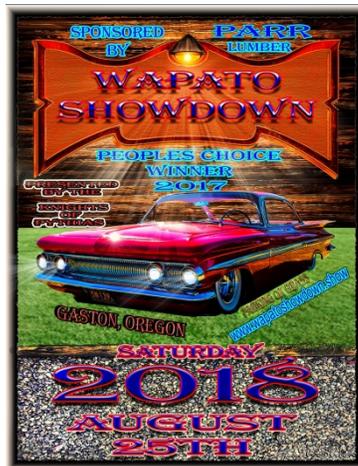
Job Opportunity

The Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is recruiting for a full-time Interpretive Program Coordinator. The position coordinates the Visitor Center, Trail Rovers and Interpretive Program, and supports the Visitor Services Park Ranger in managing the Volunteer Program at one of the country's flagship urban refuges within the National Wildlife Refuge System. For position description see: <http://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/Jobs>

HELP THE FRIENDS WHILE YOU SHOP



Wapato Showdown



Stop by the Friends and Refuge tent at the Wapato Showdown in Gaston, Oregon. The Friends are a sponsor of this annual event near the Wapato NWR.

Donation from Ancestry Brewing



In celebration of their 2 Year Anniversary, Ancestry Brewing of Sherwood bottled a special Quality River IPL in support of our Refuge. A donation of \$1020 was made to the Friends. Friends staff member Seth Winkelhake and Refuge staff members Sarah Williams- Brown greeted the staff from Ancestry before they headed out to enjoy a walk on the Refuge.

NATURE'S OVERLOOK STORE

Volunteer Opportunity

Nature's Overlook Store Volunteer Buyer Wanted

Nature's Overlook is recruiting for a Volunteer Buyer for general merchandise. George Burnett, who has been the Buyer for several years, is "retiring" from that role, but thankfully not from the other volunteer work she does on the Refuge! She will be happy to provide all the details about the job duties, the "perks" and the time commitment. George will also be available to provide training and support to whoever becomes the new Buyer. To learn more about this great opportunity, please contact her at 503-547-4721.



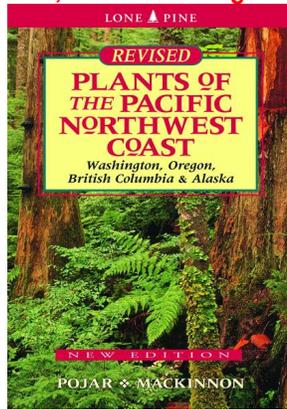
Duck Stamps

The 2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamps, featuring a pair of mallards, have arrived and are now available for purchase at Nature's Overlook. Duck Stamps are a great way to help support refuges, because 98% of the purchase price goes directly to help acquire and protect wetland habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System. For every \$25 Stamp purchased, \$24.50 goes directly to that cause! In addition to being a wonderful way to contribute to conservation of wetland habitat, a current Duck Stamp is good for free admission to any refuge that charges an entry fee. To learn more about Duck Stamps, visit fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php. The sale of these stamps has been used to protect over 5.7 million acres of wetlands on national wildlife refuges since 1934.

Books

Dear book lovers – do you realize that our little book store at Nature's Overlook has **over 200 titles**? Wow! And, one of the best plant books (many people refer to this as "Ginny's book") is out of stock... a new edition is coming in September and we'll try to get copies as soon as we can. Come and check out our new offerings – plenty of fresh titles and many old favorites. Thanks for supporting the Refuge through your book purchases! We appreciate you!

This one is out of stock, but not for long! It's worth waiting for!



Wear In The World



Bjorn Fredrickson is standing in front of the Sun Voyager sculpture in Reykjavik, Iceland. Bjorn said "It looks like a warm July day but it was probably in the mid-40s when the photo was taken".

PHOTO SOCIETY

No meeting until the first Thursday in September

Keep an eye out for the September Friend's newsletter – it will have all the details on the next meeting topics starting with the September meeting including the fact that it may be moved to the second Thursday evening for September only.

We do know that there will be a meet up to photograph the night sky, most likely September 8 (Weather dependent). More details will be forthcoming when the exact date is set – to be determined by the moon and start of Nautical Twilight. This will NOT be in the metro area as the ambient light is too much to be able to see the glory of the galactic core rising in the night sky. Have you seen and photographed the night sky before? If not, this would be a great opportunity for you to attend and learn how to do it. Photo Society members will be there to help you make great images.

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