



All Weather News
December 2012
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Deadline for Jan news: Dec 24



From: WILLIS KORFF korffs@wildblue.net (our Regional Director):

1. I have completed my check of New YREs for 2012. The following will appear in the next issue of The American Wanderer –

Earlier in 2012, Northwest Regional Director Sam Korff offered a prize for the best NEW year round event for the year. Five different clubs offered seven year rounds to be looked at. The events were evaluated on directions, maps, ease of operation at start point, and answered the question “what do you see?”

The first event to be looked at was The Graham Oaks and Nature Park in Wilsonville, Oregon. It was presented by the Sherwood Merrywalkers. I walked it on a warm spring day. The nature park led into neighborhood, around the neighborhood, and then back into the nature park. There was sun and shade – it was a very nice route.

The second event to be seen was the Rainier, Oregon event presented by the Longview Border Crossers. Because I am president of the Border Crossers, I had my friend Dick Baker check this event. The route is along the Columbia River through the downtown and then up a hill. The river is nice because you can see the river traffic, and then on a clear day, you can see Mt St Helens and Mt Rainier.

The third event was in Bellingham, Washington sponsored by the Northwest Tulip Trekkers. This event takes you around Bellingham and into the park. We have done a number of events in Bellingham, and into the park is always nice. The Northwest section of Bellingham is a very pleasant place to walk. It was a hot late summer day, and I checked this one out while the Coupeville events were going on over on Whidbey Island.

The fourth event has you register in Bellingham and drive to Whatcom Lake also presented by the Northwest Tulip Trekkers. I did this one at the same time as the Coupeville events. This meant a bit of driving to get all of the events done. Although this has you drive quite a distance to the start location, it is close enough to get to easily. The walk is an out and back along the banks of Whatcom Lake; it

was an old railroad bed. The blackberries were ripe, but I didn't see them on the way out. On the way back, they were a welcome addition to the walk – I was pretty thirsty and they took care of my thirst.

The fifth event is in Oak Harbor, Washington also presented by the Northwest Tulip Trekkers. It was along the waterfront in Oak Harbor. It had some vistas of the Olympic Mountains and past a PBY museum. This one was closer to the Coupeville events and I was able to get this one in after walking one of the Coupeville events.

The sixth event was in Eugene, Oregon presented by the Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks. It was the Gillespie Butte/Delta Bridge walk - in a nature area with a concrete trail – well most of it was. The Delta Ponds showed me seasonal wildlife. It was a hot summer day and I was glad that I had water with me. Don't let people kid you – sometimes it gets hot in Oregon. It was around 90 degrees – very hot for us.

The last event was in Yachats, Oregon (pronounced Ya-hots). It was presented by the Yachats Coastal Gems. As many times as I have walked in or near Yachats, I had never seen this route. It makes a traditional loop through town and out into the hills – along the east side of the highway but on natural surface. There was a serious mist as I did this one. Trying to stay dry (I was wearing a raincoat), I almost missed the statue of Amanda – that's the name of the route – the Amanda Trail. She was dark and I was nearly blinded by the mist on my glasses.

Seven brand new walks in some of the most scenic parts of the Northwest presented by five different clubs. All of the events are worthy of note. They were all spectacular events that made me glad I live in the Northwest. A couple of the walks were done by novice Trailmasters. They showed that they had mastered the Trailmaster skills. All of the walks were truly winners. Because they were all so good, I can't rank them from 1 to 7, but I must select one as the recipient of the prize.

The winner of the contest will receive a plaque with a black piano finish. It will have a boot on it, the four volkssport pins, and a brass plaque commemorating their win. All of the clubs that participated will receive a Best of The Northwest Ribbon. And the winner is – Northwest Tulip Trekkers for the Whatcom Lake event.

2. Effective immediately, the following Port Angeles, WA walks will no longer start at the Red Lion Hotel.

NW0361 - Port Angeles Waterfront and NW0608 Port Angeles Historical Tour.(SW1937 Hurricane Hill also starts here, but are sanctioned only from April 1 to Oct 31st)

New location:

William Shore Memorial Pool, 225 E 5th St, Port Angeles, WA

TIME: M-F 5:30 am-8:30 pm; Sat 7:30 am to 4 pm; Sun 10 am to 4 pm

DIRECTIONS: From the east follow Hwy 101 (Front St.) to Lincoln Street and turn LEFT on Lincoln. Turn LEFT on 5th Street. Please park on the back (west) side of the pool building. The walk box is in the front entry.

Note:

In addition, there is a lot of construction underway along the waterfront in Port Angeles. It impacts the Waterfront YRE - but walkers may be able to take marked detours around the written/mapped directions for the time being.



Cedar Creek Walk, by Jan Breneman

This walk is one of the prettiest routes All Weather Walkers has ever done, and it didn't disappoint, even in the face of a few challenges. First, Liz and I learned that the Friends of the Cedar Creek Grist Mill had discontinued the annual Apple Cider Press – a victim of its own success; but the incessant rain on that Saturday was the worst of all. Even then, over 70 stalwart walkers faced the inclement weather and returned with happy smiles. At least they know what they were getting into from the start!

Our volunteers at the Green Mountain School were cozied together under the office porch for the day, but the checkpoint was a lot roomier. Nira Lang and Cheryl Snodgrass (thanks, ladies!!) enjoyed the covered rear viewing deck at the grist mill, as well as the hot drinks and refreshments supplies by the mill's own members.

So many AWW members wanted to help that we couldn't accommodate them all today, but we surely appreciate the offers. Besides Nira and Cheryl, many thanks also go to Tom & Louise Baltes and Karen & Joe Kelly (trail marking); Barbara & Dick Baker (registration and start); Linda Barneson and Earl Bowen (finish); and Joan Heins and Terri Unsell (trail sweeping).

Here's hoping that our 2013 schedule of events are as successful as 2012 was. Thanks again, everyone!

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President's Corner – Earl Bowen – next month

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Next Meeting: December 11 - ALL ARE WELCOME! Details and map are now [here](#)

Sections that rarely change are also at this link: AWW Challenge information, AWW Challenge results, list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

2013: July 6, North Bonneville
July 27, Vancouver (ESVA Meeting)
September 7, Camas Three Lakes

Northwest Region's Calendar of Events:
<http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/fel.htm>

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 10:00 am
<http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/Wed/wed.htm>

Weekend Walking
<http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/weekend/weekend.htm>

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December Birthdays: none	Achievements: please contact the editor with event and distance milestones Linda Jean Barneson - 500 events
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Welcome to new members: none reported



Holy Walks – submitted by Jan Breneman

Bubastas was the center for the cult of the Egyptian cat goddess Bastet from the 13th to 9th centuries BC. Situated 80km northeast of Cairo, an estimated 700,000 pilgrims journeyed to the temple every year for an annual festival, which – according to some – celebrated with copious quantities of alcohol and free sex. Reprinted from *Walker's Pocket Companion*, Malcolm Tait, Pavilion Books, London UK, 2007, Page 53.



From Burt Paynter: Info about the 2013 Washington State Parks challenge being promoted by ESVA

From: "Bonnie Tucker" <pnwwalker@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012

Subject: Fw: News release 12-101: Walk across Washington in celebration of the State Parks centennial year

Kudos to Diane Hildebrand and the Challenge Committee! Please note the news release below from the WA State Parks and Recreation Commission. Diane reports that 28 state parks books have already been sold. Only 72 remain.

Clubs, please plan events to support this program.

Happy walking during the holidays and into the new year!

Bonnie Tucker,
ESVA Secretary

From: Mealing, Sandy (PARKS)

Sent: Wednesday, November 21

To: Parks DL All Employees

Subject: News release 12-101: Walk across Washington in celebration of the State Parks centennial year

The public affairs is currently distributing the following news release to statewide media:

Don Hoch
Director
STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Walk across Washington in celebration
of the State Parks centennial year**

OLYMPIA – Nov. 21, 2012 – The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and Evergreen State Volkssport Association (ESVA) invite the public to participate in the ESVA Centennial 2013 State Parks Challenge. The Centennial 2013 State Parks Challenge registration will begin at the ESVA Edmonds Turkey Trot event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, at the Edmonds United Methodist Church, 828 Caspers Street in Edmonds. The Centennial 2013 State Parks Challenge events will be held throughout 2013 all across Washington in celebration of State Parks' 100th birthday. The year-long program challenges participants to walk through Washington state parks in the seven Evergreen Volkssport Association regions. The State Parks Challenge is open to everyone, but limited to the first 100 participants who register. Registration is \$10 per person and includes a challenge stamp booklet, a logo hatpin and a pencil. Those who complete the challenge will receive a State Parks Centennial 2013 flag patch. Participants in the ESVA and in the Pacific Northwest are strong supporters of our environment, □ said Diane Hildebrand, ESVA spokesperson. We want to encourage walkers to visit all corners of the state and enjoy the beauty of our state parks. The 100-year celebration of State Parks seemed a perfect way to recognize the longevity of the State Parks system and support its continuation. □

For more information about the ESVA Centennial 2013 State Parks Challenge or to find a list of qualifying challenge walks, visit www.esva.org.

Volkssporting is a family-oriented sports and recreation program that promotes physical fitness and good health. Volkssport events are non-competitive walks, hikes, bike rides or swims and may include seasonal cross-country skiing or snowshoeing events. In Washington, walking or volksmarching is the most popular volkssport activity. Events occur year round and participants are not required to join a club to participate.

The ESVA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, registered as a non-profit corporation with the State of Washington and chartered by the American Volkssport Association. The club promotes physical fitness through participation in volkssport events and the exchange of ideas, good will, friendship and cooperation among volkssport clubs and individuals. They coordinate hundreds of events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.esva.org.

State Parks will be 100 years old on March 19, 2013. The fourth oldest state parks system in the nation, State Parks is celebrating their centennial milestone with events throughout 2013. For a full list of events, visit www.parks.wa.gov/events. Follow State Parks social media for the latest centennial celebration news at www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateParks and www.twitter.com/WaStatePks NEWS.

Stay connected to your state parks by following Washington State Parks at www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateParks, www.twitter.com/WaStatePks NEWS and www.youtube.com/WashingtonStateParks. Share your favorite state park adventure on the new State Parks blog site at www.AdventureAwaits.com. The Commission manages a diverse system of more than 100 state parks and recreation programs, including long-distance trails, boating safety and winter recreation. The 99-year-old park system will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.

Support state parks by purchasing your annual Discover Pass today, and enjoy a whole year of outdoor fun on Washington's beautiful state-managed recreation lands. For more information, visit www.discoverpass.wa.gov.

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Following are the 2013 State Parks "free days":

Jan. 21 In honor of Martin Luther King Day

March 30 In honor of Washington State Parks' 100th birthday on March 19

April 27 and 28 National Parks Week

June 1 National Trails Day

June 8 and 9 National Get Outdoors Day and Department of Fish and Wildlife Free Fishing weekend

Aug. 4 Peak season free day

Sept. 28 National Public Lands Day

Nov. 9 through 11 Veteran's Day weekend

A Discover Pass will still be required on these days to access lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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ALL WEATHER WALKERS MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2012; 6:30 p.m.

Terrace Cafe, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center

Earl Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Earl Bowen (President), Tom Baltes, Linda Barneson, Jan Breneman, Liz Connors (Treasurer), Joe Titone, Jean Moeller, and Leah Townsend.

The minutes of October 9, 2012 were approved with minor corrections. Jan B. took minutes tonight for Pat Gorman.

Correspondence: Jan received a letter from a walker visiting from North Carolina, who thanked the club for our YREs. She did several while in the area over a couple of weeks.

Treasurer's Report: checkbook balance at end of October: \$3908.93. Current: \$3942.53; all bills are paid. Earl and Jan (as acting Secretary) signed the AVA Annual Financial Report, which Liz will scan and email to AVA HQ. It is due 11/15.

Membership Report: no new members.

Weekend Walks: Joe Titone reported there was one walk in Irvington, with 19 walkers. He will send out notice for December in a few days. No walks are currently scheduled.

Wednesday Walks: No report; Dick Baker unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Publicity Chairman: Pat Gorman volunteered to accept these duties. She and Jan will get together in Dec. or Jan.

Cedar Creek Grist Mill Walk: 73 total walkers; 55 credit and 18 free. Jan emailed a Thank You to the Friends of the Cedar Creek Grist Mill and will send them some "B" medals from a 1995 walk event. Jan also called Green Mountain School and let them know we would send a donation check after our November meeting. Expenses were low (\$115.25). Profit was \$73.75. Members present voted to donate \$50 for use of the school. Jan will send the check and a follow-up thank you letter in the next couple of days.

2013 EVENTS

Ridgefield Options. Heritage Days (preferred) on September 14 and Birdfest October 12 are possible dates. Route will include the cemetery and other tweaks are needed. Camas Three Lakes walk is Sept. 7, so members present agreed to consider doing Ridgefield Heritage Days in 2014.

Other walk possibilities:

Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center: the old Vancouver Fish Hatchery's forested area has several trail loops and would qualify for WPA and Grist Mill national walk challenges. 5k is possible at CSEEC, and another 5k in Ellsworth neighborhoods. Could be muddy and better during drier months. Maybe a summer guided walk is best. Jan will see if Dick Baker might be interested.

Camas Hidden Pathways: Would begin at a city park next to Prune Hill Elementary. Jan has explored two 5k loops that are ready. There is concern for one narrow stretch of road, which Joe Titone will check out soon with Osprey friends.

Heritage Farm: Jan discussed with manager to do a walk from 78th Street location in Hazel Dell. Interesting parks, neighborhoods, and the Luke Jensen Sports Park are north and east, but distance with traffic on 78th is not prime. One suggestion is to make a 10km remote start at sports park or the Christian School, and a longer option (13km?) directly from Heritage Farm. This is completely new territory but more work is needed. Could also be a new route from Tully's but distance on 78th would be even longer.

Burnt Bridge Creek West: This trail hasn't been used for a while. Options are possible using the Discovery Trail and ridge neighborhoods to the west, as was done for a YRE about 4-5 years ago.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer position needs to be filled. Duties are in AWW Bylaws. All reports are in and not much activity at this time. Liz will not be at January's meeting. Jean and Leah agreed to collect member dues and YRE monies for her. It will also help to encourage early membership renewals. Liz will send Joe text for the newsletter. Several members paid their 2013 membership dues tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ESVA is re-starting the Washington State Counties challenge with new patches.
Northwest Regional Conference: 57 people registered but 80 were planned. Final figure was \$327 lost, after a walker donation was made and fees were reduced by managers of Camp Berachah, the conference location.
Refreshment list – everyone bring holiday goodies in December.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be December 11.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Breneman, Acting Secretary, for Pat Gorman

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