



# Fair Family

# NEWS

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CREATIVE

FAMILY

April 1996



## Family Album



## Tale



## Storm

### Fair Family Shines Through

See Cleanup Story Inside



### What's In

what you say? .....  
the fair's all wet...  
yeah, right .....  
wow!!! .....  
veneta drea  
tiny stuff



## CALENDAR

- April 27 . HIGHWAY PICKUP, 10 a.m., Meet at Ware House
- April 29 . Fair Family News Deadline, May issue
- May 1 .... Deadline for craft and food vendor registration
- May 1 .... Deadline for entertainer applications
- May 5 .... Spring Cleanup, The Sequel
- May 8 .... Community Village General Meeting
- May 11 . OCF Spring Fling
- May 27 .. Fair Family News Deadline, June issue
- June 12 .. Community Village General Meeting
- June 30 .. Crisis Intervention Training
- July ..... FFN on hiatus

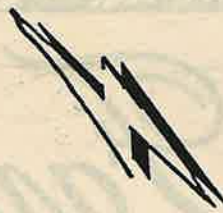
- July 12,
- 13, 14 .....
- August
- 17 ..... Teddy Bear's Picnic



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# FLASHES



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The Fair Family News is published every month except July.

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## OCF SPRING FLING

May 11, 1996

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### Endowment Supports Local Schools

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**recently Unclassified material**

**Gallery Opening.** Circle of Hands Collective in Eugene is featuring the work of Barbara Lifschutz, a show of textile works including rugs, wall hangings, original patchwork and card weavings of natural fibers.

**Looking for booth space.** Bronze sculptures. Need wall space and room for a table. If you haven't yet filled your space, please call. Mark Henson, 408-761-2446. sacred@cruzio.com.

**Volunteers Needed.** Jerry Rust, Democrat for Senate from Oregon, needs your help. We need money, workers. Call, tell us how you can help. Trish @ 341-3937. Elect Jerry Rust, our next senator.

**House and shop needed.** We make brooms and walking sticks at the Fair and have decided to make our home in Eugene. We are looking for a house and shop to rent. Preferably with a little land. Call us toll free at 1-800-98-broom.

**Needed.** Drivers to make deliveries to and from Seattle. Easy drop offs. Will cover gas. If you're planning a trip, call Reese, (360)254-0520.

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May 9 Purple Moon Dance Project  
May 10 Freidrick's Teeth  
May 12 Kidfest 9



This newsletter is directed to the Oregon Country Fair family and all material is volunteered from the membership.

Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Please include names and a method for communication (i.e. phone #). Verification of Fair affiliation is necessary.

### GM A Delight

Dear Fair Family:

In December I wrote a letter asking for greater public discussion about increasing booth and gate fees. I encouraged greater use of the *Fair Family News* for clear discussion of OCF issues. Time will tell if that is to happen. But, I do wish to acknowledge that three OCF Board members took the time to call me to hear and discuss my concerns. Thanks!

Some people perceived that my letter called into question the quality and usefulness of

OCF staff. I was only requesting a discussion of why the OCF staffing has grown over the years.

I have had the pleasure of several dealings with Leslie Scott. I found her to be professional, conscientious, willing to research issues to provide the Board with solid information, and a general delight to work with. I suspect many potential OCF problems are nipped in the bud by this high quality manager.

Thanks Leslie, Norma, Bill, and all other staff for the work you do. It is noticed.

Sincerely,

Richie Weinman  
Racoon Cabin, Booth 596

### In A Jam

Dear Fair Family:

I am writing to address the severe overcrowding at the Fair. There are lots and lots of people who work hard to make the Fair a positive and even magical experience. But if we let too many people jam themselves onto the pathways, the unfortunate consequence is this experience is significantly diminished for all.

On Saturday last summer, I felt the situation got completely

out of hand. People were so jammed into the pathways that individual strollers were literally being pushed along. Some intersections were so hopelessly crowded that people couldn't move forward or backward for ten minutes at a stretch.

I understand and sympathize with the point of view of those who do not wish to turn anyone away. But I think we have to acknowledge that we are now pressing up against some real physical limits.

My proposal is not to turn anyone away or to raise the ticket prices, which would discriminate against those who either by choice or circumstance stand outside the "money world." I propose the Fair be extended to four days and a firm cap be set on ticket sales at something like 15,000 per day. The figure of 15,000 is only suggested as I do not know exactly how many people were allowed in on Saturday. But whatever that number was, minus a third, should be the daily limit.

With enough advance notice, I think that all parties—both Fair attenders and Fair work-

ers—can make the adjustment in their schedules to accommodate the fourth day.

It is my sincere hope that the Board will give this issue the priority attention that it truly deserves. The magical experience that so many of us have enjoyed over the years is now in danger of being trampled under the sheer weight of too many people.

Desta Moore  
Phoenix Rising



## OCF Gets Wet

by norma sax, FFN staff

While most of us are on the OCF property or in the surrounding community for only a few days in July, we can't forget that it is a land of many natural wonders the rest of the year. Our property includes forests, natural wetlands and home for many species that inhabit watersheds.

Ann Bettman and Richard Britz of Pacific Basin Shelter (PBS), an environmental consulting group, studied water quality issues of the Long Tom region including OCF property, under a grant presented to the OCF and the City of Veneta from the Environmental Protection Agency. Using maps, photos and a slide show at a public forum on March 12, Ann and Richard presented the realities and potential for a region that chooses to make the quality of its water a community priority.

The study is half-way through a year-long process of looking at and ecologically planning for Long Tom River watershed enhancement on behalf of the City of Veneta and the Oregon Country Fair. (A watershed is the area where all the runoff from mountains and tributaries of creeks and streams flow into a single river system.)

The City of Veneta is a growing area whose water and sewage needs are increasing at the same time the EPA and DEQ have mandated more stringent water quality standards. PBS is exploring water treatment options that address these issues while enhancing the natural environment of the area. The OCF, as a community member and landowner, is a key link in plans to enhance the water quality of this region.

Originally charged by the Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA to explore options for dealing with the City of Veneta's wastewater, Ann and Richard augmented this with

information on current water quality as well as plant and animal life of the region. Much of their focus was on looking at the feasibility of using constructed wetlands for wastewater disposal.

The Fair's property, both familiar and the recently purchased, were instrumental pieces of the study. Indian Creek, which runs through our property, could become a model project "because it is so typical of creeks that have been channelized for agriculture."

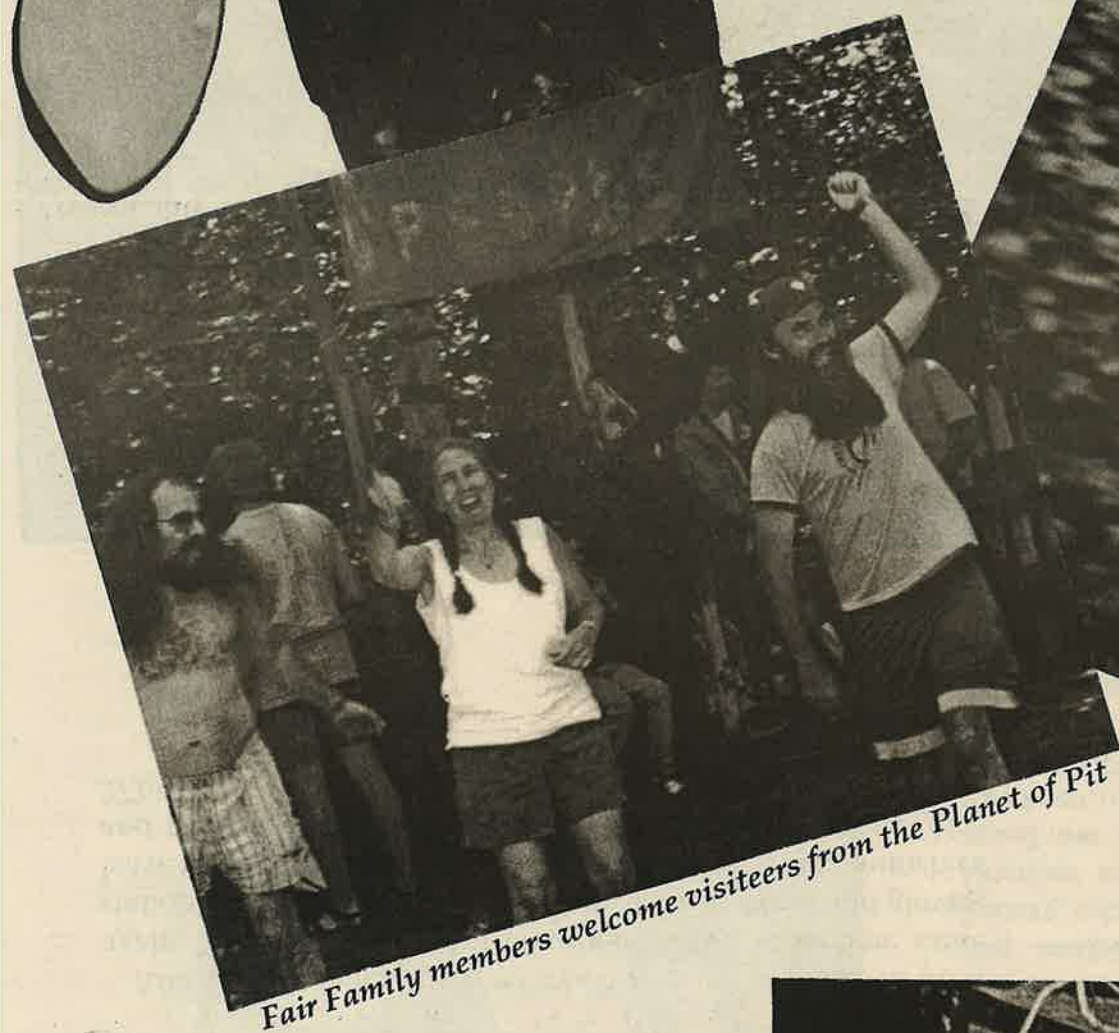
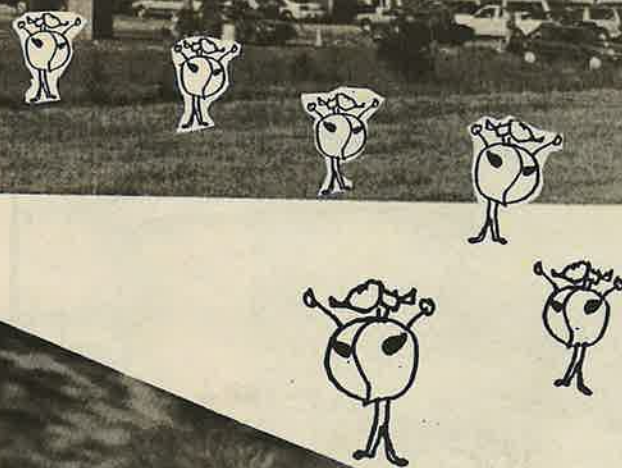
The study still has six months to go, but PBS has several options to offer to make the region a showcase of watershed enhancement that marries the natural world with the needs of a growing population. Picture a pleasant walking trail along the Long Tom that would connect the communities of Veneta and Elmira or a treatment facility that can provide water for a native wetland plant nursery. Think of an enhanced Indian Creek, reconfigured to a more natural meandering stream and revegetated with native plants. Volunteers from the OCF and the City of Veneta could work together to bring these projects to reality.

Richard and Ann also suggest forming a Long Tom Watershed Council to bring these dreams to fruition and monitor the health, water quality and habitat values of our watersheds. The OCF can be a major player in this community effort to upgrade and maintain the quality of our area's water resources, including Fern Ridge Reservoir.

The OCF can be proud of its participation in this innovative study which promises to bring new awareness and appreciation of our land and our community.

**"The OCF, as a community member and landowner, is a key link in plans to enhance the water quality of this region."**

# The Peach Files



Fair Family members welcome visiters from the Planet of Pit



Cool...



April Fools!

# Real Family Values

A deep and heartfelt "thank you" for all who came out and flooded the Fair site with helping hands on Saturday, March 31. About 100+ Fair Family spent a day of hard work and good times cleaning up our land. This event wouldn't have been possible without extra organizing assistance from Phillip Guyette, Marlene Showker, Bill Verner, norma sax, Leslie Scott, Doug Carnie, and the entire VegManEc crew.

## Thank You!!!

*All of you deserve a great round of applause.*

And guess what...it was so much fun, we're going to do it again. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 5**, same time, same station (10 a.m., sign in at Main Camp). Bring boots and gloves, leave the kids and dogs at home. We'll provide water, munchies and pizza for dinner. Call Phillip (484-9741) or Marlene (345-2728).



photo by Sheila Landry



photo by Michael Ottenhausen



photo by Mary Shuler

## A Peach at Heart



photo by Sheila Landry

*This fallen oak will be milled into rough planks for use elsewhere at the Fair.*



photo by Mary Shuler



## Our Community Fair

Thank You to all the wonderful family members who came out to help mother nature clean up our mess. Working hard side-by-side with folks from so many areas of the Fair was awesome. The feelings of community and accomplishment spread from one to another as we saw the sum of our collective input be greater than we could have imagined. This is a feeling that we seldom get during "the rest of the year." This feeling is quite natural at the fair because we form groups that each do our task to help it happen. This tends to make us see the fair from our own (sometimes very different) perspectives. These "different perspectives" keep our community spicy at times, but the collective feelings of being a part of something larger than us make it all worth while. I challenge us to keep in mind that we are working together on an amazing goal. I also invite you to be a part of the community and come out Sunday May 5th and help continue to make it happen!

With Love,  
A voice from the "clean up community"

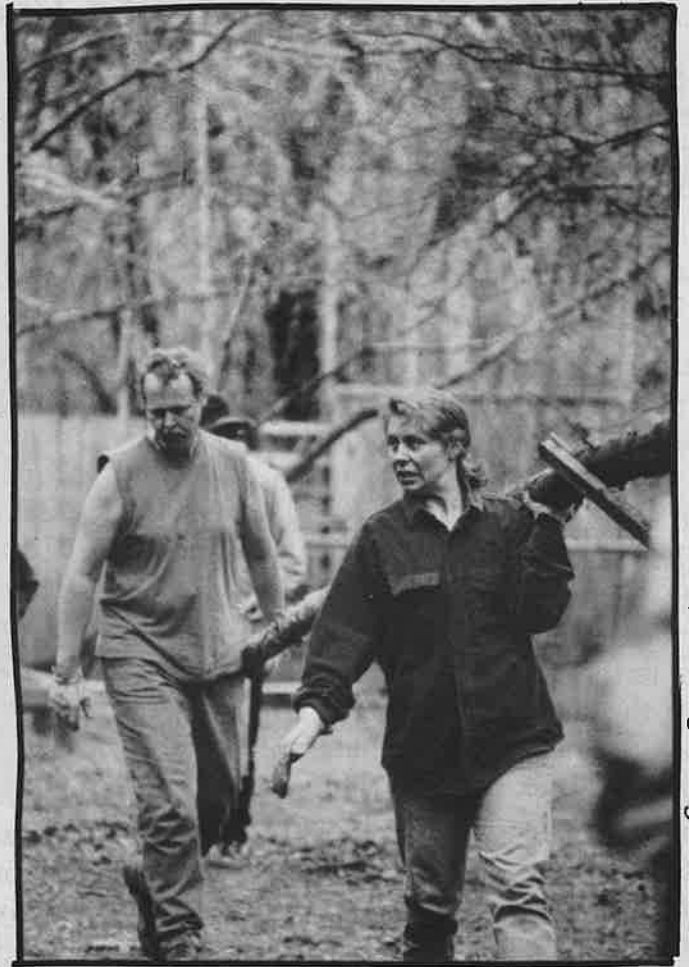


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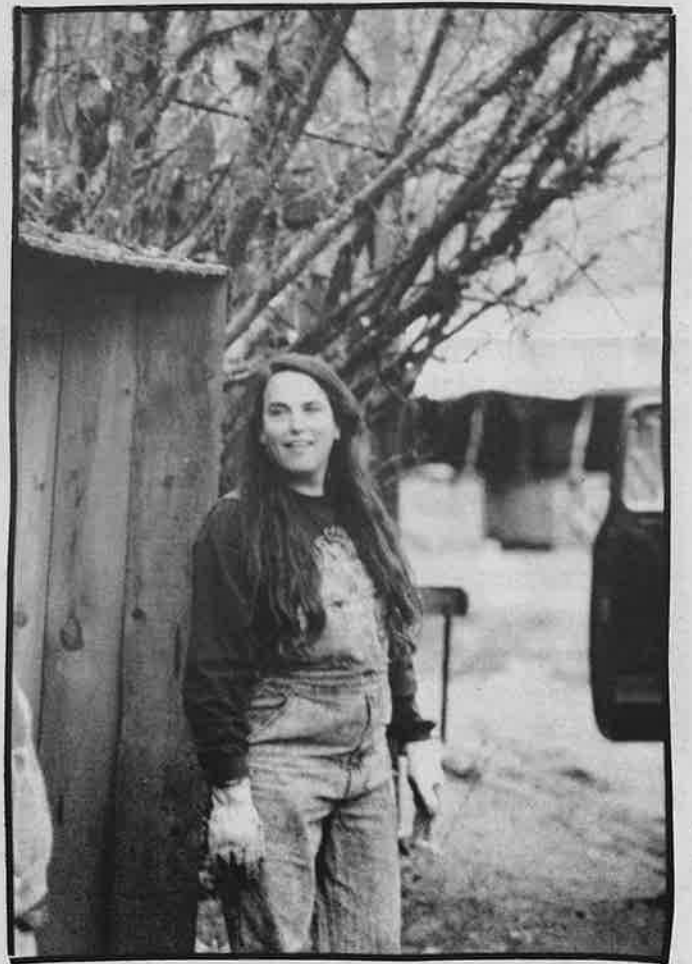


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## Land Use Plans from the Committee



These are three drafts of our land use plan which contains many other parts. These have been developed by the Land Use Management and Planning Committee (LUMP) with much help from others. There will be more to follow. The committee would appreciate any input from Fair family. Lump Committee members are David Liberty, Thom Lanfear, dahinda meda, Bill Verne, Dennis Todd, and Bob Durnell.

### Indian Creek Management Plan (draft)

#### Description

Indian Creek drains into OCF property from the northwest, diffused through broad wetlands, and from the west, largely in two constructed channels. It passes through OCF property in a constructed channel that extends from the western edge of OCF property, through a beaver dam in the Unorganized Territory, under bridges, to the Long Tom River. Vegetation fills the channel. Where the stream traverses the parking lots, there are no significant trees and no riparian vegetation except for the plants growing in the channel. Trees and shrubs grow in the riparian zone at the east and west ends of the channel.

Indian Creek provides important habitat for many species. It is a corridor connecting the Long Tom River with the Unorganized Territory and the forests and wetlands to the west and north of OCF property. The beaver ponds retain water throughout the summer, providing drinking water for many animals and supporting the growth of riparian plants, which serve as food and shelter for mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds.

The channel floods and drains the parking lots and the Unorganized Territory, recharging the aquifer, retaining and desynchronizing floods, and providing the periodic disturbance that is important to the maintenance of healthy wetland ecosystems. Mature cutthroat trout travel up stream during floods to spawn in the beaver ponds; their offspring use seasonal high water to migrate down river.

Indian Creek satisfies important aesthetic values, acts as a boundary or barrier that restricts traffic and pedestrian movement, and provides a site for educational activities. It can be a fire break and a source of water for fire and dust control. Potential uses include development as a pedestrian corridor or a play area.

The linear, trapezoidal channel is simple in form and provides little habitat diversity compared to the stream's original channel. The absence of meanders, pools, and large woody debris impoverishes the biological community. Steep banks prevent the growth of many riparian plants that need extended periods of flooding and drying. Erosion on steep banks and around undersized culverts can lead to loss of path space and structural problems around bridges. Water flow virtually ceases during the summer, leaving few pools and little standing water in many reaches.

The lack of riparian trees in the reaches through the parking lots causes a number of problems. Sunlight reaching the water's surface may cause excessively high temperatures. The creek provides neither an attractive pedestrian corridor between the parking lots and the Fair entrance gates nor a good wildlife corridor between the Long Tom River and the Unorganized Territory.

Exotic species, such as bullfrogs and reed canary grass, are invading the channel. Bullfrogs eat young western pond turtles (a species thought to be endangered) and most native frogs, amphibians, and reptiles. Reed canary grass chokes out native species while providing little benefit for wildlife.

Lane County riparian setback regulations require 100-foot setback from Class 1 streams. Federal and state wetland regulations limit earthmoving activities in wetlands.

#### Policies

- OCF should enhance Indian Creek as habitat, wetlands, and a migration corridor for wildlife and humans.
- Native vegetation and native wildlife should be promoted.

#### Goals

- Improved habitat for fish and wildlife
- Naturalized channel and riparian zone
- Water quality protection
- Better connectivity between the Long Tom River and the Unorganized Territory
- Shaded pedestrian corridor between the parking lots and the Fair entrances
- Rest areas and lounge areas along stream banks
- Minimized erosion at crossings and stream banks

#### Implementation

- Develop a detailed plan
- Avoid building new crossings or structures on the stream banks until a plan is approved
- Increase the structural complexity of the channel by terracing, widening, and grading the banks, installing large woody debris, building pools and water control structures
- Plant riparian trees and shrubs
- Install nest boxes and bat boxes
- Control bullfrogs and reed canary grass
- Plant native vegetation
- Replace undersized culverts with fish-friendly bridges or countersunk culverts
- Develop rest areas, pedestrian paths, and interpretive signs

### River Management Plan (draft)

#### Description

The Long Tom River at OCF is a low gradient, meandering river with a deep, largely stable channel characterized by cut banks and point bars. Above OCF, it drains from the eastern slope of the Coast Range. The hydrology is driven largely by rainfall, seeps, and springs. Floods are common in the winter, while summer flows are low. The river carries fine suspended sediment year-round. Water quality problems include elevated temperatures, and high levels of nitrate, suspended solids, and particulates. The Veneta sewage treatment facility, which is only marginally effective, discharges into the river just upstream from OCF from November to May and onto agricultural land on the east side of the river during the summer.

Snags, stumps, logs, and finer wood debris can be found in the channel, sometimes forming jams that stretch from bank to bank. The amount of woody debris is low compared with historic loading as a result of logging in the watershed and frequent debris removal from the channel. Debris provides important habitat for aquatic life, acting as shelter for fish, basking sites for turtles, substrate for invertebrates, and collector of fine organic material for decomposers. The woody material redirects the current, contributing to scour holes, pools, streamside erosion, and off-channel flooding.

Wildlife in the main stem and flood zones includes beavers, nutria, amphibians, birds including waterfowl and kingfishers, reptiles including turtles and snakes, cutthroat trout and other fish. Non-anadromous fish use the river above Ferris Ridge Dam. The river acts as a migration corridor for some species and a barrier to migration for others.

On both banks of the river, riparian vegetation is well developed but is compromised on the east bank by cattle grazing and on sections of the west bank by OCF paths, booths, and vehicle trails. Loss



*The Fair site has many wetland areas that support birds, fish and animals.*



photo by sax



of riparian vegetation can lead to increased erosion, decreased filtration of runoff, reduced wildlife habitat, warming of the water, and impairment of scenic values. Overgrown riparian areas provide hiding spots for people avoiding the sweep.

Point bars continue to grow as cut banks slump, dropping soil, shrubby vegetation, and trees into the channel. Erosion of the riverbank can cause loss of path and booth space, and steep, undercut banks that may pose danger to people on paths. Log jams and trees that span the channel may provide passage for trespassers and sneakers. Naval patrols may be inconvenienced. Jams and spans may divert the channel, leading to channel relocation.

Lane County riparian setback regulations require 100-foot setback from Class 1 streams. Federal and state wetland regulations limit earthmoving activities in wetlands.

#### *Policies*

- Reverence for the land dictates that natural processes should be respected.
- The health and safety of all OCF participants must be protected.

#### *Goals*

- Increased riparian vegetation
- Improved water quality
- Improved habitat for fish and wildlife
- Safe pedestrian paths and booths
- Minimized erosion
- Access for OCF pump trucks
- Minimized opportunity for trespassers and sneakers
- Views of the river from paths

#### *Implementation*

- All new construction should occur at least 100 feet from the river. No booths should be built along the river bank. Existing booths along the bank should be relocated away from the river.
- Minimize the removal of woody debris from the river.
- Fallen trees that span the river should be cut to minimize trespass.
- Action should be taken to improve water quality.
- Riparian vegetation should be enhanced.
- Bank stabilization efforts should be minimized.
- Erosion should be minimized on OCF property.
- Potential human-made flotsam should be removed from the flood zone.
- Vehicle traffic on the banks and in the river should be minimized.
- Paths should be oriented to preserve river views.
- Game hunting should be prohibited.
- Access should be preserved for water trucks employed in fire and dust control.



*The committee's land use plans seek to encourage the natural plant communities.*

### **OCF Wetlands Plan (draft)**

#### *Description*

Wetlands are characterized by hydrology, vegetation, and soil types. Wetland hydrology includes flooding or high water tables that saturate the root zone for extended periods (e.g. a week or more). Wetland vegetation has adaptations that enable growth in standing water or anaerobic soil. Hydric soils result from extended periods of saturation and deficiency of oxygen; they show characteristic coloration, texture, and chemistry.

OCF wetlands include Willamette Valley prairie wetlands, ash-slough sedge swamps, channel-associated wetlands, the old Indian Creek channel, sphagnum bogs, open water, and communities characterized by threatened and endangered species such as Willamette Valley bittercress and Bradshaw's lomatium.

#### *Policies*

- Reverence for the land dictates that OCF protect and enhance existing wetlands.
- OCF should educate the public and Fair family about the importance and characteristics of natural systems.

#### *Goals*

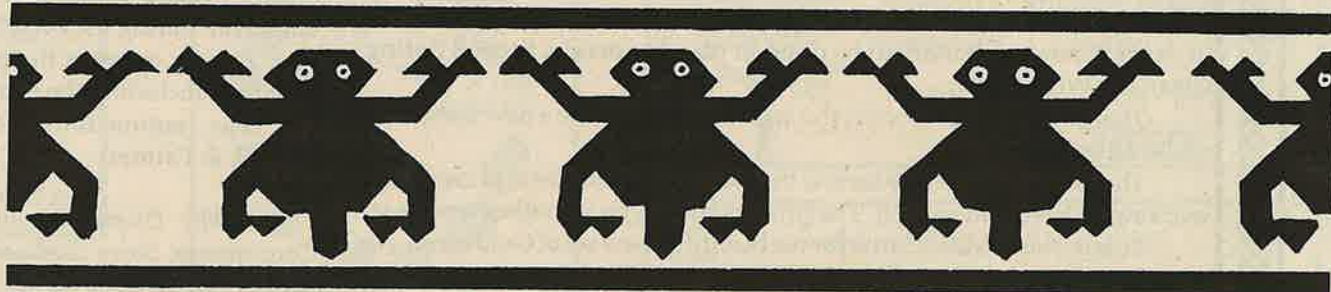
- Enhanced Indian Creek wetlands and connections between the Long Tom River and the Unorganized Territory
- Increased biodiversity and populations of native wetland species
- Functional wetlands of all types represented on OCF property
- Public education of values and importance of wetlands
- Development of management system compatible with wetlands and operation of the Fair

- Production of native wetland plants in a nursery
- Enhanced structural and habitat heterogeneity

#### *Implementation*

A detailed inventory of OCF wetlands should be taken. A management plan should be developed and followed by consistent monitoring. Management for the following community types might be as follows:

- Willamette Valley prairie wetlands (e.g. Trotter's field): mow per current schedule. Perhaps use controlled burns in selected areas to foster fire-dependent wetland plants.
- Ash-slough sedge (e.g. tree island west of Kermit's Lot): Prohibit camping, minimize traffic.
- Open water (e.g. stream, river, beaver ponds): See Indian Creek, Long Tom River management plans.
- Sphagnum bog (e.g. near Indian Creek): Keep out! Prevent activity, enhance where possible or practical, inventory and mark with interpretive signs for protection.
- Old Indian Creek: Allow camping, but minimize fill, drainage, and other alterations.
- Channel-associated wetlands (e.g. abandoned river channel wetlands): Identify and protect wetland pockets.
- Threatened and endangered plant communities (e.g. Willamette Valley bittercress, Bradshaw's lomatium): Identify, protect, determine best management practices, and minimize alterations in the interim.





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 1, 1996

**All Present:** Jack Makarchek, Tom Alexander, Daniel Dillon, David Liberty, Paxton Hoag, Jim Sahr, Martha Evans, Palmer Parker, Anne Henry, Jeanne Sharpy, Reggie Soto, Rich Locus (alternates)

### MINUTES APPROVAL

David moved, and Daniel seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 1996, BoD meeting.

Anne noted that she had been omitted from the Present and Not listings; she was in fact present. She also stated that the February meeting was on the 5th, not the 4th.

Leslie corrected the amount budgeted to rehab main camp six-pack as \$500, not \$1500.

The motion passed as corrected, 9 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Martha)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read and give feedback on three portions of the LUMP plan which appear in this edition of the *Fair Family News*.

Community Village meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Westmoreland School. Childcare is available.

The Spring Fling is Saturday, May 11, at the WOW Hall. Look for further announcements.

### MEMBER INPUT

David Hoffman thanked everyone who moved the refrigerators last fall so they didn't have to be moved last weekend, also.

Jack thanked Norma, Bill and Leslie for organizing the Spring Work Party. Thanks to everyone who showed up to volunteer; it kicked the Fair off a bit earlier this year.

### STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

**General Manager** THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at the Spring Clean Up Work Party. The site looks great. Car parts, assorted debris were all carted out. The many years' accumulation of trash makes us conscious once again of the big footprint we leave on this special piece of earth. There's still more to be done so plan to attend a Second Spring Clean Up Work Party.

Thank you to Rich Locus who worked to set up the a new computer at the office.

Thank you to the Treasurers, the Budget Committee and crews for working so hard and so well. The process should go smoother next year.

Thank you to Mike Harris for the beautiful, new set of Guidelines. As with last year, the Guidelines have been integrated into one booklet. Coordinators are urged to pick up copies from the Fair office and distribute them to their crews.

The Crisis Intervention training is set for June 30, at the Fair site. Refresher course is 10-12am, new training is 1-4pm.

The hearing date for our land use application for camping on the City of Veneta land is set for April 25. We now know what to expect and will be prepared, i.e., fire, security, ingress & egress.

Thank you LUMP Committee for a terrific work session. Discussed river, wetlands management, and raised the important issue of how to integrate land use and the needs of the event.

Sixty folks, mostly residents of Elmira and Veneta, turned out for the Community meeting on March 12. It was a great presentation that created a lot of excitement for the wetlands. That is an attempt to integrate the waste water discharge system with the flood plains restoration.

**Site Manager** Thanks to all Fair family for their show of support on the first clean-up work party! A great show and fire.

Special thanks to the Vegmanecs for their help in organizing the work load, and to Bruce Berryhill for his time on site tinkering around and getting the flatbeds ready for the work.

In the last month the site has dried out somewhat and the wildflowers are starting their show.

We are mowing more and more each week and will start core plugging right away and then on to seeding.

The tractor, back from having a new frame installed and an annual physical, is read for this Fair.

When visiting the site, if you see any branches, limbs, or trees that could be considered dangerous, please, leave a note or a phone message so that any problem areas can be taken care of.

In the next couple of months we'll need extra help with seeding, raking, mowing and watering. If any of that interests you, call the office

or the site for times and interested areas, or talk to any VegManEc.

**Administrative Assistant** THANK YOU everyone who showed up last Saturday. It felt like 1983 when we shoveled mud, a unique Fair family bonding experience. The next Spring Clean Up Work Party will be Sunday, May 5. Special thanks to Bill Verner, Marline Showker, Phillip Guyette and Cheyla Guyette.

Thanks to Rich Locus for his computer expertise and diligence. Thank you to Rich Reuter for maintaining the office yard.

**Treasurer** Steve Gorham presented the final draft of the '96 Budget. Copies are available at the office.

The BoD will need to address the issue of equity in light of the per diem change last year. Will some volunteers become temporary employees? Who gets paid and how much? He intends to bring this back to the BoD soon after the Fair this year.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### EMPLOYEE PENSION REVISITED

Palmer moved, and Jack seconded, that norma sax be included in the OCF retirement program as of the date effective for other covered employees. This is a one-time modification of the standard policy as passed at the February 1996 BoD meeting.

The motion passed, 10 for and 0 opposed.

#### BACK UP MANAGERS APPOINTMENT

David moved, and Paxton seconded, that we accept Leslie's choices of Andrew Harvey, Sallie Edmunds and Robert Arnauge DeSpain as Back Up Managers for the 1996 Fair.

Jack moved, and Jeanne seconded, that the Board vote on each choice separately this year.

The motion passed, 8 for and 2 opposed (Paxton & Daniel)

Jim moved, and David seconded, to amend the immediate decision that this become a standing policy change. The BoD will appoint BUMs individually in subsequent years.

**BoD Discussion:** David supports this idea as it relates to last year's change in status (from a volunteer receiving per diem to a temporary employee during the event).

Palmer opposes the piecemeal approach to resolving the BUM situation, including the timing of the BUM appointments.

The motion failed, 6 in favor, 4 opposed (Martha, Paxton, Daniel, & Palmer)

**Public Discussion on each BUM:** Mark Goldby, Crafts Lot Coordinator, Steve Gorham, Treasure, and Don Doolin stated their support for all three BUMS. Mark noted that often a person's merits do not shine as brightly in comparison with mistakes which may stand out. Steve said it is important to support Leslie in her choice in whom she has confidence to back her up. Everyone learns from their past. Don said there has been some rough going, but, each day and each year improves.

Lucy Lynch, Inventory Crew, stated that all four (Leslie included) do incredible work in a demanding job. Last year they managed the Fair through our biggest attendance day, followed by heavy rain.

**BoD Discussion:** Reggie supports all three. The team should stay intact, especially this year. We should consider one or two Fair's advance notice of any change in BUM appointments.

Anne said she realized the vast responsibilities a BUM has. The Fair needs more than three BUMs.

Martha thanked Robert, Sallie and Andrew for all they do, crisis after crisis. We need you.

David agreed with Anne; we need to expand our BUM experience base.

Jack yielded time to Santos, fair volunteer. The General Manager chooses this team for her backup. With confidence in the General Manager, we should accept her choice.

A rare event: Jim agrees with Santos.

Vote to appoint Andrew Harvey passed: 7 in favor, 3 opposed (Palmer, Anne, & Jeanne)

Vote to appoint Robert DeSpain passed: 10 in favor, 0 opposed

Vote to appoint Sallie Edmunds passed: 10 in favor, 0 opposed

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET ISSUES

#### SULLIVAN BIDS ON WAREHOUSE II

David moved, and Daniel seconded, that the BoD accept the bid totaling \$9,870 from Sullivan Construction to build Warehouse II. The project will be completed before the Fair this year.

*Public Discussion:* Leslie urged the BoD's support on this. It will help the office, communications infrastructure, and general operations tremendously. It will also save money by not renting the trailer which takes up valuable space needed for other purposes.

Hilary Anthony suggested a budget increase to include electricity which is not listed in the Sullivan bid.

Millie White questioned the percentage of recycled material to be used in the construction. Palmer quoted from the bid that 100% of the doors and windows will be recycled.

*BoD Discussion:* Palmer questioned whether the amount in the budget proposal is enough to additionally cover permit fees which are not included in Sullivan's bid. Do the new plans fall within the bid?

Martha asked for a friendly amendment to increase the Warehouse II budget.

Paxton noted that the motion on the table is the Sullivan Construction bid.

Jim expects that the electrical material and labor will be provided at no cost.

Leslie noted the permit fees total approximately \$200. Tim Wolden's original drawing will be integrated with the new interior design.

Since one of our goals is to be a showcase of appropriate technology, Palmer questioned whether Warehouse II includes such high tech features as low-voltage lighting and automatic turn off water faucets.

Although Jack supports this motion he questions the reality of its completion before the '96 Fair. Steve Gorham responded that the trailer rental budget has already been approved anyway.

**The motion passed: 10 in favor, 0 opposed.**

### WAREHOUSE II BUDGET

Paxton moved, and Martha seconded, to allocate \$10,000 for the Warehouse II capital project as listed by the Budget Committee.

*BoD Discussion:* Palmer noted this figure is only \$130 over the Sullivan bid that was just approved.

Jim suggested leaving the budget as is and planning for a completion phase another year.

Daniel disagreed strongly; it would be a mistake to move in before it is finished and then try to complete it.

Jack agreed that we would not be given a Certificate of Occupancy with anything less than paint and floor covering. ???

Paxton, and Martha accepted Steve's friendly amendment of increasing the budgeted amount to \$11,000

**The motion passed: 10 in favor, 0 opposed.**

### A Road Primer by Robert DeSpain:

Smile Lane is sinking. If we don't take care of the roads we do have we'll lose them and any investment already made. Smile Lane was not built correctly the first time and it has deteriorated about as much as it can before it is totally lost. The mud ridge down the middle should be cut, then re-rocked and compacted.

John Wayne Road, aka Bus Road, should be widened to facilitate the ingress/egress which has been a long-term goal since 1983. It, too, needs a lot of rock, not dirt. The originally proposed amount of \$15,000 would build the road correctly. The Budget Committee's proposal of \$12,000 means we could build a good road base and it would have to be maintained sooner.

\$6,000 for additional roads actually means performing triage on the existing roads — take care of the emergencies as they arise. Most of these areas need to be scarified through the potholes to create a uniform base. Even though the roads would be dirtier and rougher during the event it would be better to improve these roads after the Fair so they have time to settle before heavy use.

In general, disking would be the worst thing to do. The rock base could be lost after grading if nothing was done immediately. A culvert is necessary to drain the roadway. Flood plains and roads don't relate well together. The culvert size depends upon the quantity of rock used; not less than two 8-inch culverts. Robert allowed that it would be a nice experiment to pursue David's suggestion of an accordion road that could be folded up. We wouldn't need to apply for wetlands permit as we'd be using 30-40 yards of rock. Anything over 50 cubic yards requires a permit. It would take a maximum of two days to complete John Wayne & the Nansleez portions.

Board members expressed appreciation having Robert as a resident expert.

*Public Discussion:* Steve Wisnovsky, Traffic Coordinator, urged the BoD to approve the road improvements budgets. They are needed in time for this year's event, especially to help with the evenings' exiting traffic between the hours of 6-10pm. Maple Gate is now inadequate; the majority of cars are trying to turn left against oncoming traffic going 60 mph. Aero Road is choked up. The end result is fuming cars and patrons. The 6-10pm shift has become the shift from hell; no one wants to work it. Traffic has considered many options and all of the solutions are maxed. Widening John Wayne Road would alleviate much of this stress caused by this last bottleneck. Contrary to what some may think, Traffic does not have a master plan to pave the entire parking lot and put in more roads. This would be the last road improvement required. We are not going to increase the amount of traffic in the parking lot as we are already parking to the fence line. Unfortunately, this is a contentious issue pitting safe egress against wetlands. Traffic is trying to mitigate our impact on the land, yet consider the volume of traffic that passes through the Fair.

Leslie stated her support for Traffic Crew and would like us to remain dedicated to our relationship with the land. We should remain open to any option that has less impact, less cost, and does not foreclose any other option.

*BoD Discussion:* David advocates we finish Bus Road before this year's Fair and avoid clogging the neighborhood roads. The other roads should be built at their optimum timing (immediately following the Fair).

Jack said that Robert confirmed his worst nightmares, and yet all that he said is probably necessary. LUMP needs to give us an overall plan so that we can make informed decisions.

Martha suggested more people might take the bus and leave their cars at home if they know how difficult it is with unimproved roads.

**Paxton's motion to approve all three road budgets with an increase of \$3,000 for John Wayne Road failed for lack of a second.**

### JOHN WAYNE ROAD

David moved, and Jim seconded, to approve the John Wayne Road widening budgeted at \$12,000 to be completed before this year's event.

**The motion passed: 7 in favor, and 3 opposed (Martha, Anne & Jack)**

### ADDITIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

David moved, and Daniel seconded, that we approve \$6,000 for gravel for emergency repairs to be stockpiled appropriately.

*Public Discussion:* Leslie clarified that this capital project was not recommended by the Budget Committee. And we have many gravel piles around the Fair site already. Let's do an inventory first.

Robert noted that \$6,000 would purchase approximately \$2,000 worth of rock; the balance would be the cost for trucking and spreading. This could be put off if we need to be frugal. It will be needed in future years. Road maintenance is a worthy capital project as it protects the pre-existing \$20-30,000 investment.

**The motion failed: 3 in favor, and 7 opposed (Jack, Paxton, Jim, Martha, Palmer, Anne & Jeanne)**

### SMILE LANE

**Palmer's motion that the BoD approve \$2,130 to repair Smile Lane failed for lack of a second.**

### SITE MANAGER'S CAPITAL PROJECTS

Steve said the Budget Committee supports a '96 budget totaling \$1,595.00. This includes \$595 for a Core Plugger, \$700 for a used Brush and Limb Chipper/Shredder, and \$300 for a canoe (unless the OCF Navy has one already). At this time the Budget Committee did not support the purchase of a pressure washer, a backpack blower, a year-round site utility vehicle, or a mower deck-tow behind. They considered various issues such as use, storage, alternatives (i.e., rentals) in making their recommendations. They noted that we would be getting a good deal on the chipper/shredder and that a canoe is a necessity for the site manager during the winter floods. A year-round site utility vehicle is probably a good idea, yet there must be a cheaper alternative than was requested.

**Martha moved, and Paxton seconded, that the BoD approve the '96 Site Manager's Capital Projects Budget totaling \$1,595 as proposed by the Budget Committee.**

*BoD Discussion:* Jeanne and David both questioned whether the chipper/shredder would really cut it, that is to say, meet our needs. The machine that is being considered is really more of a brush cutter that will handle up to two to three inch diameter wood. Bill was originally considering a machine that would handle up to five inch diameter and dimensional wood.

Jack stated that anything bigger than three inches in diameter should be used for firewood or recovery project. This is a decent chipper/shredder for two-inch diameter wood. Even if we purchase a machine that handles larger wood at some future date, we won't use this machine any less.

Jim said he and Bill tested this machine and it is very powerful. They thought long and hard and then in anticipation of the BoD's approval put \$300 down to hold it.

**The motion passed: 10 in favor, and 0 opposed. (Reggie voted in Anne's temporary absence)**

### KITCHEN BUDGET

Steve said the Kitchen budget has been divided into three components: Prefair, Hospitality (during the Fair), and Postfair, for a combined total of \$19,270.

**David moved, and Paxton seconded, that the BoD approve the '96 combined Kitchen budget totaling \$19,270 as proposed by the Budget Committee.**

*Public Discussion:* Leslie stated this breaks out much closer to the actual amount spent over the past two years than the budgeted amount. She emphasized that the kitchen divisions are not creating new crews, but rather, allocating necessary budget amounts during each phase. They anticipate continued donations in the hospitality area.

Kelly O'Neill is concerned the hospitality figure may be too low as more folks become aware of its existence.

*BoD Discussion:* Palmer questioned if the proposed amount included calculations for actual food costs/meal or the number of people served at what cost per meal. Steve said the Budget Committee is just beginning to look at this and has some proposals for getting accurate counts. They have never compiled the numbers from the Quartermaster or from crew budgets.

Leslie added that meal requests in November may prove a different reality in June.

**The motion passed: 10 in favor, 0 opposed.**

#### **RECYCLING BUDGET**

Steve introduced this issue by saying they had asked for too little; the coordinator expenses have been bumped up to \$4,000 from \$1,480 (last years expenses totaled \$3,707.69) and supplies expense is increased to accommodate the rise in dumping fees.

**Palmer moved, and Martha seconded, that the BoD approve the '96 amended Recycling budget as proposed by the Budget Committee.**

**The motion passed: 10 in favor, and 0 opposed.**

#### **LATINO MEDICAL ACCESS DONATION**

Anne requested this item be pulled from this and future agendas as no one has appeared to represent this issue during the past several months even with notification.

#### **LAND SWAP/SPRAY NEGOTIATION TEAM APPOINTED**

Daniel moved, and Paxton seconded, the BoD appoint Jack Makarchek, Leslie Scott, Martha Evans, Dennis Todd, Hilary Anthony & Daniel Dillon to a task force to work with an attorney to negotiate a land swap and/or a spray license agreement between the OCF and the City of Veneta.

*Public Discussion:* Kelley would like any BoD meetings discussing/deciding to swap land to have adequate public notice.

*BoD Discussion:* Jack is glad to be on this committee, however, it does not alter his opposition to spraying.

Anne appreciates the qualities of each member of this task force and is certain they will have well-rounded discussions.

**The motion passed: 9 in favor, 1 opposed (Jack)**

#### **BOARD LIAISON TO FIELD TRIP PRODUCTIONS**

Daniel moved, and Tom seconded, the BoD appoint Jim Sahr as BoD liaison to Field Trip Productions.

*Public Discussion:* Hilary would like the BoD's liaison's responsibilities outlined.

*BoD Discussion:* Jim said he would be an information resource for both sides and would accept no decision-making authority. FTP submitted permit applications with the county one month ago. They have planned for a concert date of July 27-28. Members of the Dead will perform together and with their respective bands a seven hour show each day.

Reggie opposes a Field Trip production on the Fair site. He is concerned that the Fair is ultimately responsible for any action on Fair property, not Field Trip Productions nor CMS, security services. That could be detrimental to the Fair's Second Event when it kicks off.

Palmer supports Jim as a BoD liaison, however he will continue to oppose FTP's proposal until the BoD appoints a Fair point-person.

**The motion passed: 9 in favor, and 1 abstention (Jim)**

**Daniel set a BoD Executive Session for April 22, to consider the FTP proposal.**

#### **SECOND EVENT CLARIFICATION**

*FYI:* Martha is looking for a good facilitator for a second event visioning work session to be held close to town so many folks could attend. People would consider the purposes for and implications of a second event. This would probably be immediately followed by a BoD retreat to coalesce the information gathered. This will continue to be Old Business. Hopefully, the work session will be held in May.

#### **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

David moved the BoD waive the rules and consider this piece of new business tonight so that the insurance may have a policy effective date of April 1, rather than June 1. This would put it in line with other budget items.

**The motion passed, 10 in favor and 0 opposed.**

David moved, and Martha seconded, the Board increase its General Liability insurance coverage to three million dollars; (a one million dollar increase).

*Public Discussion:* Kelly wondered if it's possible to get a better deal. I.e., \$1,000,000 year round coverage and \$3-4,000,000 during the summer.

Leslie said no such deals exist. Last year the Fair paid \$8,600/year for \$2,000,000 of general liability coverage. This proposal would cost \$10,040 for \$3,000,000 of general liability insurance. This is actually a better choice than what we had; more coverage for comparatively less expense. This recommendation comes from a meeting with the Fair president, the Fair's attorney, the GM, and our insurance agent.

*BoD Discussion:* Jim said this is similar to putting the fox in the hen house. He recognizes the fragile position of the General Manager and the BoD. On the other hand, he doesn't like insurance.

Jack said the only thing worse than being hoodwinked by insurance is to be hoodwinked by insurance with inadequate coverage. He would rather pay the increased amount and have an adequate policy.

**The motion passed, resignedly: 10 in favor, and 0 opposed.**

#### **A PEACHY APPROVAL**

Jeff Harrison, Craft Inventory Coordinator, assisted by vanna sax displayed this year's entries to sell The Peach (craft items with the OCF logo).

**Jim moved, and Anne seconded, to limit the number of Peach items to eight.**

*Public Discussion:* Kelley would like to see the vote results before a decision is made.

Brian Alexander, Craftsperson, said there has been a historical limit of five items 'though certainly this figure has been amended.

Leslie quoted the Guidelines, "Each year a small number of returning crafters..." She added that some of the items presented are not from returning juried crafters.

*BoD Discussion:* Jack stated that the limit is not dependent upon quality.

Anne said we have this discussion each year and we will continue this process until a better one comes along.

Palmer moved to table this discussion 'til the votes are tallied.

**Motion to table passed: 7 in favor, 3 opposed (Martha, Jack & Jim)**

Now, back to Jim's original motion to limit the number of Peach items to eight. The motion failed: 6 in favor, and 4 opposed (Jack, Daniel, David & Jeanne)

**Jack moved, and David seconded to limit the number of Peach items to nine. The motion failed: 5 in favor, and 5 opposed (Martha, Jim, Palmer, Jeanne & Anne).**

**Jack moved, and Martha seconded, another motion to limit the number of Peach items to eight. The motion passed: 10 in favor, 0 opposed.**

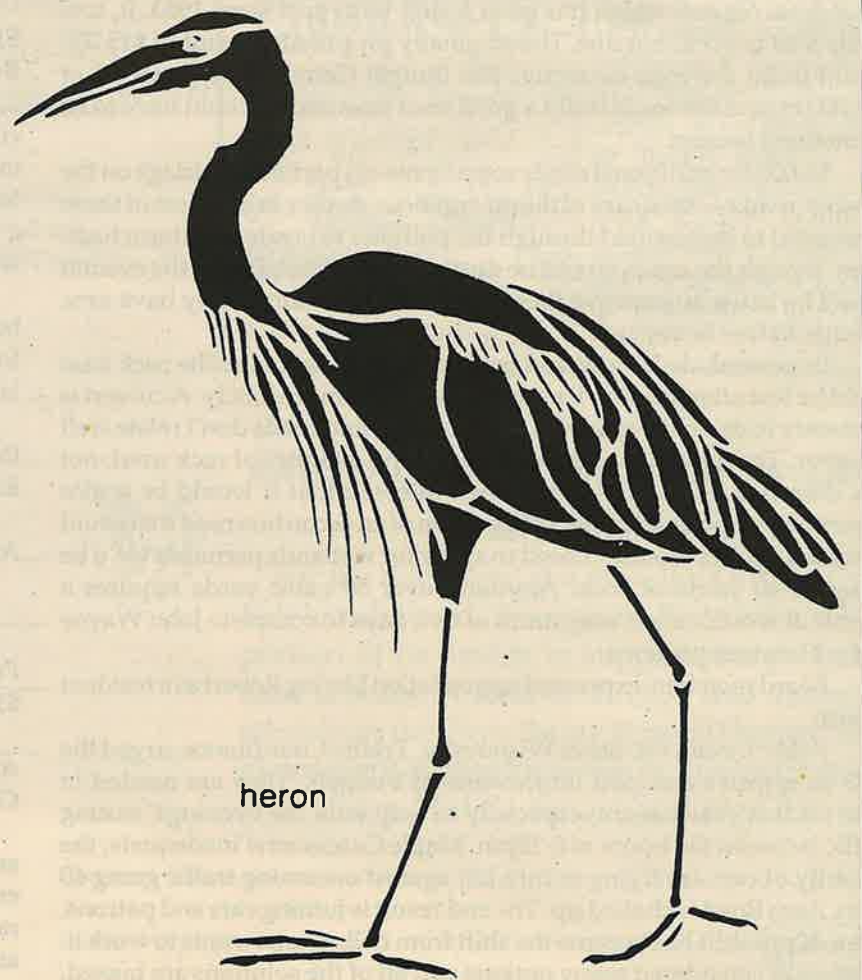
The '96 Peach logo items include: hemp hats, pottery mugs, beaded pins, bandannas, foot bags, waist packs, canvas bags and glass mugs. Congratulations! [All items are from returning craft vendors.]

The next BoD meeting will be Monday, May 6, 7pm in the Community Room at EWEB

New Business: Fair Family Donation, BUM Policies, Lot Crew Coordinator Appointment

Old Business: Field Trip Productions, Second Event Clarification, Gypsy Stage, Land Swap/Spray Irrigation License with City of Veneta  
The agenda may be added to or changed at the meeting.

MINUTES BY JEN-LIN



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