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COLUMBIA-CASCADE

# Friendship Force Flyer

Columbia Cascade  
Portland, OR/Vancouver, WA



## President's Corner

Bob Porter

It is late July and we are right in the middle of the long hot summer of 2015. Our FFCC activities have kept us busy, but now we have a short break before we have hosting opportunities with the pre and post Friendship Force World Conference in Vancouver, BC in late August.

I am very pleased with the success of the Incoming Global Exchange featuring gardens of the Pacific Northwest. Gwen White along with Jim Arnoux, the exchange committee and hosts get a very big

**Thank You!** for a job well done.

Laural and I participated in all of the events with our two ambassadors from New Zealand and had a great time. We have lived in the Portland area most of our lives, but we visited gardens that we have not seen before.

Participating in Friendship Force enriches our lives in many ways.

Our FFCC Picnic on July 19 was a great event at a great location. Read my report on page 4.

Thanks to Jerry Bacon, we have reserved the Clark Public Utilities Community Room for our FFCC Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015. Save the date.

This issue of the *Flyer* includes fewer words and more photos. Enjoy!

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## Upcoming Events

### Friendship Force International World Conference 2015

By Bob Porter

I think there are 10 FFCC members going to the Friendship Force World Conference in Vancouver, BC being held on August 28 to 31.

Our club is hosting 6 delegates for 4 days before the conference. Paul & Carol Dare are hosting a delegate from Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mary Gayle & Dick Van Ingen are hosting a delegate from Montreal, Canada; Pat & Lori Reynolds are hosting a delegate from Tokyo, Japan; and Bob Porter and Laural Engeman are hosting two delegates from Taipei, Taiwan.

We are also hosting 7 delegates for 4 days after the conference. Emily Smith is hosting a couple from Edmonton, Canada; Pat & Lori Reynolds are hosting a couple from Tasmania, Australia; Rick Smith & Bobbie Klabin-Smith are hosting a friend from Sugar Land, Texas; Bob Porter & Laural Engeman are hosting a couple from Carrara, Gold Coast, Australia.

## **Upcoming Events** *(continued from Page 1)*

### **Peace & Justice Fair, Vancouver, Washington**

**September 12, 2015**

By Bobbie Klabin-Smith

On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Friendship Force Columbia Cascade will have a booth at the annual Peace and Justice Fair at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, WA. Club volunteers are needed to man the booth for two-hour shifts. The hours are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, which includes set-up and take-down. The Vancouver Saturday market will also be open at the park during this time and attracts many people from Portland and Vancouver.

This is a great opportunity to introduce the public to Friendship Force and gain new members. Our booth will have a canopy for shade, chairs, and bottled water for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Bobbie Klabin-Smith**. Please note, my email address is incorrect in the new directory.

*Even if you can't help in our booth, visit the Peace and Justice Fair and the Farmers Market and stop by our booth and say hello to our volunteers!*

### **Lincoln, Nebraska, Exchange Plans Underway**

By Mary Dickson, Exchange Director

Plans for the Incoming Exchange from Lincoln, Nebraska, are coming along, but your help is needed to ensure its success. We have 15 ambassadors from Lincoln arriving on September 20 for a six-day exchange, and we are getting excited. The agenda has been set, reservations made for tours, and fun events will be enjoyable for our local FFCC members as well as for the ambassadors.

#### **Summary of Events:**

**Sunday, Sept 20:** Welcome our guests at the Vancouver Amtrak station in the afternoon then visit Fort Vancouver and have an early catered dinner (not a potluck!) at Donna Egan's lovely home on the Columbia River.

**Monday, Sept 21:** Ride in the comfortable, air-conditioned Willamette View bus to Tillamook, Bay City and Seaside, with supper at Camp 18.

**Tuesday, Sept 22:** "Keep Portland and Vancouver Weird Day" is a day of options for you to enjoy some of the lesser known attractions of our area. Hosts will be given a list of some interesting places and will decide with the Ambassadors what will make the day fun for them.

**Wednesday, Sept 23:** Enjoy the Tours of Guide Dogs for the Blind and visit Bob's Red Mill, with lunch at a food cart pod and an early dinner at Bob's Red Mill restaurant.

**Thursday, Sept 24:** In the morning visit the Rose Garden and Pittock Mansion; in the afternoon explore downtown Portland, with a walk across the Tillicum Crossing Bridge and a ride on the Portland Tram.

**Friday, Sept 25:** Share the beautiful scenery of the Columbia River Gorge, with lunch at the Thunder Island Brewing Company and a two-hour ride on the Sternwheeler.

**Saturday, Sept 26:** Ambassadors leave PDX at 8AM.

#### **How You Can Participate:**

In order to make this exchange successful, we encourage you to participate. Many of our local members are traveling in September, so those of us still in town need to step up. Because so many of our club will be out of town, we are not having home-hosted dinners this exchange. But here are our other needs. Please check your calendar and see where you might join the fun and help.

**Photographer** for Welcome Dinner and other events.

**Hosts:** We still need a host for two women who want to stay together if possible since one is on her first exchange.

**Booklet designer:** We have all the information, but need someone with good word processing skills to put it together. It does not have to be fancy!

**Day Hosts:** If you are a new member and not been involved in an exchange, this is a good time to start. It is fun and is the reason that Friendship Force exists. I can walk you through the steps so you know what to expect. *(Continued on Page 3)*

**Upcoming Events** (continued for page 2)

**Lincoln, Nebraska, Exchange Plans Underway** (Continued from Page 2)

We live in such a lovely area, very different from Lincoln, Nebraska, which is flat with no waterways. I traveled with some members of their club last year in New Zealand and can attest to the fact that they are fun, appreciative, and will be enjoyable guests. Please check your calendar and call or email me telling me how you can help.

\*\*\*\*\* **Mary Dickson, ED**

**Past Event Reports**

**Incoming Global Garden Exchange**

By Gwen White, Exchange Director

The Global Garden Exchange from May 28-June 11 was thoroughly enjoyed by the 20 ambassadors from 5 different countries and 7 states. The first week was spent in Ashland, where we enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the Southern Oregon Friendship Force club. We visited many amazing and beautiful private gardens, took a fun bus tour one day to the coast through the redwoods, endured the snow at Crater Lake (but had an enjoyable trip along the Crater Lake Highway visiting the natural bridge and lava tube). Of course, there were many potlucks and gatherings for meals.



Welcome Dinner Feast

After returning to Portland we had a busy week. Despite the very warm weather we enjoyed many fun activities and saw many wonderful gardens. The Welcome Dinner at the Arnoux/White house had great food, good company and interesting talks thanks to Tom Hughes, President of Metro, and Marcia and Dennis Peck, who write for the Home and Garden section of the Oregonian. In spite of a very hot day, we had fun visiting the Oregon Garden, Seabright Hosta Nursery and the tour and wine tasting at Villa Catalana. We had great seats for the Grand Floral Parade and all enjoyed the festivities. Another day included visiting Luscher Farms in West Linn, Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, the Portland Memory Garden and Edgefield Manor in Troutdale.



Marcia & Dennis Peck being interviewed by Mary Dickson



Tom Hughes  
President of Metro

A favorite day was the day we went to the Japanese Garden, Rose Garden and Chinese Garden. In observing everyone's joy and delight in viewing these gardens, I was reminded how lucky we are to have these available for our enjoyment anytime. At the farewell dinner several of the ambassadors said the Japanese Garden was their favorite of the entire trip. I personally very much enjoyed the private garden viewings. It was great to see what people can do with their own yards and space. Thank you to all who made their gardens available for viewing. The farewell dinner was at Willamette View, where we were treated to a tour of their gardens and a chance to see the 'before' and 'after' of the gardens.



Our group at the  
Portland Memory Garden

Thank you to all the people who helped with the exchange. The committee included Mary Dickson, Bob Porter, Laural Engeman, Sharon Dawson, Kathy Kimmy, Marguerite Morin, Lori Reynolds, Emily Smith, Jim Arnoux, Marty Muncie, Pam Brown and Wayne Potter. (continued on Page 4)



Jim Arnoux prepares  
salmon for the  
Welcome Dinner

Past Event Reports (continued from page 3)

(Continued from Page 3) Thanks also to all the hosts, day hosts and dinner hosts, and thanks to Fred and Marian Rauch for their involvement for the farewell event. It truly takes a huge group to make one of these



Small group dinner hosted by new members Shiwei Li (left side) and Jerry Lin (right side)

exchanges successful, and our club came through. I have had multiple notes from the participants since the exchange thanking us and saying what a great time was had by all.

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Group Photo at Villa Catalana



FFCC Summer Picnic on July 19, 2015

By Bob Porter

Charles & Mary Flaum shared their beautifully landscaped home for our FFCC Summer Picnic held on Sunday, July 19, 2015. They live on the south side of Fairview Lake and offered swimming and boating opportunities. They have 3 kayaks, a paddle board and a pontoon boat. The kayakers got some use and the pontoon boat took a couple of trips around the lake. No one tried the paddle board.



Charles giving a kayak lesson

It was a very hot day. The temperature reached 97! Fortunately there was a slight breeze coming off the lake and there were two water misters helping to cool things down. Plus we had an awning and two canopies for shade.



Keeping Cool Under the Awning

Jerry Bacon was the quiz master and provided trivia questions for our 3 teams of 4 people to answer. We were not very good coming up with correct answers. At the end of two games the teams were tied with 5 correct answer each. We blamed the poor performance on the heat, not diminished mental ability from aging.

At 4 o'clock we had our picnic meal. The club provided pulled pork sliders (small buns) and cole slaw. The rest of the meal was a potluck and we had plenty of food to eat. This is one of the few times I did not take a photo of the food because I was too busy eating.

I enjoyed the picnic very much. I talked with members both old and new.

We sure have interesting members who love to travel, met new friends and have new experiences. They also like to talk about and share their adventures.

Thank you to picnic committee of Charles & Mary Flaum, Jerry & Phyllis Bacon and Laural Engeman and me for a job well done.

Thanks to everyone who participated. It was fun.

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Pontoon Boat Leaving the dock



View of home from dock



Arriving back after a tour of the lake

## Columbia Cascade Calendar

### 2015

- August 25-29     Hosting for Pre World Conference Home Stay
- August 29-31     Friendship Force World Conference in  
Vancouver, BC, Canada
- August 31 to  
September 4     Hosting for Post World Conference Home Stay
- September 20-27     Incoming Exchange from Lincoln, Nebraska
- November 15     Annual Meeting & Elections
- December     Toys for Tots Volunteer Activity

### 2016

- June     Incoming Exchange from Murray Bridge, Australia
- September     Outgoing Exchange to Solo-Surakarta, Indonesia
- October 10-17     Outgoing Exchange to Dallas, Texas

For information or to Signup to participate in these events email  
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# Membership Application

Annual dues cover the cost of the newsletter and expenses for exchanges and activities of the Friendship Force of Columbia Cascade, as well as membership in Friendship Force International.

Single Membership \$30

Family Membership \$50

Dual Membership (single)\$15  
(more than one chapter)(family)\$25

New Member? YES NO

If new member, we need name(s) for name tag:

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Date\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

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Questions:

Call Sharon Dawson  
503-234-4530

**Please circle Interest:**

Hosting incoming ambassadors

Day Hosting

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Travel on Outgoing exchanges

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## PLEDGE

As a member of The Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace will be furthered.

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