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Friends of Olympic National Park Mission Statement:

Our mission is to support Olympic National Park in preserving the Park's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Friends of Olympic National Park promote understanding of the Park's ecological, educational, economic and recreational importance and work with the Park on special projects.

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FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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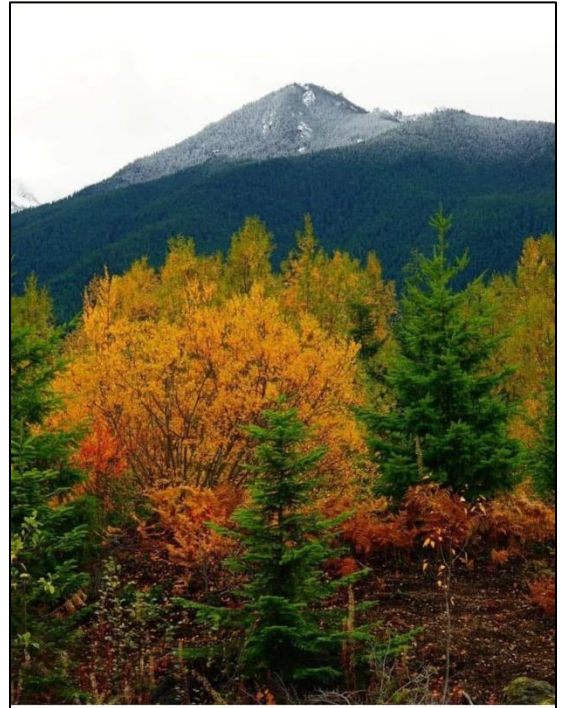


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- Patrick Williams**



Message from the President, Friends of Olympic National Park

2024 has been a busy year for FONP, as we completed the volunteer events that we've done historically, but also added some new ones—such as the East Beach graffiti cleanup and the herbarium digitization project. Particularly gratifying was the graffiti removal work, which was done in close coordination with ONP staff in an eco-friendly way. Special thanks to FONP member Desiree Marble, who brought the project to us and Leah Santasiero from the ONP Youth and Volunteer Office for your efforts. Within the national park archives, the herbarium project is ongoing as photographs of over 7000 plant specimens are being taken and catalogued online. Joey Gish from Peninsula College and Matt Lebeau from ONP are leading this project.

Patrick Williams was welcomed to the FONP board this month. He came to the peninsula from Texas and has been an active volunteer in the park from north to south. His enthusiasm is a welcome asset for our group.

Our Facebook group has grown to over 80,000 members and presents an opportunity to educate and share up-to-date information about the park. We are grateful to Lee Snook, Chief of Interpretation for Olympic National Park for helping us refine and present the most accurate information regarding park fees and passes to potential visitors. Thank you also to board member Dori Brogolino, who has provided FB statistics for board review, and created multiple event posts for members. Facebook AI was invaluable at helping our monitors stay caught up with the large number of posts this summer, and we continue to modify the AI rules so that posts remain relevant.



Message from the President (continued)

At this moment, we have approximately 50 paid annual memberships. These donations are our financial core, and we appreciate all those who contribute in this way. We have also added some new private donors, as well as accepted legacy donations in honor of those who have passed. The FONP board determines how to best funnel our monies back towards support of the park, staff and our volunteers. We give gift cards from local businesses for our Most Inspirational Friend and Most Inspirational Park Employee awards. We provide light refreshments and swag for volunteers at our maintenance events and have also contributed equipment to the herbarium project.

Subsequent to the Fall Meeting on October 15th, the board will take November off for Thanksgiving, but we will be meeting in December to plan projects for 2025. We welcome ideas for projects from our members! Please send an email to FONP2020@gmail.com if you see a need in the park that seems a good fit for FONP.

Looking forward to the Fall Meeting and hearing from Chris Erickson, Branch Chief of Law Enforcement for ONP. Should be a great evening.

*Warmly,
Toni*

Photos from FONP archives



Fall Membership Meeting:



Photo from FONP archives

*The FONP Board would like to invite you to attend our Fall Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 15 at 6 pm in the Raymond Carver Room, Port Angeles Library (2210 S. Peabody St). Our guest speaker will be **Chris Erickson**, Branch Chief, Emergency Services for Olympic National Park.*

Meeting Agenda:

- *Keynote Speaker: **Chris Erickson***
- *Park Update from Park Superintendent: **Sula Jacobs***
- *Most Inspirational Friend Award Presentation*
- *Light refreshments*

Title of **Chris Erickson's presentation:**

Olympic National Park Search & Rescue – Stories, Pictures, and Current Practices

Chris will share stories and photos of the Olympic National Park's Search and Rescue Team in action. He will emphasize search and rescue response in today's day and age.

Registration link to attend the meeting:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fonp-fall-meeting-tickets-1008039452137>

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Most Inspirational Friend Award

Desiree Marble

On Tuesday evening at Fall Meeting, we will be presenting the Most Inspirational Friend award to Desiree Marble for 2024. Desiree identified a beautification project at East Beach, Lake Crescent involving graffiti removal. She researched the methods for removing graffiti and presented the idea to the Friends board. We in turn took the project to Zachary Gray, ONP Trails Supervisor. Zach submitted the Project Proposal to Christina Miller, Environmental Protection Specialist. A product that was determined to be safe for users and for the lake was approved and three work parties took place over the summer. Desiree was part of two of the three parties and got to see her idea come to fruition. Thank you to Leah Santasiero for helping lead the work parties. This work was hard and dirty, but gratifying. We would like to encourage more FONP members to bring us project ideas. This one resulted in awesome collaboration with the park staff. Thank you Desiree!

BEFORE



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AFTER



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Historical Perspective:

CCC Structures in Olympic National Park

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was developed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as part of the New Deal program to help the country recover from the Great Depression. The program ran from 1933 to 1942, and it put many unemployed young men to work on conservation projects in America's parks and forests. Ultimately, more than 3 million young men would cycle through the program. The timing was fortuitous for Olympic National Park, which was established in 1938 by Franklin D. Roosevelt and was in need of additional infrastructure. The CCC helped construct the following structures in the Park:

Olympic National Park Headquarters:

CCC construction of the ONP headquarters began in 1939 and was completed in 1941. The building is known for its rustic style and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Photo from FONP archives



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Sol Duc Falls Shelter (also known as the Canyon Creek Shelter): This is the last remaining trail shelter in ONP that was constructed by the CCC. Two similar CCC trail shelters - - at Moose Lake and Hoh Lake - - no longer exist. Sol Duc Falls Shelter is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Roads: The CCC was very involved in helping build and/or improve numerous roads in the Park, including those to Olympic Hot Springs, Deer Park (a road that was nicknamed "The Highway of the CCC", and Heart of the Hills.

Campgrounds & Other Facilities: The CCC was instrumental in creating and improving many Park campgrounds. This work included building roads, trails, camping spots, installing playground equipment, establishing reliable water supplies, and building community kitchens. The last 2 remaining CCC campground kitchens were located at the Elwha and Altaire Campgrounds. These kitchens are no longer accessible due to the freely meandering Elwha River which has overtaken these sites within the last 10 years. The CCC also helped develop campgrounds at Olympic Hot Springs, Deer Park, and Heart of the Hills; they also helped with development of the La Poel picnic area at Lake Crescent. And, they were responsible for improvements to the Elwha Ranger Station.

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Youth Volunteer / Intern Leadership Award:

Jamie Robinson

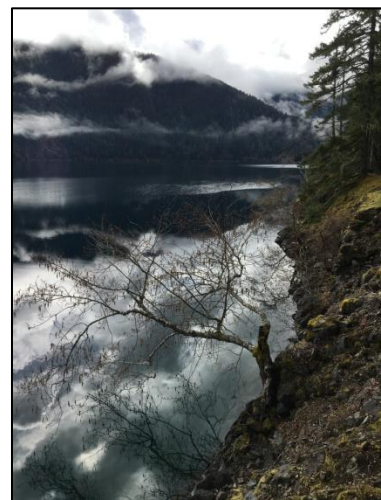
I would like to nominate Jamie Robinson for the Youth Volunteer / Intern Leadership Award.

Jamie started volunteering at the Matt Albright Native Plant Nursery in March of 2024. Since then, she has completed over 48 hours of volunteer service here. She is a reliable hard worker who is eager to learn new tasks. Jamie is very conscientious and is mindful of doing her job correctly. She does consistently high quality work.

Jamie brings a positive attitude to the nursery. She is delightful to work with and the staff and volunteers here enjoy her company. At the nursery, volunteers can drop in whenever they choose to on volunteer days. Jamie is very reliable. She often will tell us when she will be here next and always comes when she says she will.

Jamie is very willing to help as needed. We have many various tasks that we have volunteers do at the nursery. She happily completes any task that we ask of her. She is great at both working with others and completing tasks on her own. She goes above and beyond normal volunteer duties. She completed the Plant Propagation course through Peninsula College as a High School student. This course worked with us at the nursery. Students learned plant propagation techniques and volunteered their time here. Jamie received additional college credit for working extra volunteer hours at the nursery during spring quarter. She has also joined us on a native seed collection outing, which was a full 8 hour work day.

Thank you for your consideration,
 Sarah Henderson
 Assistant Nursery Manager and
 Volunteer Coordinator
 Matt Albright Native Plant Center
 Olympic National Park



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Welcome New Board Member:

The Friends of Olympic National Park would like to welcome **new board member, Patrick Williams**. Thank you for your interest in the FONP organization and for your passion in supporting the Park.

Patrick's Personal Statement:

I am thrilled to join the Friends of Olympic National Park (FONP) Board of Directors. Originally from Texas, I spent last year traveling through the western U.S., visiting numerous national parks. My experiences in these parks, particularly Olympic National Park (ONP), deeply inspired me, ultimately leading me to move to the Olympic Peninsula. This park holds a special place in my heart, and I am excited to contribute to its preservation through my role on the board.



I currently live and work in the Quinault Valley, where I am completing an internship program with the Forest Service at the Lake Quinault ranger station. Additionally, I am a full-time student at Peninsula College, studying natural resources and environmental science. My academic and fieldwork experiences have strengthened my commitment to environmental stewardship, and I actively volunteer with several local organizations dedicated to preserving our natural surroundings.

I am eager to bring my passion and skills to FONP and support its mission. Some of the areas I'm particularly excited to lend my help include:

1. **Event Organization:** I have experience in coordinating volunteer efforts and would love to assist in organizing events that engage the community and promote conservation efforts.
2. **Trail Work:** With hands-on experience through my internship and volunteer work, I am prepared to contribute to trail restoration and outdoor maintenance projects, ensuring that our park remains accessible and well-maintained for all visitors.

I am honored to be part of this dedicated team and look forward to working together to protect and enhance the beauty of ONP for future generations.



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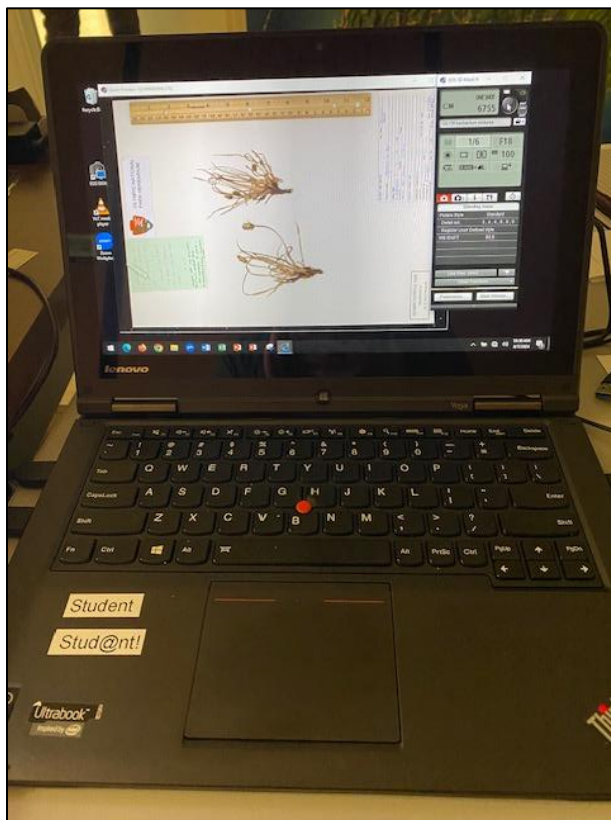
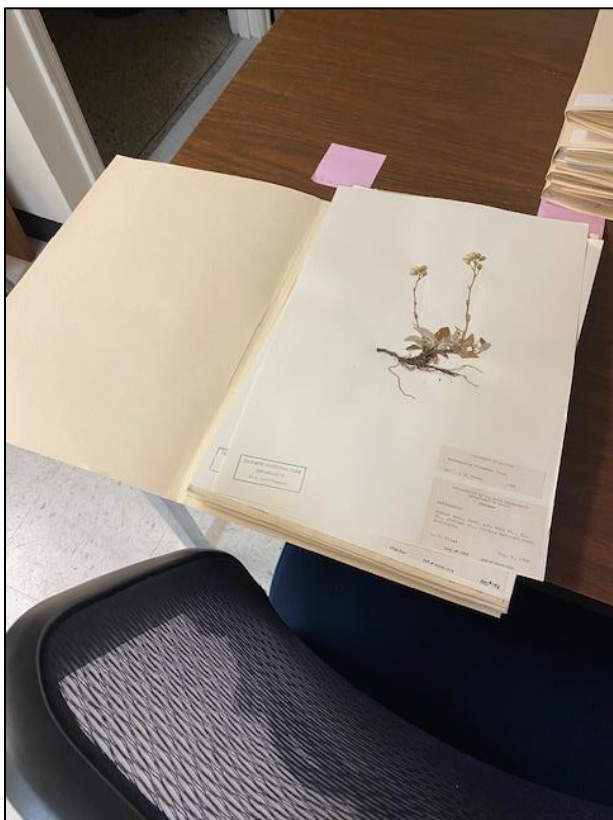
Volunteer Opportunity:

Looking for a great way to volunteer for Olympic National Park this fall/winter? Join the team of people working on digitizing the herbarium in the Olympic National Park archives. The herbarium contains around 7000 plant specimens preserved and labeled in manila folders. Each page is photographed by volunteers and entered in the computer. The result will be an online database which will be available to the public through the Consortium of Northwest Herbaria. To date, we are about halfway through the project. We could use approximately 4-5 more volunteers.

Training will take place primarily on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. You will learn how to access the archives, care for plant specimens, log entries in the computer and take high quality specimen photographs. You can work as many or as few hours as you like. The herbarium project takes place at the Cultural Resources Building, 600 E. Park Ave, Port Angeles. Work can be done solo or as a pair.

Please register via volunteer.gov to join this effort.

Photos of plant cataloging and computer data entry provided by Toni Harms



Membership Application

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Where your membership money goes



Where your membership money goes...

- Sponsorship of annual Spring and Fall Membership Meetings and the Summer ONP Volunteers Picnic
- Sponsorship of the Perspectives Lecture Series
- Funding for special projects such as:
 - Landscape beautification of the Employee Entrance at the Visitor Center
 - Landscape clean-up around the Olympic National Park entrance sign on Race Street in Port Angeles
 - Landscape projects around the Park Administration building
 - Beach/trash clean-up participation
- Funding for special events, such as:
 - Junior Ranger Day
- Funding of awards for Most Inspirational Park Employee and Most Inspirational Friend Volunteer
- Member newsletters (3-4 times/year)
- Routine business expenses, such as annual PO Box fees
- FONP Car Decals to share your pride, plus FONP neck gaiters and caps (for sale)!

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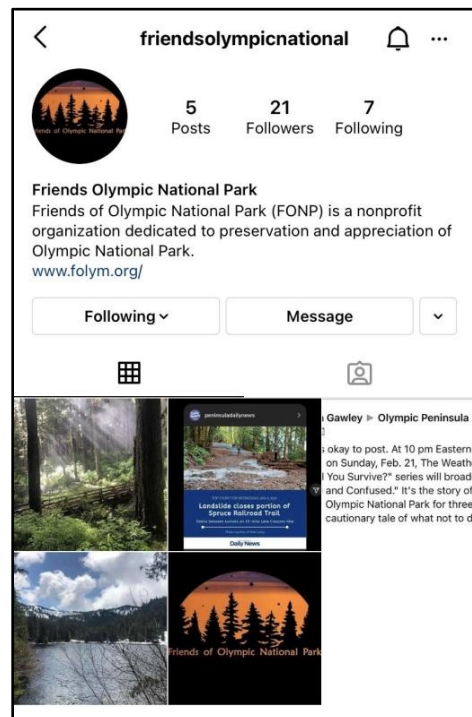
Check out our updated webpage:

<https://www.folym.org/>



Visit our Friends of Olympic National Park Instagram site, and sign up to follow us

<https://www.instagram.com/friendsolympicnational/?igshid=1xoo02xx1kznt>



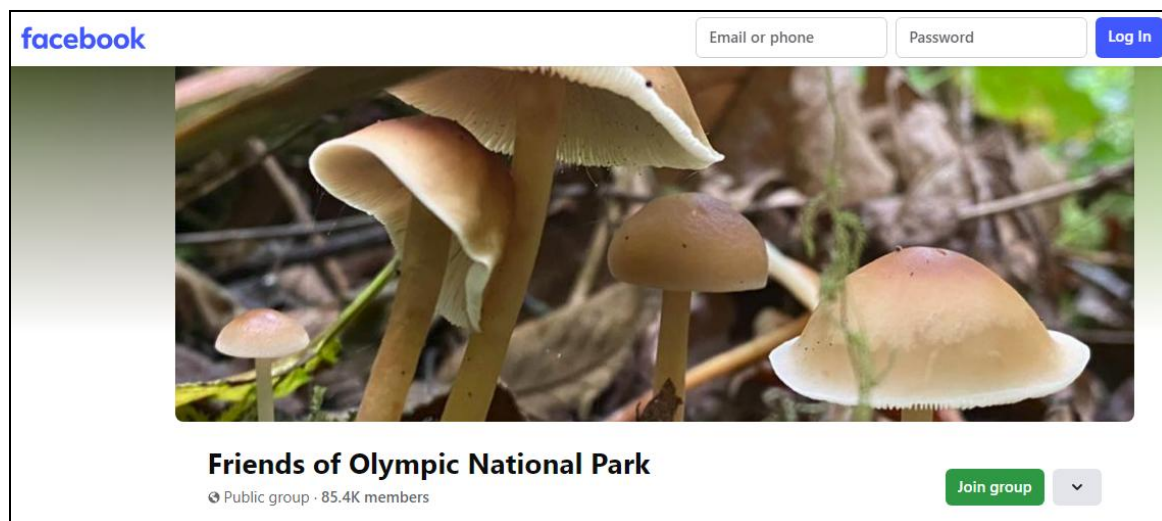
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One more way to reach us on Social Media:

Engage on the Friends of Olympic National Park Facebook group:

Members use Facebook to share their experiences in the park or to seek advice about future visits to the park.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127120097316043/?ref=share>



From FONP Board Member, Dori Broglino: The Friends of Olympic National Park (FONP) Facebook Group has been around since 2010. When it first started it was primarily a tool to announce local FONP events and volunteer opportunities, as well as share information about Olympic National Park (Park). In recent years the Group has grown tremendously and now many of the posts and comments revolve around advice for traveling in and around the Park. We currently have over 80,000 members in our Facebook Group. The Park has told us that the “travel tip” nature of the site helps them by taking some pressure off the Park Visitor and Wilderness Information Centers. Unfortunately, sometimes inaccurate information is shared within the Group. The Facebook Admin team does its best to effectively manage the Group, but as you can imagine it’s a big task for our all-volunteer Admins.

We want to thank all of the knowledgeable FONP Group Members that provide high quality advice and recommendations to travelers that are unfamiliar with our amazing Park. Many of our Group Members selflessly devote their time to help visitors have an unforgettable experience. We are truly grateful for this. If you have feedback or advice for the Board on how best to manage the Facebook Group please feel free to share it with us by emailing FONP2020@gmail.com.