

Cooperative Association Conference



Kam Wah Chung • Bates • Sumpter Valley Dredge

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
September 20-22, 2013
John Day, Oregon



WELCOME

2013 Cooperative Association Conference

a **JOURNEY** through **TIME**

*Prospecting
Golden
Opportunities*

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2013

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THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:



It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to John Day and the **2013 Cooperative Association Conference: a Journey through Time—Prospecting Golden Opportunities**. We know that your time is limited and valuable and we thank you for investing a bit of it to be a part of this event. Over the next few days, we trust that you will discover new and renewed relationships. We invite you to reconnect with your special place and your unique story, and to examine the partnerships that mobilize our efforts to make a difference. What we do, together, is part of the world class experience for which Oregon State Parks is known. Whether we are raising funds, raising friends, delivering programming, building facilities, selling memorabilia, or everything else that we each contribute to the whole, we are truly making a difference. Thank you for your part in making a difference.

The conference theme was developed around the fact that this area of Eastern Oregon has a rich history of immigration, railroad, gold mining, and homesteading. Co-hosted by the Friends of Kam Wah Chung, Bates, and Sumpter Valley Dredge, the theme represents the story of the region. Friends groups and State Parks have a story to tell. We invite the public to take a journey through time as they discover the rich history of the park and the land. The theme allows conference organizers and participants to explore our own historical timelines. As we explore the past, present, and future, we will dialogue “prospect” golden opportunities to learn, network, and be better partners in the delivery of services.

The conference would not be possible without the generosity of those that contributed their time on the Conference Planning Committee. This team of folks took their job seriously and put forth great effort to create a conference program that was relevant and enjoyable. When you see someone wearing a Committee Member ribbon on their nametag, please take a moment to thank them for their time and efforts.

Additionally, it has been a pleasure working with our community partners and conference sponsors. The contribution of these businesses and organizations is what has enabled us to keep the registration costs for the conference affordable and the opportunities generous. Please take notice of the sponsors listed on the back page of this program and the partners listed on this page. Reciprocate their generosity through your patronage, promote them in your communities, and demonstrate your gratitude when you see them at the conference.

Enjoy your stay in John Day and your time together here at the conference. Thank you for all you do in care and service for the special places in Oregon — Oregon State Parks.

Tammy S. Baumann
Parks Volunteer Services Specialist
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

WELCOME RECEPTION & FRIENDS GROUP EXHIBITION

Friday, September 20 • 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Join your hosts, the Friends of Kam Wah Chung, Bates, and Sumpter Valley Dredge, along with Clyde Holliday MU staff for a casual Friday evening of socializing and networking at the Elks Lodge. Mingle with folks from around the state, telling tales and sharing your *Journey through Time and Golden Opportunities*. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and visit the no-host full service bar while members of the Friends welcome you to the area with open arms.



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Following the reception and exhibition event, we invite you to join us as we tip our hats to the great folks at the BOPE John Day Elks Lodge #1824 with some good ol' fashioned BINGO. The cards are free and winners will receive special door prizes!

L.L. "STUB" STEWART AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, September 21 • 6:45 pm – 9:30 pm

The Awards Banquet is a very special part of the biennial Cooperative Association Conference and will be held at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. This after-hours event includes a dinner and a no-host cash bar will be available for your enjoyment. Leave the driving to us and take advantage of the shuttle service. This allows you to more freely enjoy the evening festivities and will minimize our commuting footprint. For those preferring to drive, there is ample free parking.

The L.L. "Stub" Stewart Awards recognize outstanding volunteer contributions through a nomination process in five categories. The 2013 Award Nominees are:

RISING STAR VOLUNTEER AWARD

Tom Adams, *Boston Mill Society*
Bob Snyder, *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park*

INSPIRATION VOLUNTEER AWARD

Richard Casidy, *Friends of Historic Champoeg*

LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEER AWARD

William "Bill" Morris, *Friends of Kam Wah Chung, Bates, & Sumpter Valley Dredge*

PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTEER AWARD

Dennis Bradley, *Clyde Holliday MU*
Ellie Kinney-Martial, *Shore Acres State Park*

LIFE SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARD

Phil Hamilton, *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park*
Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, *Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.*



The award program is rightly named in honor of one of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's long-time volunteers, Mr. Loran L. "Stub" Stewart. "Stub" as he was affectionately known to agency staff and volunteers for 40 years, is recognized as a timber industry icon and as one of Oregon's leading philanthropists. Stub passed away on January 2, 2005 and is greatly missed.

EXCURSIONS

Kam Wah Chung Interpretive Center

The Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site is a must see for history buffs and the simply curious alike! Built in the 1870s, the incredibly preserved building housed a trading post and a medical center run by two Chinese immigrants, Ing "Doc" Hay and Lung On. Developing a strong partnership, the two overcame many social prejudices that typically segregated the John Day community and became trusted service providers across Eastern Oregon - Doc Hay as a physician and Lung On a prominent businessman. Kam Wah Chung is a testament to Oregon's rich and diverse journey through time.

Tours available for conference participants at the following times and limited to 10 people per tour. Public tours are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Thursday	5:00 — 6:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 — 11:00 a.m. 12:00 — 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 — 9:00 a.m. 1:00 — 2:00 p.m. 2:00 — 3:00 p.m.

John Day Fossil Beds & Condon Paleontology Center

Friday, September 20 • 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Grant County boasts one of Oregon's prime paleontological hot spots. The John Day Fossil Beds are a natural wonder that visitors come from all over the world to experience. On this excursion, visit the John Day Fossil Beds, hike in the Blue Basin, view fossils in Thomas Condon Paleontology Center, and see Paleontologist working on fossils in the Paleo-lab.

Schedule

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - travel from Kam Wah Chung to John Day Fossil Beds – Blue Basin Area

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. @ Blue Basin Area – Participants are invited to take a self-guided hike into the blue basin on the Island in Time Trail. This gravel 1 mile trail ascends to an amphitheater carved out of the blue green claystones of the John Day Formation. The volcanic ash, now turned to stone, contains a rich variety of vertebrate fossils. Interpretive signs and fossil replicas are located along the trail. Vault toilets are available at this site.

9:45 - 10:00 a.m. - travel to Thomas Condon Paleontology Center

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. @ Thomas Condon Paleontology Center - In the shadow of Sheep Rock, it is the best place to see fossils from all three units of the monument. You are invited to participate in a National Parks Service Ranger lead tour. After the tour, feel free to explore the center on your own, watch interpretive movie, see paleontologists at work in the paleo-lab, view exhibits, and shop at the gift store.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - return travel to Kam Wah Chung, John Day

EXCURSIONS



Museum Crawl

Friday, September 20 • 8:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Visit 3 of the areas museum: the Grant County Historical Museum, Dewitt Museum and the Grant County Ranch and Rodeo Museum. Grant County has had a colorful past full of rich history – gold miners, gamblers, law breakers, cattle ranchers, loggers, and just plain folks who came seeking a better way of life and stayed!

Schedule

8:15 a.m.—travel from Kam Wah Chung to Canyon City

8:30—9:30 a.m. @ Grant County Historical Museum—exhibits include a focus on the lives of the pioneers who first came to the area included in Grant County. Don't forget to view the murals in the park next to the Museum and Selles Brewery

9:30-10:00 a.m.—travel from Canyon City to Prairie City

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. @ Dewitt Museum— exhibits include an impressive collection of narrow gauge railroad artifacts and historic documents.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.—travel from Prairie City to John Day

11:30-12:00 p.m. @ Ranch and Rodeo Museum – The Grant County Ranch and Rodeo Museum captures the legacy of American cowboys, past and present. This museum is located right around the corner from the Elks Lodge. Stay longer if you would like and walk to the Elks Lodge.

Magone Lake Canoe Tours

Friday, September 20 • 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Join volunteer Mike Cosgrove on a canoe tour of Magone Lake; a picturesque 30-acre lake nestled among the mountains and ponderosa pines in the Malheur National Forest. Full of wildlife and fish, Magone Lake was created in the 1800's when a landslide dammed the lake creek, many of the large ponderosa trees along the lake are tilted from riding the landslide down the hillside. Hike around the lake, bird watch and/or brave the lake and go swimming.

Schedule

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. – travel from Kam Wah Chung to Magone Lake

9:30 -11:30 a.m. @ Magone Lake—explore this beautiful lake on canoe, hike around the lake, birding, or/and swim in the lake.

11:30—12:30 p.m. – return travel to Kam Wah Chung, John Day

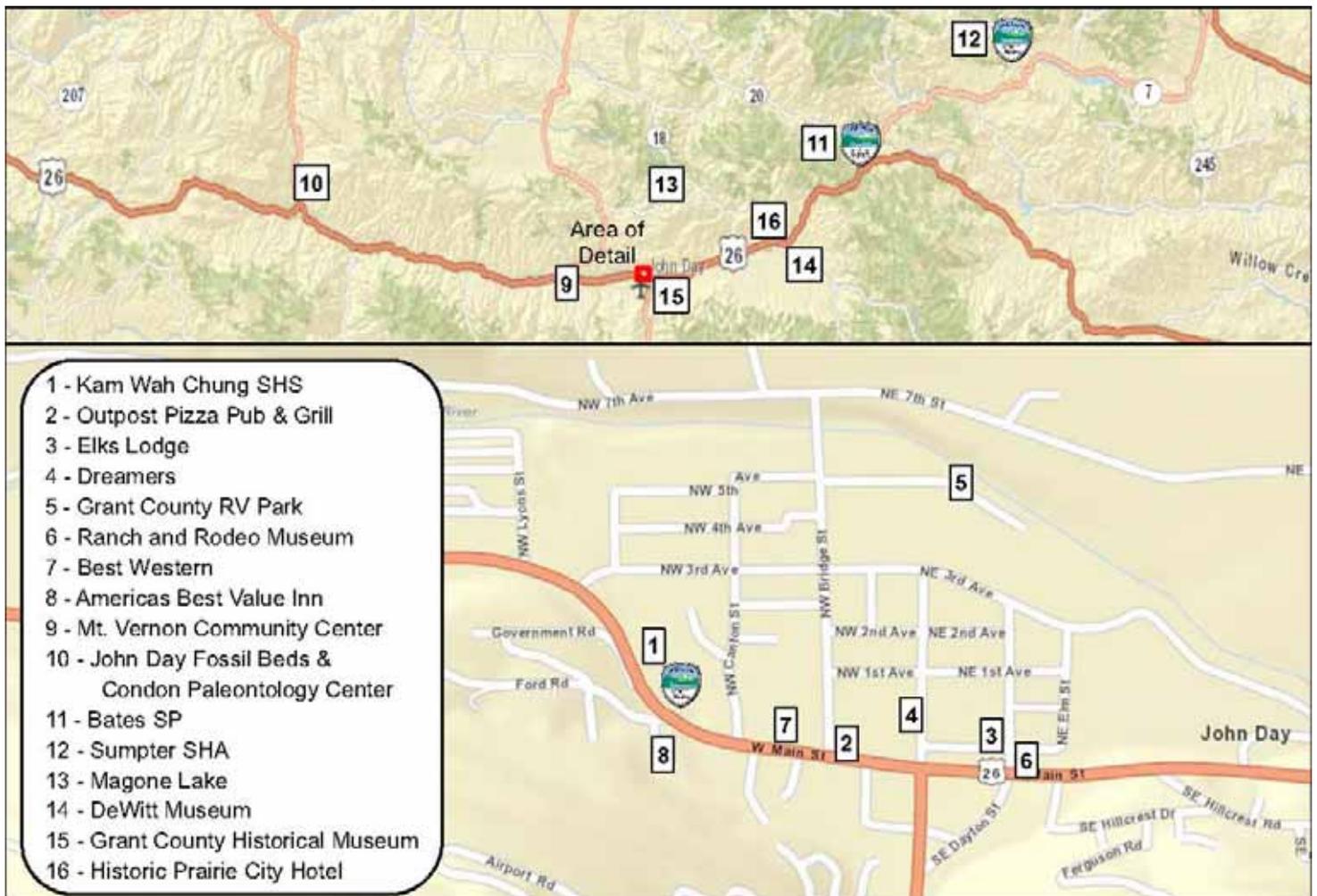


CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, September 19

Elks Lodge	4:00 p.m. - 5:30p.m.	Registration Open
	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Advanced Volunteer Management Dinner & Workshop <i>Erin Barnhart, Ph.D.,</i>
KWC	5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m	Kam Wah Chung Extended Tours

Our Conference Journey



CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Friday, September 20

Outpost	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet and Networking			
	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Roundtable: Purchasing Power for Stores <i>Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst</i>			
KWC	8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Excursions <i>See pages 4-5 for excursion details</i>			
Elks Lodge	12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Registration Open Lunch Service Provided			
	2:00 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.	Conference Welcome			
	2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Horse before the cart: putting the visitor experience first <i>Chris Havel</i>			
	3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Pass Break			
	3:15p.m.—4:15p.m.	Email Marketing... - Lounge	Follow The Leader... - Lodge Room	Grant Success! - Dining Hall	KWC Mini-Tour II -Shuttles Available
	4:15p.m.—4:25p.m.	Pass Break			
	4:30p.m.—5:30p.m.	Email Marketing... - Lounge	Follow The Leader... - Lodge Room	Grant Success! - Dining Hall	KWC Mini-Tour II -Shuttles Available
5:30p.m.—6:30p.m.	Hotel Check In – On your Own Time				
6:30p.m.—8:30p.m.	Welcome Reception and Friends Group Exhibition <i>Elks Lodge</i> <i>See page 2 for details</i>				

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Saturday, September 21

Outpost	7:00am.– 8:15am.	Breakfast Buffet and Networking	
	7:15am.–8:15am.	Breakfast Roundtable Topic: Starting your own Interpretive Guide Program Sarah Kreisman, Friends of Tryon Creek	
<i>Taking the conference on the road..</i>			
	8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Load Buses @ Kam Wah Chung	
	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Mobile Networking to Bates State Park	
	9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Pass Break	
	9:30 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.	Park Welcome	
	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Interpretive Tours of Bates State Park	
	10:45 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Synergy: How can the State Parks Foundation help... <i>John Hoffnagle</i>	
	11:45 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Load Buses	
	12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Mobile Networking to Sumpter Valley Dredge SHA	
	1:00 p.m. – 1:15 pm	Pass Break	
	1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Park Welcome	
	1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	Get organized / pass break	
	1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Interpretive Tours of the Sumpter Valley Dredge SHA	The Cart Unloaded: Visitor Experience Explored
	2:45 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.	Getting organized / pass break	
	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	The Cart Unloaded: Visitor Experience Explored	Interpretive Tours of the Sumpter Valley Dredge SHA
	4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Load Buses	
	4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Mobile Networking back to John Day	
	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	On your own time	
	6:10 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.	Shuttles to Mt. Vernon <i>See page 15 for shuttle schedule</i>	
	6:45 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	L.L. “Stub” Stewart Awards Banquet <i>Mt. Vernon Community Center</i> <i>See page 2 for details</i>	

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 22

Elks Lodge	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet and Networking
	9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Advanced Volunteer Management Dinner & Workshop <i>Erin Barnhart, Ph.D.</i>
	10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break
	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Permission to Speed <i>Rich Digirolamo</i>
	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Conference Evaluations & Closing Comments <i>Boxed lunches provided for the journey home</i>
KWC	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. And 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Kam Wah Chung Extended Tours

**FIRST
TIMERS**
Prospecting Golden Opportunities

If this is your first Cooperative Association Conference we probably ought to tell you about a bit of a conference tradition.

At some point during the conference, First Timers will be called forward and given a task to perform befitting our conference theme. Sometimes folks work individually and sometimes in teams...but always doing something that helps us remember you!

Although the tradition is meant to bring you some attention, it is also a way to let folks know that they should take some time during the conference to help you expand your network so you can share ideas and insights, not just at the conference, but throughout the years to come.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday

Advanced Volunteer Management: Trends, Tools, and Effective Practices

Erin Barnhart, Ph.D.

Volunteer engagement, and the profession of volunteer management, are ever-changing and evolving endeavors. Every year new trends emerge and new tools and resources are identified. Some of these changes will offer never before considered opportunities while others may create new challenges. This workshop will facilitate a discussion and exploration of emerging trends, tools, and effective practices for advanced practitioners of volunteer management.

Plenary Session / Elks Dining Hall

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday

Interpretive Store Discussion

Lou & Sharon Kolkhorst

Theme is general discussion of ideas to help Interpretive stores develop to their fullest. Scaled to discuss topics from opening a new store to possible cooperation between all stores to warehousing products for cheaper costs. Our job is to keep discussion moving, bearing in mind that some may stay only to eat, while others may stay for the entire time. Depth of discussion will depend upon the experience of those present.

Roundtable / Outpost Restaurant

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Friday

Horse before the cart: putting the visitor experience first

Chris Havel

Approaching our work so people can show us how to improve our performance as we attract new patrons, expand their involvement with our services, and encourage them to spring-board off our successes into new opportunities.

Plenary Session / Elks Lodge Room

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Email Marketing: making it work for you

Lisa Creamer

Making the most of your Email Marketing is an overview of best practice tips to enhance, enrich and hopefully increase your communication efforts with your community. More specifically, we will discuss, list management, list segmentation, how to grow your list, content strategy and management, design elements and other useful tips to engage and delight your audience.

Breakout Session / Elks Lounge

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

4:30 pm—5:30 pm

Follow The Leader Was So Elementary School. Or Was It?

Rich Digirolamo

It was a simple game played in elementary school. One person was chosen leader and the other children lined up behind that leader mimicking whatever he/she does. Fail to follow the leader's actions and you're out of the game. The last remaining player is the new leader. Fast forward a "few" years. One person

Friday

is chosen leader and all hell breaks loose. It shouldn't be that way! Come explore what this game should have taught us and how leaders of recreation/park agencies can attract, retain and train new leaders, have fun, and be even more effective in their role.

Breakout Session / Elks Lodge Room

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

4:30 pm—5:30 pm

Volunteer Management 101

Erin Barnhart, Ph.D.

The profession of volunteer management offers a rich, rewarding career where leaders of volunteers help citizens find ways to give back and contribute to their communities, all while advancing the charitable missions of organizations and agencies. This workshop will introduce the foundational practices of volunteer management, from identifying and crafting roles for volunteers to strategies for effective recruitment and retention to methods for evaluation and recognition.

Breakout Session / Elks Dining Hall

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Grant Success!

Kuri Gill

This session will address everything needed to prepare for a successful grant writing experience. Project planning, grant selection and application preparation will be a few of the topics covered.

Breakout Session / Elks Dining Hall

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday

Starting you Own Interpretive Guide Program

Deb Hill / Sarah Kreisman .

OPRD Ranger Deborah Hill and Friends of Tryon Creek staff member Sarah Kreisman will facilitate a conversation on methods which State Park staff and volunteers use to create and tailor their own interpretive guide programs. Tryon Creek has both Roving Interpretive and Interpretive Guide volunteer programs. These programs have been successful and offer additional engaging visitor outreach and volunteer opportunities. This session will be in conversational format so please put your inquisitive hats on!

Roundtable / Outpost Restaurant

7:15 am – 8:15 am

Synergy: How can the State Parks Foundation help your local friends group thrive?

John Hoffnagle

The Oregon State Parks Foundation has been working to assist State Parks since 1995. In 2013 we re-wrote our mission statement which now *is enriching the Oregon state park experience for generations to come*. At this workshop we will listen to your ideas and discuss how the statewide Foundation can help your friends group thrive. What do you need: training, volunteers, social media, money? Let's discuss how the Foundation and local friends groups can help each other in service to State Parks.

Plenary Session / Bates State Park

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Saturday

The Cart Unloaded: Visitor Experience Explored

Facilitated

You've been a volunteer in our parks, but certainly you've been a visitor as well. During this session, we'll take the time to put these two separate hats on and from both perspectives, literally unpack our program offerings. We'll examine what's working well in our parks, what can we enhance to work better, and what might be added or deleted to improve our current programming and processes. Join us to better understand our seven Visitor Experience program areas and how you and your Friends group can add even more towards rich, meaningful, diverse visitor experiences.

Breakout Session / Sumpter Valley Dredge 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

3:00 pm—4:00 pm

Sunday

Engaging Communities: Facilitating a Life Cycle of Citizen Involvement

Erin Barnhart, Ph.D.

Over the course of a lifetime, an individual may interact with a nonprofit organization or public agency in many different ways. They may volunteer; they may become a donor; they may serve as an advocate or community educator. Many people move throughout these roles over time, sometimes serving in only one role, sometimes engaging in more than one simultaneously. Yet many organizations and agencies continue to manage each type of role inde-

Sunday

pendently from the others. This plenary will introduce key strategies for reducing or eliminating these organizational silos in order to seek more collaborative and sustainable methods of engaging citizens as lifelong partners.

Plenary Session / Elks Lodge Room

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Permission to Speed!

Rich Digirolamo

Pack your bags and secure your seat-belt. You're about to take a forty mile *Journey Though Time* that may change what you think about your organization, people you work with; perhaps even people you sleep with. Come spend time with Jean, Joe, Carl, and a couple of guys named Rich. Learn to redirect your organization's thinking, spark a change in attitudes, and drive teammates to success. Oh, and you might also learn a useful thing or two about yourself; which is really why you're attending this session in the first place! This interactive, experiential, fun session departs Sunday morning.

Plenary Session / Elks Lodge Room

10:30 am – 12:00 pm



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Erin L. Barnhart, Ph.D

Erin L. Barnhart, Ph.D. has developed and delivered effective engagement tools, trainings, and resources for volunteers, volunteer management professionals, and organizations worldwide. In addition to her role as Founder & President of Effective Altruism, LLC, Dr. Barnhart is the Graduate Program Director for IPSL's Master of Arts in International Development and Service program at Concordia University. In addition, she serves on the Boards of Directors for the Building Bridges Coalition and Volunteer Positive, on the Oregon Committee on Volunteerism, and as an adjunct professor at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, and Concordia University. A former Fulbright Scholarship recipient and AmeriCorps*NCCC alum, Dr. Barnhart earned her Ph.D. in Urban Studies from Portland State University in 2012, having completed her dissertation research on global host organizations of international volunteers.

She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, a Master of Public Administration, and a Graduate Certificate in Not-for-Profit Management, all from the University of Oregon.

Lisa Creamer

Lisa Creamer spend 15 years in sales and marketing in the Biotech industry both nationally and internationally. She stepped out of the work force for a few years to raise her two boys.

Approximately three years ago she joined Emma as their Business Development Specialist. She specializes in email communication, helping business, associations and non profits get the most ROI with their online communications efforts.

Rich DiGirolamo

Rich DiGirolamo works with organizations seeking to shift the thinking of their best resource – their people. He accomplishes this through humorous keynote presentations, trainings, and teambuilding workshops. His areas of specialty are employee morale, engagement, teamwork, wellness, communication, and working with new leadership. His approach is a blend of professional and personal development. His programs are far-reaching with messages for every audience member.

Rich has authored articles, published three books under his own name (and one under a pseudonym) and has appeared in the news – nationally and internationally; CBS Sunday Morning filmed one of his programs as part of a larger story on the importance of Play in people of all ages; and how it is used as a learning/engagement tool in the workplace.

Rich speaks internationally. His programs are presented to Corporate and Government Audiences, as well as Professional and Trade Associations. He uses a highly interactive and engaging approach to working with audiences. His clients range from Fortune 10 to the smallest of nonprofits.

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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Kuri Gill

Kuri Gill is the coordinator for the Oregon Heritage Grants and Outreach programs. The programs support individuals and organizations in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's historic cemeteries, collections and buildings through education, technical support and grant funding. Kuri earned her BA at the University of Oregon in Art History and MA at California State University, Chico in Museum Studies. She was formerly Curator and Education Coordinator at Mission Mill Museum and worked at the Linn County Historical Museum in Brownsville. Kuri has extensive experience both as a grant writer and reviewer.

Chris Havel

Chris has worked in parks and recreation since 1985, and for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department since 1994 when he began as a volunteer program coordinator. He now manages the Communications and Research Division in the Director's Office, where staff are responsible for visitor publications and websites, survey and research programs, and policy development.

Deborah Hill

Deb Hill works as an Interpretive Park Ranger at Tryon Creek State Natural Area in Portland. A Certified Interpretive Guide and Trainer through the National Association of Interpretation, she develops and presents programs at the park. Coordinating and training interpretive volunteers is another aspect of her job she enjoys, continuing programs that previous OPRD Ranger Christal Florin started.

John Hoffnagle

John Hoffnagle currently serves as the Executive Director of the Oregon State Parks Foundation. Formerly he was the Executive Director of the Land Trust of Napa County from 1988-2012. During that time he worked to protect over 54,000 acres of important agricultural, natural resource and recreational land as well as spearheaded a \$25 million capital campaign, Napa Valley Wild. In 2012 John was the recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the California Council of Land Trusts. John holds a bachelors degree from the University of Oregon and a masters degree from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.



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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Lou & Sharon Kolkorst

Lou and Sharon are both retired. We have operated the Shore Acres Interpretive store for about 12 years. Sharon retired as Business Manager of Mercer Island, Wa, school district and Lou from retailing. Both are active in Southwest Oregon Rose Society and very active in Elks.

Sarah Kreisman

Sarah Kreisman has been working in the field of volunteer management for the past six years. She received a BA in International Studies from the University of Oregon and began working as a Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the Peace Corps in Panama, followed by two and a half years with the Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington.

For the past two years Sarah has been working working as the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Friends of Tryon Creek. During this time she has collaborated on many projects with OPRD regarding the creation and implementation of volunteer programs. Sarah also manages the FOTC outreach and stewardship programs and works as the organizations' principal event planner. In addition to her work with FOTC

Sarah is working towards a Masters in Organizational & Leadership Studies at Marylhurst University.

Jeremy Martin

Jeremy Martin is an interpretive park ranger with the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon. He and his wife have lived there since January, 2013. Jeremy grew up in Mississippi, and like his father and grandfather, always had a way with story telling. Working for the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center allows Jeremy to relate the frontier world of the mid 1800's to today's generation in a way that makes history walk out of the textbooks and into the lives of visitors from around the world.

Jeremy's interpretive background began with the National Park Service, at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota. Seasonally, he and his wife, Kathleen worked as interpreters at five different National Parks. They have most recently moved to Eastern Oregon from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in California, where they spent the last two years.

SHUTTLES

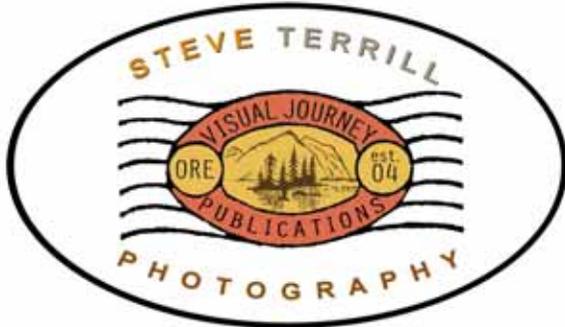
For your convenience, conference shuttle service is offered for various off-site destinations throughout the conference. We have 12 passenger fleet vans for in town shuttles and Grant School District buses for out of town service. For safety, all buses will depart from and return to the bus pull through at Kam Wah Chung. See the schedule below for more information. Due to the close proximity of the Elks Lodge, the Outpost Restaurant, and Kam Wah Chung, we will have shuttles available for those needing the lift but we assume the majority of you will wish to walk the short 0.3 miles (6 minute) distance between these various venues. Please let a conference staff member know if you would like transportation.



Day	Event	Departure Time & Location	Return Time & Location	Destination
Friday	Excursion: John Day Fossil Beds & Condon Paleontology Center	8:00 a.m. KWC	1:00 p.m. KWC	John Day Fossil Beds (Blue Basin) & Paleontology Center
Friday	Excursion: Museum Crawl	8:15 a.m. KWC	12:35 p.m. Elks Lodge	Grant County Historical Museum, Dewitt Museum & Ranch & Rodeo Museum
Friday	Excursion: Magone Lake Canoe Tours	8:30 a.m. KWC	12:30 p.m. KWC	Magone Lake
Friday	Session: KWC Mini Tours	3:10 p.m. Elks	4:15 p.m. Elks	Kam Wah Chung
Friday	Session: KWC Mini Tours	4:25 p.m. Elks	5:30 p.m. Elks	Kam Wah Chung
Saturday	L. L. "Stub" Stewart Awards Banquet	6:10 p.m. KWC	8:30 p.m. KWC	Mt. Vernon Community Center
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