
COULEE CORRIDOR BYWAY BEAT

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CCC Adopt-A-Highway Signage Placed

The Washington State Department of Transportation moved the Adopt-A-Highway Coulee Corridor Consortium signs to a new preferred location as per a formal request from the group. The placement provides more positive visibility and may help promote the good work advocated by the CCC. The colorful permanent signs are now located both north and south between MP 84-86 on State Highway 17 near Lake Lenore.



Trash cleanup scheduled for October was postponed due to inclement weather and has yet to be rescheduled.

Flood Fest Deemed a Rousing Success

By Chris McCart

The 2013 Flood Fest event held on September 14, 2013 was a wonderful success. Visitors were also treated to a preview of new interpretive panels that will be installed this winter inside the Dry Falls Interpretive Center. It is estimated there were about 550 people who took in the Flood Fest including 450 people who entered the visitor center and another 100 or so people who took in the information booths and concession stand outside.

Guest speakers drew large crowds to listen to Dr. Karl Lillquist, who spoke on the modern uses of the Grand Coulee and Channeled Scablands and Dr. Nick Zentner, who talked about the formation of the Grand Coulee. There were four informational booths represented by the Ice Age Floods Institute, Coulee Corridor Consortium, Bureau of Reclamation, and Big Horn Marketing, all of whom stated they had prolific numbers of visitors and gave away a vast array of educational literature. Anyone with comments on how to improve the festival in 2014 is urged to contact Chris McCart, Interpretive Specialist, Dry Falls Visitor Center at Dry.falls@parks.wa.gov.



Floods Institute Promotes Local Geology

By John Moody

The public is invited to participate in the monthly meetings of the Ice Age Floods Institute, Lower Grand Coulee Chapter. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, excluding January, at the Senior Center in Soap Lake. Meetings start at 11AM and often include afternoon outings and hikes to local geologic features along the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. Among the goals of the Lower Grand Coulee Chapter are to educate the public about the gigantic ice age floods that carved the Grand Coulee and the area's unique landscapes.

Web link: www.iafi.org. Then, scroll to Chapters ó Lower Grand Coulee for calendar of events, meetings, and contacts.

Byway Beat Briefs

CCC supports 21st Century Grant Efforts

The CCC is partnering with Ephrata and Soap Lake schools through the 21st Century Grant mechanism, along with other organizations along the byway, to support establishment of a learning center to provide educational opportunities for students when schools are not in session. The CCC will be directly involved in educational events as part of a 5 year planned effort. The grant that supports this was one of only 10 proposals approved for funding at the desired level in 2013.

Coulee Corridor Quilt Trail Takes Root

Marlene Oddie, Kissed Quilts, www.kissedquilts.com, in Grand Coulee has offered to continue promoting establishment of a quilt trail along the Coulee Corridor on businesses and barns throughout the byway. Visitors to our area will be encouraged to check out progress as quilt blocks are installed throughout the area. Hopefully, quilting efforts like these may help bring additional tourists and provide another recreational activity to the Coulee Corridor.

Kittitas County, Washington has the first barn quilt trail in the state. It offers a free leaflet which promotes a öyear round, self guided driving tour of 39 block quilts that honors our agricultural heritage and industryö and celebrates the American quilt and the strong women who made them. Grant County established the first quilt block on a barn in Coulee City in 2013 but there are opportunities for many more.

Anyone interested in coordinating a quilt trail effort is urged to contact Marlene Oddie at the above mentioned address.

Flood Scene Investigators (FSI)

Work is continuing to develop Flood Scene Investigator curriculum for students of all ages. Tim Alling may be contacted for more information through the www.couleecorridor.com website.

Sites for Community Kiosk Sought

The CCC is using funds from a national scenic byway grant to set up community kiosks throughout the Coulee Corridor Scenic Byway. Contact any one of the board members to find out how your town can participate.

Small Cadre of Dedicated CCC Members

A list of current members who support efforts of the CCC can be viewed on the web site at www.couleecorridor.com.

Web Site Enhancements Progressing

The refurbished web site is up and running. Check it out at www.couleecorridor.com. Digital pictures are needed to keep it current so please submit your photos to chair@couleecorridor.com

Articles for January 2014 Byway Beat

Submit articles to Birdie Hensley or Mark Amara by December 15, 2013.

Newsletter Editors

Mark Amara

Birdie Hensley

COULEE PIONEER MUSEUM

By Birdie Hensley

The Coulee Pioneer Museum just became a reality for some of the original area pioneers. The public is invited to view the fantastic array of accumulated materials of the Grand Coulee Dam Area. The past several months have been busy as volunteers rounded up pictures, stories, and compiled historical information which was displayed in several locations throughout the area while the Museum Board sought a permanent facility. Christmas came early to the coulee as a local businessman recently donated a building to the museum's cause and materials have now been moved to their new home at 3 Coulee Blvd., Electric City.

The Coulee Pioneer Museum Board was formed in 2007. Goals are to provide ways of preserving the history of the Grand Coulee Dam and offer avenues for the community to display the varied heritage of the Grand Coulee Dam Area at a local facility. Anyone interested in promoting and preserving the history of the Grand Coulee Dam Area is eligible for membership.



A 1935 Grand Coulee Dam Site Directory was recently acquired depicting all the towns and features in the vicinity. Some of them include Basin City, Coulee Dam, the West Dam Site, Coulee Dam City; Osborne, Elmerton and much much more. For instance, it is interesting to note that in 1935 there were golf courses between Elmer City and Nespelem and one could golf for \$.25 for nine holes. Osborne, which now lies under the waters of Banks Lake, was called "The Family Man's Town". Carmichael Hospital and a business called "Hole in Wall" Real Estate and Rental were located in Grand Coulee. The above mentioned directory has almost as many entries in it as the current area phone book.

Acquisitions continue to be accepted and it is expected the museum will grow and continue to document the history of the area. The Museum is working closely with the Grand Coulee Dam Area Lions Club who owns and operates the Spring Canyon Cemetery with a goal of updating the 1700 residents at Spring Canyon.

Cut here and return with your membership materials

The Coulee Corridor Consortium wants your help and is asking that people consider becoming 2013 members of the organization which is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization with tax exempt status. Benefits of organizational membership include: supporting the Coulee Corridor Consortium, keeping abreast of and participating in new activities and events sponsored by the Consortium along the Coulee Corridor National Scenic Byway, opportunity to help leadership by focusing positive attention on the corridor, participation in Big Event fundraiser each year, be placed on mailing list for quarterly newsletter, and receiving increased member visibility on the Coulee Corridor website.

- \$15.00 Individual Membership Fee
- \$25.00 Family Membership Fee
- \$50.00 Business, Non-Profit, or Other Membership Fee
- Other _____

Name: _____

Address; _____

City; _____ State ____ Zip_____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Web page listing: _____

Send applications and checks to Coulee Corridor Consortium, PO Box 123 Grand Coulee, WA 99133

Editor's Note: Coulee Corridor Consortium Meetings are held Monthly throughout the Region

Coulee Corridor Holds Regular Meetings

The public is invited to attend any of these Friday lunch time events to find out what is happening and to participate in events and activities.

October 18, 2013í Beach Bar & Grill, 8198 State Highway 262, Mardon Resort

November 15í Pepper Jacks, 113 Midway Ave, Grand Coulee

December 20í Donø, 14 Canna N, Soap Lake

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