President’s Message

We’ve been good

Santa came early this year! The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition has been the recipient of some great gifts this year, such as: the appointment of a new Pierce County Parks and Recreation Director, Kathy Kravit-Smith, who will be an able and enthusiastic successor to Jan Wolcott, our partner and trails champion for many years; newly-elected Buckley Mayor Pat Johnson, who is also one of our Coalition board members; and the election of trail friendly officials in the towns of Wilkeson and South Prairie. Other gifts we’ve been longing for include a completed one-mile westward extension of the Puyallup Riverwalk and the resolution of lingering obstacles that insure its eastward completion in 2006. The City of Sumner delivered some wonderful surprises on our list by going out to bid on three sections of trail.

Finally, on the evening of November 22, the city council of Edgewood added to the generous pile of gifts under our Christmas tree by accepting the draft master plan for the Interurban Trail connection between Pacific and Milton. We must have been very good this year!

Thank you Santa! We look forward to a productive and rewarding New Year.—Ken Woolery

Dr. Douglas Tait Memorial planned at Buckley

The history of the Foothills Trail in Pierce County began with a physician and a community that wanted to create a public trail on the surface of a railroad line as the rails were removed.

Dr. Douglas A. Tait opened his family practice in the City of Buckley in 1960. Over the next 34 years he became an integral part of the community as few physicians do today. He made house calls; he rode out with the fire department on calls that included possible personal injuries; instead of making appointments, patients came by his office and signed up for a time to be seen. Ten years after he closed his practice, families throughout the White and Carbon River region remembered when Dr. Tait was the doctor who was there for them.

In the early 80s word began spreading that the Burlington Northern would be closing off service on its Buckley Branch line that ran from Palmer along the Green River in King County to just beyond Milepost 28 in Pierce County’s community of McMillin. Also to go would be the Wilkeson Branch that intersected with the Buckley Branch at Milepost 17 just east of South Prairie, also in Pierce County.

Annual Meeting slated

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition announces its Annual Meeting for Thursday, January 26, 2006, 7 p.m., at the Puyallup Public Library for the purpose of electing its Board of Directors and conducting other business as may be presented to the Board.

Nominated for the Board of Directors are:

- Ernie Bay
- John E. Berry, III
- Linda Clark
- Tom Enlow
- Jan Wolcott

In accordance with the bylaws, a member of the Coalition may also be considered an eligible candidate for Director by submitting a petition of nomination to the Board of Directors not less than 21 days before the annual meeting. Such petition must include the valid signature of ten Coalition members or ten percent (10%) of the Coalition membership, whichever is less.

All members present at the Annual Meeting are entitled to one vote for the Board of Directors. The elected Board of Directors will elect officers at the first board meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Please plan on attending. We must have a quorum for the annual election of our board members.—John Downs

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Dr. Tait Memorial (continued)

These branch lines had only seen occasional rail traffic for many years. Dr. Tait, his family and many other residents had made use of the rail line to walk into Buckley or beyond to Enumclaw, or in the other direction down to Lower Burnett, South Prairie and Orting. Likewise, residents from Carbonado and Wilkeson used the rail line to walk and ride bikes or horses between their two communities. Dr. Tait asked, why not leave these corridors open for continued intercommunity use? As the area’s principle physician, Dr. Tait sensed the loss that would result if this healthy connection were gone. Many patients, his family and others urged him to see if the trail could be saved as the rails were removed. Dr. Tait was an adept organizer. He enlisted the assistance of Fred Hart who lived in South Prairie and worked for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the nurse from his practice, Martha Olsen and her husband Walt, his own wife, two daughters and son. He reached out to U.S. Congressional Representative Norm Dicks to explore the federal right-of-way abandonment issues.

Doctor Tait sold the concept of a rail trail to Pierce County by inviting the executive, council members and department heads on site tours of the line.

Doctor Tait and the Buckley community welcomed and encouraged development of what was quaintly called a linear park that would run 26 miles throughout the foothills of eastern Pierce County to replace the rails that had existed and offered a footpath for 100 years.

Doctor Tait passed away unexpectedly on March 23, 2003. His proudest accomplishment outside of his family, farm and practice was assuring that the Buckley and Wilkeson Branch lines would remain as intercommunity connectors known today as the Foothills Trail. He did not want his name on it; he wanted to see it done.

How to commemorate a person whose greatest wish was to retain a basic community connection that could be shared for generations to come? Much discussion and various ideas came and went, but one concept caught the hearts of trail lovers, the doctor’s family and the City of Buckley as a fitting tribute. Accordingly, an historical railroad themed display will be installed in 2006 on the Foothills Trail in Buckley at Main Street where the Northern Pacific rail station once was. The Dr. Tait memorial will consist of a “wigwag” railroad crossing safety signal, a baggage cart recreation, a picnic bench and an interpretive sign. Final details of positioning, materials and such are being handled by the Tait Memorial Committee and the City of Buckley.

The interpretive sign will recognize the development of the rail line in 1885 and the effort lead by Dr. Tait and the Buckley community 100 years later to assure the corridor would remain as a public trail when the rails were removed.—Chuck Morrison

Thank you, whoever you are!

The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition would like to thank those unknown volunteers who are taking the time to help with the removal of the morning glory vines, nettles and blackberry runners from the fir trees near Arline Road along the Foothills Trail.

Their contribution is noticeable and will increase the survival rate of those trees, adding to the beauty of the trail.—John Downs
ForeverGreen meets

ForeverGreen will hold its first annual meeting on Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the D.F. Almendinger Center, WSU Puyallup Research & Extension Center, 7612 Pioneer Way East, Puyallup.

This meeting is intended for all who are interested in building trails across communities to learn more about what is being done to connect our neighbors and communities through a network of local and regional trails.

Public momentum continues to build for trails and, by working together, we may one day be able to walk, bicycle or ride from Mt. Rainier to Key Peninsula and all points in between.

Dedicated to the vision of a countywide trail system that connects all Pierce County communities, ForeverGreen is working to bring together trail user groups, park boards and local governments with the goal of sharing ideas and making connections.

Attendance is limited, so please R.S.V.P. to Jayme Gordon, ForeverGreen Executive Director, at jaymeg@piercecountycd.org or 253-845-2973.

Food and beverages will be provided.—Ernie Bay

This year’s lucky bike winners at our Puyallup Fair booth were Russell Orr of Bonney Lake and Tom (TJ) LaFontaine of Kent. Both were, of course, delighted and wasted no time in trying out their prizes at the new East Puyallup Trailhead. Russell, who was the first winner contacted, had his choice of bikes and selected the woman’s bike with the flowered Hawaiian motif for his fiancee, Kathy Dunlap. His win was particularly fortuitous since he had just recently purchased new bikes for himself and his daughter and now they can enjoy the trail as a threesome.

Send us your email address!

The Coalition is updating our email address database. Please go to our website, www.piercecountytrails.org/emailupdate.html, and select the types of notifications you would like to receive. Then we’ll invite you to work parties, remind you of meetings or let you know when the newsletter is online. —Tom Enlow

Monthly meetings are held on 4th Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Puyallup Public Library, south entrance.

324 South Meridian Street

EVENTS

December 7, 6 p.m.
ForeverGreen meeting
(see story above)

ANNUAL MEETING
January 26, 7 p.m.
Puyallup Public Library
(See story page 1)

WORK PARTIES

Check the website below or call Don Partington at 253-863-5307 for details.

Weekly Meetings
At Charlie’s Restaurant
Every Wednesday at noon at Charlie’s Restaurant,
113 East Main, Puyallup.
All are welcome.
For more information
Call 253-841-2570
Or email bugtrail@aol.com
http://piercecountytrails.org/
Buckley

In August, the City of Buckley opened the first phase of its new multi-use park along the Foothills Trail by completing the skate park portion. Nine apparatus were put together and bolted down on a large cement slab by a host of volunteers over a two-day period. The skate park was an immediate hit with the local boarders who could be seen skating well into the night. Some came as early as 6 a.m. to avoid the crowds.

Since August, the city has added playground equipment and has ordered picnic tables and benches for seating to watch the activities. Some of the picnic tables will also be covered for protection from the summer sun and winter rains. In December, video cameras will help keep "an eye" on the park and will be connected to the city’s web site for views of Mt. Rainier and the skaters. This will be the first section of the Foothills Trail with a video camera that can be viewed on the web.

Funding for Buckley’s multi-use park came from an IAC grant and the City of Buckley. Future plans include the building of a youth center adjacent to the parking lot of the new park.—*Pat Johnson*

[Pat was recently elected mayor of Buckley. Congratulations, Pat!]

Edgewood

The Edgewood City Council meeting of November 22 was an historical occasion. The draft Master Plan for the Edgewood portion of the Interurban Trail was on the agenda to be officially accepted as a document of the city. Three Edgewood trail committee members, who are also Coalition members (John Selby, Jeff Goulden and Diane Kerlin), rallied the troops for two months prior to the meeting.

Support came in several forms. Letters were received by the city from 19 Edgewood residents and 11 regional trail supporters. Only two residents wrote in opposition. A wonderfully strategic decision was made to hold the monthly meeting of the Foothills Trail Coalition at 6 p.m. in the room adjacent to where the council meeting was to be held at 7 p.m. This brought out Coalition support and filled the council room to capacity.

Kathy Kravit-Smith, the new Pierce County Parks and Recreation Director, Beth Glynn, Public Health Educator, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, and speakers from the City of Pacific and other parts of Pierce County joined Edgewood supporters with important and enthusiastic testimony. The council accepted the draft Master Plan unanimously and with joy. It was truly an historical occasion, both for the City of Edgewood and for the Interurban Trail.—*Diane Kerlin*

Fife

According to Jim Reinbold, Fife Assistant City Manager, there are four positions open on their parks and recreation board. They don’t even have a quorum, so can’t do any business. Anyone who lives within Fife’s urban growth area or works inside the City of Fife is eligible. Fife has extensive plans for non-motorized trails, but no one is pushing for their development. The Fife city council needs to hear a squeaky wheel. Could that be you?—*John Selby*

Pacific

The proposed trail coming down the hill from Milton and Edgewood on the old Interurban Railway right-of-way will enter the city limits of Pacific at 3rd Avenue. The trail continuing south into the City of Sumner will have another name, such as the Pacific/Sumner Trail (or whatever the two cities decide to name it) and will eventually connect to the Foothills Trail in the City of Puyallup. The trail leading east along Stewart Road will connect through the City of Sumner to the existing trail turn...continued on next page
Networking (continued)

Tentatively called the Pipeline Trail, it would connect the Sounder train station at the Tacoma Dome to the Foothills Trail along Highway 162 at Old Military Road.

Metro Parks Tacoma is supporting the proposal because the Pipeline Trail would bring walkers from Tacoma to the 275-acre Swan Creek watershed, which has an unpaved trail along the creek, which flows through the canyon. The trail would also link other parks along the way to the junction with the Foothills Trail.

[Excerpted from an article by Eijiro Kawada in The News Tribune, September 22, 2005.]

Puyallup Riverwalk
Westward Ho!
What a sight! On Monday morning, November 14, Past President Ernie Bay biked his daily journey on the Puyallup Riverwalk westward toward the River Road K-Mart shopping center expecting to see the usual sight of an unpaved trail looming ahead. Instead, in its place was a still steaming, beautiful black ribbon. Ernie knew that the contractor had been awaiting a three-day stretch of dry weather following the two weeks soaking that began the day paving was originally scheduled. He figured that Monday was to have been day one. Instead, on this bright Monday morning, the pavers were already beyond view. Within two days and after 850 tons of asphalt, the Riverwalk extended more than 5,400 feet westward for a total length of just under two miles.

More good news is that the next phase of the Riverwalk, the eastern end along the levee between SR 512 and the Sumner Bridge, has surmounted its last property transfer obstacles and is scheduled to go to bid in late winter 2006. —Ernie Bay
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Networking (continued)

White River Refuge

State Senator Pam Roach has proposed the purchase of 3,000 acres of undeveloped land along the White River between Auburn and Buckley to create a "wildlife refuge and recreational area with public access."

Accordingly, she has begun working with state and local government officials to buy the 1,500 acres on each side of the river from Puget Sound Energy at an estimated cost of $25 to $35 million.

Senator Roach stated, "This property would make an excellent state park and wildlife refuge. The land in question offers a variety of terrain—forests, rocky canyons and grasslands. It's a place teeming with wildlife, including bears, cougars, elk, bald eagles and blue herons. If the property were set aside for a park, it would start with a trail and amenities like campgrounds, picnic areas, interpretative centers and recreation fields could later be developed. This corridor along the White River is worth preserving. Let's make it happen before it's too late."

[Excerpted from an article by State Sen. Pam Roach (R-Auburn) in The News Tribune, September 22, 2005.]

Train to the Mountain

The City of Tacoma (Tacoma Rail) received an FY 2005 federal appropriation of approximately $700,000 to conduct a feasibility study on the proposed "Train to the Mountain" project to re-establish passenger rail excursion service from Tacoma (Freighthouse Square) to the Elbe/Ashford area outside the Nisqually Entrance to Mount Rainier National Park.

In the process of negotiating the details of the study, the National Park Service requested that Tacoma Rail also study the potential for compatible alternative use of the railroad right-of-way corridor such as a pedestrian "rail-with-trail" and the City of Tacoma agreed to include this in the study.

The details of how the trail study will be conducted are yet to be worked out, but there will be many opportunities for interested trail stakeholder groups to participate.—Bryan Bowden

Wilkeson South Prairie

Trail advocates Becky Gilbert and Chris Fabiani-Wilde were elected in Wilkeson and South Prairie. They hope to both move their communities forward and get the trail less fragmented.

Janet Kepka (mayoral candidate and trail supporter) is running a very tight race with John McGhee. Janet is presently five votes ahead.—Becky Gilbert

Discounts offered

Attention walkers, runners and multi-sport enthusiasts! The Washington State Trail Running, Walking and Duathlon Club, a sponsor of the 2005 Rainier to Ruston Rail-Trail Relay, is offering Coalition members $5 discounts off any club events in 2006. For more information: www.humanmultisportspnw.org/or contact Tony Quinn, PhD, President and Race Director at <humansports2001@hotmail.com>.
Marathon training available

Are you looking for a significant New Year’s resolution? Have you thought about getting into long distance running? Well, here’s your opportunity.

Fleet Feet Sports invites you to join the Rainier to Ruston Ultra Training Group, a program that uses tempo runs, easy runs, long runs, intervals, pace training and some hill repeats. Each individual’s ability and fitness level will be carefully assessed and an appropriate training program will be custom designed just for you. Trainers will give you a heart rate range to follow and a pace per mile based on your fitness level.

The program will be 16 weeks long and starts January 29. Four training seminars will be lead by the Fleet Feet Sports staff and local health care professionals with topics ranging from hydration, goals, proper apparel and shoes, to proper stretching and hill running. Staff will be available any time by e-mail to assist with training as well as at the store.

The group will meet on Saturdays for the long runs, most of which will be held near Orting on the Foothills Trail. Water stops will be provided on the long runs and a map of the course will be posted for the week using our e-mail newsletter. Individuals and/continued on next page
Along the Foothills Trail...

Grateful trail lovers lost no time in hitting the newly-paved Puyallup to McMillin section of the Foothills Trail as soon as the asphalt cooled in late September. Clay and I meet first-time visitors from as far away as Australia, England and Italy as well as our own beautiful state of Washington. They all spoke in one voice: "This is a TERRIFIC trail!"

Seasoned, tried and true trail lovers appreciate the universal and unique value of trails and quickly become ex-officio stewards. They are ready, willing and able to pitch in and help the Pierce County Good Guys keep it safe and beautiful for the enjoyment of all. The Tacoma Wheelmen help maintain the McMillin to Orting section of the trail. Recently, we saw a large contingent from the Orting Eagles filling big bags with trash left by fishermen from under and around the Puyallup River Bridge. Want to help? Please call Pierce County Park's Adopt-A-Trail maintenance program at 253-798-4176.

Our feeling of euphoria over the pristine state of the new section was short-lived. It takes a while before some folks comprehend the rules and regulations covering use of the trail. Part of the reason may be that Pierce County code signs have yet to be installed. To our dismay, parts of the trail show damage caused by motorcyclists squirreling back and forth across the trail. Some heavy equipment drivers are using the trail as a shortcut rather than crossing directly as required by code. Some off-leash dogs are running onto the trail from trailside residences and threatening trail users. One cyclist required first aid for bloodied hands when rowdy dogs jumped upon his bike causing him to collide with his wife. Clay and I are confident these problems will alleviate with time just as they did after the new Wetlands Bridge to South Prairie section opened. When aggrieved folks report problems to us as members of the Courtesy Patrol, we advise them to do just what we do—call the government entity with jurisdiction in the area where the incident occurred or the problem exists. Useful non-emergency numbers appear at the end of this article.

It was lively and exciting along the trail this fall with many first-time visitors enjoying the multifarious attributes that make it such a special place. Forget Bumbershoot! The greatest show in town on Labor Day happened along our beautiful Carbon River. Happy travelers included equestrians, fishermen, cyclists, rollerbladers, moms and pops with baby strollers, runners, walkers and kids in all sizes and shapes from toddlers to teens. The trailside served as grandstand for a multitude of viewers watching all the excitement as the mighty fishermen hauled in the big ones. Another great show was along South Prairie Creek as schools of salmon frittered to and fro on the
way to their destiny.
Foothills Courtesy Patrollers began issuing Safe Rider Citations in August, and to date we have issued exactly 200 tickets that delighted kids may exchange for a Subway deli-round. This program, designed to reward kids on wheels for wearing properly-fitted safety helmets, is a partnership between the National Safe Kids Campaign, Pierce County Parks and Subway. BOLO, kids! (Be on the Lookout.) Courtesy Patrollers, in lime/yellow vests, sporting the Foothills Coalition logo and individual name tag, will be out and about the Foothills Trail until December 31.
Ernie Bay, John Ernest Berry III, Clive Berglund and Clay and I recently appeared before the Buckley City Council in support of their proposed safety helmet law. J.E.B. III was our star speaker, eloquently describing the challenges he has faced in becoming self-sufficient after suffering a severe head injury in a bicycle accident many years ago. We were all pleased to see almost a dozen young citizens from Buckley area schools present even though they spoke against approval of the helmet law. Oh to be that young and confidently invulnerable again! They appeared to listen intently to what John had to say, so let’s hope some of it sunk in. Most importantly, how do we tap the energy and passion of these young folks to get them to help with trails and other good causes? How about a Junior Trail Steward program along the Foothills Trail? Please pass along to us your ideas for getting kids involved and offer to participate in helping them do so.
Happy Trails and Peace Out Y’all—Dixie Gatchel

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Non-emergency numbers:
Pierce County Sheriff, South Hill Precinct: 253-798-4721
Buckley Police: 360-829-3157
Orting Police: 253-862-9059
Puyallup Police: 253-841-5538
South Prairie and Wilkeson Police: 360-829-0643
Pierce County Parks Administration: 253-798-4176
Pierce County Parks Maintenance: 253-937-9203
Pierce County Adopt-A-Trail volunteer program: 253-798-4176
Pierce County Responds (illegal dumping, junk vehicles, cleanup projects): 253-798-4636
South Prairie Rest Stop Maintenance: 1-800-562-4442
From the saddle

I received a great response from equestrians on the trail user etiquette issues that were raised in the last newsletter. The e-mails and phone calls I got were matched with comments collected at our Puyallup Fair booth, and a revised trail etiquette guide is now available for you. I’m ready to give copies of the guide and new trail maps to other equestrians for distribution. I can respond quicker to calls, but will also take emails. (For the time being, I’ve decided to keep the Internet out of our barn.)

Equestrian improvements are needed on the trail. Work parties are usually filled out with a horse person or two. Funny about that, but we’ve always been there when it comes to work. Beyond clearing downed trees and brush or replanting with native trees and ground cover, there are some equestrian improvements that we need to work on. Again, I need to hear from you, and I’m going to need your help.

Space and money has been set aside for a Slade Holmes horse corral. Slade and his family made some of the most positive contributions to creating the Foothills Trail that have ever been made. There can be very little doubt that horse riders are welcomed on the trail today because of the Holmes. County property surrounding the trail’s “Highway Bridge” over SR162 near Crocker has been targeted for a horse corral in Slade’s memory.

Let’s put together an on-site work party planning session. There is no better opportunity to get a project going than to get out there, walk the area and visualize the possibilities. I’ll check with our work party organizer, you contact me, and let’s pick a date before the end of January to meet on the site, talk and perhaps go for a ride.

Besides the horse corral, we can also discuss small additions to the horse tie at the South Prairie trailhead, a horse tie at the wetlands mitigation site and the outlook for future sections of the trail.

It’s a great excuse to get out and ride. What do you say? Call or email me, 360-897-6163, clasyrydr@aol.com

Happy Trails—Linda Clark

We took time to absorb Lewis and Clark Trail history on their 200th anniversary and followed their trail down the rivers. We drove to Lyle and biked the beautiful new trail along the Klickitat River. The trail is very rough most of the way and we were thankful for our full suspension mountain bikes. Then we traveled to White Pass and did some biking around Clear Lake which is near the summit. We had good weather and saw a lot of spectacular country. —Len and Karol Kalapus (78 and 76 years young)

P.S. Thanks for all the great work you do on our trails.

Letters received

Packed the motor home and loaded the bikes and took off for Eastern Washington and Idaho. First night we camped at the Columbia Wildlife Refuge where I rode the dirt roads while husband Len did some fishing. Then on to Spokane for a short ride on their Riverside Park trails and a visit with relatives.

The next day headed 40 miles south of Spokane on Highway 95 to the trailhead of the Trail of the Coeur d’Alene at Plummer, Idaho. The newly constructed 73-mile long, 10-foot wide asphalt trail is beautiful. It follows the shoreline of Coeur d’Alene Lake, then passes through a chain of lakes and marshland environment and follows the Coeur d’Alene River to the mountains of Mullan on I-90. Camping is not allowed along the trail, but private and public campgrounds are located close by. Also, some bed and breakfast homes. We only rode the lower section, but plan to do the whole thing in the future.

We then headed south to the Lewiston and Clarkston area and enjoyed their 20 miles of asphalt trail on the levees of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. We took time to absorb Lewis and Clark Trail history on their 200th anniversary and followed their trail down the rivers.

I want to share my brother’s appreciation of our beautiful trail. We parked on the road near the REI wetlands and walked to the South Prairie viewing spot to watch the salmon run. He was amazed at being able to get so close to witness the fish as they spawned. His comments about the trail were all positive. One statement was, “I wish they had something like this in San Diego.” He especially liked the tranquility of being able to ride somewhere so beautiful, and no traffic. My brother is planning to come back someday with his wife and family so they can enjoy our jewel, the Foothills Trail.

Lloyd and I rode the whole trail Friday, and it was so BEAUTIFUL, cruising through all the fallen leaves and enjoying all that Mother Nature offered us for FREE.—Phyllis & Lloyd Johnson
Wolcott honored

Former Pierce County Parks Director Jan Wolcott was one of three individual Bicycle Alliance of Washington award recipients at the 2005 Foot Prints & Bike Tracks luncheon held at the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel on November 2. Jan received the More People Bicycling Safely Award which was noted in the agenda as follows:

"Jan Wolcott, recently retired Director of Pierce County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Wolcott retired in August of this year leaving a legacy in Pierce County called the Foothills Trail. For twenty years he focused on the vision of a trail for cyclists and other non motorized users. Today, thousands use the trail including many who were fervent opponents. Not only do they use it, but they praise the trail and Mr. Wolcott's vision."—Ernie Bay

Pierce County Parks employees Bob Cady and Mitch Nelson finish smoothing the concrete base for a Wilkeson sandstone slab that will serve as the setting for a bronze plaque to honor retired Pierce County Parks and Recreation Director, Jan Wolcott. The installation is at the new East Puyallup (Meeker) Trailhead which marks the beginning of the Foothills Trail. Wilkeson sandstone is symbolic of both the southern terminus of the trail and the early economy of the region. Coal and coke necessitated building the railroad which was the forerunner of our trail. Many of Olympia’s government buildings as well as others throughout Puget Sound are constructed with Wilkeson sandstone. The mineralized sandstone features many colors as well as the carbonized cast of a prehistoric tree trunk and branch sections.

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Bricks inscribed

Forty-one new bricks were inscribed and installed at our Orting kiosk the first week of October. Most names will be found inscribed on top of the bench centered directly below the sign. Others can be found on the side of the bench beneath the map.

We are now taking orders for 2006 inscriptions, and you still have the opportunity to add these, as well as tree orders, to your holiday gift list. Please see the order form on the back of this newsletter.

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New Members Always Welcome
If you appreciate the work that we are doing and wish to see more trails, please consider joining us. Foothills Trail memberships start at $18 single and $25 family. Credit cards accepted.

☐ $18 Single  ☐ $25 Couple  ☐ $50 Trail Builder
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Calling all visionaries

What's your vision for the Coalition and the Foothills Trail? Sit back. Relax. Take a deep breath. Let your imagination roam. . . It is now the first Saturday of June, 20XX, National Trails Day, and you are at the dedication ceremony for the final segment of the Foothills Trail. Pierce County trails are just what you’d hoped for, just what you've worked for, all these years.

Congratulations! You have achieved your vision! What's it like? Where are you? What do you see, hear, feel, smell? Who's there? What do they say about what you've achieved?

Join us at our December monthly meeting when we'll be sharing our visions. We'll use these ideas at a workshop retreat this winter to help us revise Coalition strategies for making the vision real. If you can’t make the December meeting, please visit our website and email us your vision.—Tom Enlow