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## Discover New Places to Walk at SRN General Meeting on Feb. 24

Author Laura Foster will speak at Skyline Ridge Neighbors next general meeting, February 24, 2010 on off-the-beaten-path walks and stairways to explore in the West Hills.

Foster, a McNamee Road resident, is the author of *Portland Hill Walks*, *Portland City Walks*, *Lake Oswego* (a photographic history), and writer of the text for *Walk There!*, a book of regional walks produced by Metro.

Her next book, *The Portland Stairs Book*, coming from Timber Press in fall 2010, will



Hike to this view from the site of Meridian Park, north of the intersection of Skyline and west Burnside. Photo: L. Foster

explore Portland's 200 public stairways, many of them relics of the streetcar era. Foster leads walks for Metro, the City of Portland, and other entities, and specializes in offbeat locales and telling the stories — geologic, architectural, horticultural and human — that give each neighborhood its unique culture.

Foster will speak after a short (about 15 minutes) SRN business meeting. Learn more about places to explore at [www.portlandwalking.blogspot.com](http://www.portlandwalking.blogspot.com). □

## Skyline School Recognized for Innovative Recycling Program

*Note: Skyline School was featured in a January 15 Oregonian article by Amy Wang for its recycling efforts. The article is excerpted and expanded here.*

Under the leadership of Jill Inahara, a Skyline School parent, the cafeteria in 2009 replaced disposable trays with reusable trays that parent and student volunteers wash. Instead of throwaway "sporks," kids use metal utensils donated by Skyline families.

Local livestock also benefits from changes to the school lunch scene: students sort leftovers, placing meat and cheese into a bucket for a neighbor's pigs, and other food scraps into a bucket that feeds a teacher's chickens. Cafeteria trash decreased enough for the school to eliminate a Dumpster, saving Portland Public Schools about \$1,700 a year, Inahara said.

### Landscape Renewal

Skyline also made its landscaping more sustainable this year by ripping out English ivy on the bank along Skyline Boulevard, and juniper in the bank adjacent to the parking lot, and replacing them with native plants.

Inahara, who is co-chairwoman of the Eco-School Network, wrote grant proposals that brought in not only an AmeriCorps volunteer, Jessica Zahn, who focuses on

reducing solid waste at the school, but also money from Metro, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for the landscape work.

She got volunteers for the landscaping project from Hands On Greater Portland and two Boy Scout troops. Another big source of help comes from the school's custodians. "They've been saving garbage for us so we can do waste audits," Inahara says. The school also has competitions to see which classroom can generate the least trash; custodians help track the trash.

Zahn notes that the school just wrapped up a Styrofoam and packing-peanut collection, as well as a round-up of holiday twinkle lights. The lights can be recycled at Metro Metals, and the school collects 13 cents per pound.

If you have empty ink cartridges from printers or copiers, bring them in to the school. The last load of cartridges, which can be re-inked and resold by retailers, netted the school \$127.

Zahn is looking to provide "party packs" to each classroom to eliminate paper and plastic waste after classroom parties. If you have gently used dessert plates and cups or glasses, drop them by the school or contact Zahn at [jjzahn@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:jjzahn@pps.k12.or.us). □

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☞ *Deadline for the next issue is March 31st* ☞

## Skyline Ridge Neighbors Inc.

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# SRN News

## Treasurer's Report

By Karen Garber, SRN Treasurer

### SRN INCOME & EXPENSES 1/1/2009 - 12/31/2009

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE JAN 1</b>	19,188
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising	695
Donations	673
Interest	237
Summer Gathering	4,176
Merchandise Sales	92
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	5,873

### EXPENSES

Administration	
Hall Rental	200
Information Technology	355
Licenses & Fees	246
Logo Design	350
Misc	403
Merchandise Expenses	80
Ridge Runner	2,994
Other Community Outreach	178
SOLV Neighborhood Clean-Up	113
Summer Gathering	
Entertainment	200
Facility Rental	285
Food	75
Materials	215
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	5,694
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>	179
<b>ENDING BALANCE DEC 31</b>	19,367

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**Kate Eskew, Joe & Shelley Rayhawk, Abbey Creek Stables, Loretta Field & Floyd Nelson.**

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## Winners Announced in SRN Resident Survey Contest

By the SRN Board of Directors

Three lucky residents each received McMenamings gift certificates as thanks for their participation in the survey distributed last fall to the whole neighborhood. The winners, drawn at random from 30 entries, were Jennifer Miller, Bruce Penney and Allen Luethe.

SRN wishes to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the survey. We gained some valuable feedback on our publications and educational events. We learned what people like and dislike about the Ridge Runner, Newsline and website. There was strong support for stories about community events, rural living, local history, local people, humor and "life on the Hill." We also received excellent suggestions of topics to cover in the future.

Three-quarters of the respondents subscribe to the Skyline Rural Watch Newsline by email. They appreciated receiving timely news of crime and lost pets as well as announcements of upcoming events. One person said, "I really like and appreciate the Newsline! .... all good!"

Even though most people did not visit the SRN website frequently, they gave lots of suggestions of new content that would make it more useful and timely. Among the requests

were an events calendar, links to resources on rural living skills, more information about local businesses, including roadside stands, and on issues affecting our neighborhood.

Some respondents expressed concern about one of SRN's publications replacing another, e.g. "Please don't replace the Newsline with ... a website. I don't have high speed internet." Recognizing that residents have different preferences and abilities (e.g. internet access or not) for receiving information, SRN will continue to publish news for the neighborhood using all three media: the printed Ridge Runner, the email Newsline and the online website.

There was also lots of enthusiasm expressed for the Country Living seminar series and the General Meetings at the Grange. Lots of great ideas on subjects for future meetings were offered. Two common themes were sharing "our collective wealth of knowledge" and "what people can do to encourage one another in this (sustainable) lifestyle."

The SRN Board and volunteers who produce our publications and organize our events took on board all the excellent suggestions and constructive feedback offered by those who filled out the survey. This will help us build a stronger community and better serve the residents of our area. Any time you have a comment or suggestion, please contact the SRN Board using the phone numbers or email addresses listed on page 2 of every Ridge Runner. Thanks, neighbors. □

## In My Opinion

### To the Editor,

I live on MW McNamee Rd, in unincorporated Multnomah County. Two weeks ago, my garbage hauler, Gruetter's Disposal Service, sold his business to Waste Management, Inc.

Gruetter's provided recycling service. Waste Management does not. As a result, if you were to drive along McNamee Rd. or Skyline, you would see piles of recycling debris at the end of driveways where it has not been picked up in two weeks.

I have been on the phone every day this week with WMI. As I was on hold, I listened to their ads about how green WMI was and how they cared about the environment.

On successive days, WMI has told me that the "county won't let them pick up recycling"; that "they don't have a contract to do recycling" on my street, and today, they said that they don't have the resources to do recycling.

And yet, my neighbors on either side of me have Waste Management as their garbage hauler and they have recycling. Their trash and recycling is picked up a day later than mine was. I asked to change to the later day so that I could have recycling too. But they said I could not change dates even if I cancelled service.

I called the Mult. County Office of Sustainability. The staffer with whom I spoke said that the county does not

regulate the unincorporated areas. This refusal to pick up recycling has nothing to do with the county or metro or the city of Portland. It has to do with Waste Management, Inc.

This is Portland. Recycling is part of the life we have fashioned here in this part of the world. It is necessary and important.

If this issue affects you, please contact Multnomah County Commissioner Kafoury's office. (503) 988-5220 or district1@co.multnomah.or.us. The Multnomah County Commissioners are considering regulations to cover waste haulers in the unincorporated part of Multnomah County.

Thanks,  
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## Who is Fred C. Boutin, Anyway?

By Kim Johnson

Garden designers are forever giving out unhelpful advice, advice designed to weaken the backs of real gardeners everywhere. "If you are going to plant 30 tulips you might as well make an impact and plant 300." The only impact I see is the one in my lower lumbar area, where the vertebrae continually press together. Sure 300 tulips massed together in the spring *is* beautiful, but hard to enjoy when you can no longer stand upright.

I succumbed to designer pressure when I saw a lovely illustration of a lavender walk in a garden magazine. It was an illustration, I thought wryly, because no one would actually dig 40 holes on each side of a country lane. That is 80 holes of back-breaking labor. Not to mention the buying and carting home of 80 lavender plants, soil amendments, coarse gravel for drainage; I am forever with the drainage. I settled on 12 plants, only a fraction of the original design, 6 on each side, okay maybe 14, 7 on each side because things in nature look better in odd number groupings.



*Typesofflowers.org*

I whistled a tune as I surveyed my garden. The perfect spot for a lavender walk presented itself immediately with one drawback: the walk was a little longer than I anticipated. Sixteen plants would be needed. No more than 16, I promised myself, 8 on each side---forget the odd number grouping. Making an impact here.

I immediately began the best part of garden design. I searched for the perfect lavender plants online, in books, at garden centers, in other people's gardens. I settled on the Fred C. Boutin variety. The long stems and attractive foliage would be perfect for my little lavender walk. I promptly tossed out my plan and bought 18 plants, remembering that 9 on each side really would look better what with that whole "odd number is better in nature" business. Eighteen holes wouldn't be that bad. Eighteen holes was do-able. Like a round of golf. Eighteen holes with Fred C. Boutin wafting long stems in the breeze on a summer day practically *spelled* impact. I was so engrossed in the vision that I tossed out of my mind the impact digging 18 holes would have on my lumbar region.

### Keep Digging

It turns out that digging 18 holes, 9 on each side of the walk, was repetitive physical labor designed to cause hallucinations. Five holes into my 18 and my mind began to wander. Who was this Fred C. Boutin anyway? I tried to picture him. I thought I saw him. Digging 18 holes will do that to you. I wasn't even half way done digging (not to mention the incorporation of soil amendments, coarse gravel for drainage) and there was still the matter of retrieving 18 lavender plants from the back of my truck.

Humph. Fred C. Boutin. To break up the monotony I trucked several lavender plants from my truck and lined them up for inspiration. They could watch me dig. Fred could watch me dig. Apparently I *was* hallucinating.

Seven more holes. I was more than half way done, wasn't I? I was too tired to do the math. I amended a few of my first holes and planted Fred C. Boutin in them. Fred was beautiful. I was inspired to keep digging. Three more holes, must improve drainage. Impact, going for impact. I popped in a few more Freds. Things were taking shape. I had a lavender walk going here. Fred would surely approve.

Somewhere around hole 16 I began to wonder about Fred. Why did he have a lavender named after him? Did he invent it? I was pretty sure that lavender was discovered and not invented. Maybe he discovered it. Maybe there was a romantic story behind it like the Peace Rose, the last rose flown out of Europe during World War II. Maybe Fred had been in the war. Maybe the French Foreign Legion. They have a lot of lavender in France. Surely lavender was discovered before the French Foreign Legion was invented. Fred wasn't even a French name.

### Asexual Propagation

I popped a few more Freds in their holes and got around to reading the tag attached to the plant itself. "1968-79 Fredrick C. Boutin was a botanist at the Huntington Botanic Gardens in Pasadena, CA. After he left there, he came across a previously unnamed lavender and proceeded to clone it. Thus Fred C. Boutin Lavender was introduced to the world in 1984 and has become a long stemmed favorite among lavender collectors."

That was it? He was a cloner? I kept digging. Incorporating amendments, popping Freds in holes. The French Foreign Legion was a better story. Fred could have crawled his way out of the desert of Africa with only a sprig of lavender for inspiration. Maybe he fell in a well and had to climb out with only a sprig of lavender for inspiration. Cloner. Humph.

I kept digging. Amending, incorporating drainage. Thinking of Fred. That Cloner. I popped in a few more Freds, dug hole 18, amended it, ignored the back pain, the blister on my thumb. I gave up trying to stand up straight. Fred was probably hunched over the entire time he was in that well in Africa. Almost there, I popped the last Fred into place. I felt just like Fred the time he crawled out of the desert. Lavender was so inspiring.

I straightened up as much as I could to view my work. 18 holes, like a round of golf, only it had taken 4 times longer. The effect was dazzling. It had impact. In a few months the lavender walk would be alive with bees, the long stems would sway in the breeze. I dragged myself to the house. Maybe Fred hadn't been in the Foreign Legion but he did clone one heck of a lavender. Cloner. Humph. □

## Tom Campbell, 1953-2009

Just before dawn on Sunday, November 22, about 20 family members and friends surrounded Tom Campbell, telling stories and toasting him as he left this life. Thomas Joseph Campbell was born in Fort Monroe, Virginia on September 9, 1953. As part of a military family, he lived all over the U.S. and in France. After high school in Hawaii, he came to Oregon to attend Oregon State. Tom never lived anywhere longer than three years until he made his home in the shadow of the Skyline Ridge eighteen years ago.

Tom died due to complications of his battle with colon cancer. He is survived by his wife Jan and sons Cooper and Rory. He was a design engineer with a passion for automotive design. Because he wanted to live in Portland, he was not able to pursue automotive design as a career; while working for other companies, his goal was to have his own business designing and building automobiles. In fall 2009, he and Jan formed Campbell Coachworks with that goal in mind. Tom spent 20 years designing and building from the ground up the Cambellini, a retro sports car inspired by European sports cars of the 1960s. In summer 2009, he brought the Cambellini to the Concours d'Elegance in Forest Grove where it took first place in its division.

Tom passed with his ugly old tea mug in one hand and

a cup of beer in the other. Jan had to pry the beer from his hand. Tom to the end. He took with him to his next destination the tools and loves of his life: his mechanical pencil, calculator, bifocals, a bottle of Mercurchrome, his oldest pair of shop pants, a Skyline Ridge Runner tee shirt, a "hideously ugly" (says Jan) torn and stained red plaid work shirt, his suspenders, favorite slippers, driving cap and a pin from the first show where he showed the Cambellini. Also with him were pieces of jewelry long worn by Rory, Cooper and Jan, a photo of Tom and Jan, and a photo of the Cambellini.

Tom and Jan would have celebrated 20 years of marriage on December 16. Despite his young age, Tom felt that nothing unimportant had been left undone. Even if he was unable to see his sons become men, they are old enough for him to have seen the men that they will become and he was very proud of them.

A celebration of Tom's life was held in his beloved shop December 5, with music by an assortment of his favorite "local hill folk" musicians. A great group of family, friends and neighbors attended.

A fund for the boys' educational enrichment has been set up. Contributions can be made payable to Jan Campbell and sent to Cooper and Rory Campbell TR, 4888 NW Bethany Blvd, Ste. K5251, Portland, OR 97229. □

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## Skyline Grange News

Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard (0.1 miles west of Newberry Road or 1.6 miles east of Cornelius Pass Road). You do not have to be a Grange member to participate, volunteer or attend these events.

### Monthly Grange Meeting

The February meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m., due to the President's Day holiday on Monday. Grange meetings are regularly held on the third Monday of the month. For more information, contact Pat Barnard at pbarnard2@aol.com or 503-286-2857.

### Pancakes, Etc: Brunch at Skyline Grange

Skyline Grange invites you to brunch on Sunday, February 28 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Homemade pancakes, quiches, and scones are among the dishes. Bring the whole family and a neighbor. A donation of \$5/person or \$10/family is suggested. If you would like to bring a dish, flip pancakes or help, contact Tracy Waters at 503-285-3530 or Sen Speroff at 503-621-3331.

### Spring Garage Sale

Spring means another Grange Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds go to the Grange's Building Maintenance and Improvement Fund.

We are seeking donations now. We do not accept car seats, televisions, computers, audio tapes, or large exercise equipment. Otherwise we take about anything that is clean and in good working condition. Donations are tax-deductible. You can drop off your items at the Grange Saturday, February 6 (9-9:45 a.m.); Monday, March 1 (11a.m.-4p.m.); Tuesday, March 2 (9a.m.-3p.m.); Wednesday, March 3 (10a.m.-noon).

Questions about donations, bringing donations at a different time, or volunteering, contact Valerie Driscoll at 503-690-3490 or Sen Speroff at 503-621-3331.

### Grange's Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale

The Grange plans another Tree and Native Plant Sale. Date and details will be announced on SRN's Newslines. It is a great place to obtain quality bare root shrubs, ornamental and fruit-bearing trees, and native plants at excellent prices.

### Oregon Food Bank Collection Box

There is an Oregon Food Bank collection box at the front door of the Grange. Drop off food donations at your convenience. The Bank particularly appreciates canned vegetables, fruits and meats, flour, oats, soups, nonfat milk, nuts, cooking oil, dry beans, peanut butter, cereal and breakfast bars. □

## Plainview Grocery a Skyline Landmark for Over 70 Years

By Sharon Barthmaier

At the corner of Cornelius Pass Road and Skyline Boulevard stands a neighborhood landmark, the Plainview Grocery. It is the place that we all run to when we need to pick up a gallon of milk, check for a missing pet or secure a Skyline Ridge Runner we have missed. The market supports the neighborhood as well as reflects the changes that our area has seen over the past decades.

Owned and operated by the Linden family, Steve and David, the building was built by Harry Herzog around 1938 during the Great Depression. After a WPA project replaced the Skyline School gym, there was timber left from the old gym. When the timber was put out for bid, nobody came forward so Harry Herzog bid on the timber and used it to build the store that now stands.

When the U.S. entered World War II, the draft board informed Harry that a store merchant wasn't an essential job and he would be drafted. He decided to go back to his former job, logging, an occupation deemed to be essential to the war effort.

While he was in the woods, the store was leased to Steve Linden's great-uncle, Ben Olson. Towards the end of the war Harry decided to sell the business. Ben wasn't interested, but thought his brother-in-law, Alex Linden, might be. He was.

Under Herzog's ownership, the store was about half the size it is now. In 1949 Alex doubled its size by expanding from the front of the store back. He had bought a cooler prior to the expansion and stored it in someone's barn. He included the cooler into the new structure; it remains in the store but has been updated over the years. The auto parts section of the present building used to be the warehouse/storage area.

Some people remember a water spigot at the corner of the building. Many recall, from the 1940s to the 1960s, filling water containers here from early in the morning until late at night. Wells were, and still are, expensive so people either had shallow wells or cisterns that went dry during the summer. They also might have to haul water as it was needed.

Christine Traunweiser remembers having no water at her farm in the late 1970s. She would come down to the store to get water, bringing five gallon buckets or pulling a 250 gallon tank behind her truck. She also recalls that

people could buy kerosene from a large drum that remains standing behind the door in the auto parts section of the store.

Beginning in the 1940s the market supplied petrol to cars traversing the pass. It was a Shell station and therefore the store was painted the identifying "Shell yellow." Not only was the market a bright yellow, but Alex convinced the company to also paint his home. Hence, the little yellow house was born. The market, however, had an additional note of color with a red stripe around its base.

The pumps stood where the curb now marks the division between the market driveway and Cornelius Pass Road. They were removed in the 1980s when Shell changed to more specialized pumps. The store was repainted red in the mid-80's after the gas

pumps were removed.

During the 1940s and 1950s, the market, at about 3,000 square feet, was the largest in the area, on par with the more urban Piggly Wiggly grocery store in Portland, which was between 3,000 and 5,000 square feet. In addition to carrying produce, meat and dairy, the Plainview featured clothing for loggers.

Running the store was a full-time occupation and eventually took its toll on Alex and his wife Elsa. In the 1940s, Alex ended up in the hospital with pneumonia and less than a week later Elsa also went to the hospital with pneumonia. Herbert and Frances, their son and daughter-in-law, ran the store while they were in the hospital. When Alex and Elsa recovered, it was agreed that they needed help. Herbert and Alex became partners.

Alex, Herbert and Frances ran the store in the 1950s and 1960s. After Alex died in 1973, Herbert's and Frances' son Steve joined the business and became his dad's partner in the 1970s. Steve became the sole proprietor in the late 1980's and his son David joined him as partner in 2009. Both Jan (Steve's wife) and Leslie (David's wife) assist in running the store.

Plainview Grocery has transformed over the many years from a full line market into a convenience store. In 1985 Steve added an auto parts section.

When asked how Steve envisioned the store in the future, he mused that it might become more of a deli. As with all businesses, he works to meet his customers' changing needs and desires. So as our community continues to change, so will our "little red store." □



*The Plainview Grocery has been a fixture at the intersection of Skyline and Cornelius Pass Rd. for decades. Photo: M. Merwin*

## Weed Management Workshop Feb. 6

Join West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation staff and Skyline Ridge Neighbors for a free workshop on invasive weeds in the West Hills on Saturday, February 6, at the Skyline Grange, 10 a.m.–12:00 p.m. You'll learn how to identify and control some of the worst invasive plants.

A short slideshow featuring the most menacing invasive weeds will be followed by a hands-on demonstration of how to use a variety of tools to combat these formidable

foes! The demonstration will include how to use a weed wrench, knotweed injection gun and how to create a tree-ivy lifesaver ring.

Invasive weeds included are English ivy, clematis, English hawthorne, holly, Himalayan blackberry, knotweed and garlic mustard.

For more information contact Carolyn Myers Lindberg at the WMSWCD, 503/238-4775, ext. 101. The Grange is at 11275 NW Skyline Boulevard. □

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## Community Calendar

**Feb. 6, Saturday:** Weed Management Workshop, 10 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at the Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Learn how to identify and control some of the worst invasive plants. Contact Carolyn Myers Lindberg at WMSWCD, 503/238-4775, ext. 101.

**Feb. 10, Wednesday:** SRN Board of Directors regular meeting, 7 pm at Brooks Hill Historic Church, 11539 NW Skyline Blvd.

**Feb. 16, Tuesday:** Grange monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Contact Pat Barnard at pbarnard2@aol.com or 503-286-2857.

**Feb. 24, Wednesday:** “Off the Beaten Path in Portland’s West Hills,” 7 pm at the Skyline Grange. Laura Foster will give a slide show and talk about intriguing walks in and around the West Hills. Preceded by short SRN business meeting to present 2010 budget.

**Feb. 28, Sunday:** Brunch at the Grange, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Skyline Grange. Homemade pancakes, quiches, and scones ... yum! Contact Tracy Waters at 503-285-3530 or Sen Speroff at 503-621-3331.

**Mar. 5-6, Friday-Saturday:** Spring garage sale, 9 am – 5 pm, Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd. Questions about donations or volunteering, contact Valerie Driscoll at 503-690-3490 or Sen Speroff at 503-621-3331.

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