

# Ripples



## *Quiet Water Homeowners Association Newsletter*

*March 2015*

**Voila! Finally . . . a new issue of *Ripples***

### **New Quiet Water Site Manager**

The Board is delighted to announce that we have just contracted with Jill McLean to be our next Site Manager. Doug and Joan Johnson, the current Site Managers, were contracted through the end of May, but they are more than pleased to finish early so that Jill can start on March 1.

Many of you may already know Jill, or else you may have seen her tending to gardens at various Quiet Water properties. Jill is very familiar with our neighborhood, she has 25 years' experience in the horticultural field, and we are confident that we have found the right person to replace the Johnsons.

We would like to remind you that the Site Manager is answerable to the Board, not to individual members of the association. If there are jobs that you would like to see done in Quiet Water, it is normally best to bring them to the Board's attention, not to Jill. However, if you notice problems such as burnt out light bulbs, downed or damaged trees or similar irregularities, you can report them to Jill.

### **Thanks to Doug and Joan Johnson . . .**



Many, many thanks to Doug and Joan who have done an outstanding job as Quiet Water's Site Managers. They have worked hard for us off and on for several years, paid and unpaid. We offer them our grateful thanks for their service to our association and hope they enjoy a well-earned rest.

(Just thinking about March 1 is restful.)



## Riparian News

Wally Orchard

We have had some major storms this winter. One storm in mid-December produced some of the worst flooding that Quiet Water residents can remember. As a result, a lot of the wood chips that we had placed along the creek were washed away, and the underlying landscape fabric was exposed and re-arranged. Once we move into the spring and the danger of further flooding recedes, we will bring in more wood chips to cover the exposed fabric.

Despite this setback, we have made more progress on the river path and the riparian restoration project. On January 7<sup>th</sup> we had a Natural Resource Crew working under the supervision of Wally Orchard, laying landscape cloth and wood chips on the river bank path. We plan to extend this project further in the upstream direction, as and when help is available.

We again had a Natural Resource Crew in on February 11<sup>th</sup>, working with Paul Haley and Wally. The crew did extensive planting of native plants and removal of invasive ivy and other weeds. Paul and Wally continued the work on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Here are some specifics of the work that was done:

- Almost all the evergreen trees that we planted a year ago have thrived. We realized that, in fact, we would have too many of them, and that some of them were placed so that they would unnecessarily obstruct the views of the river. So we have selectively removed a number of spruces and cedars, replacing them with small alders. More alders have also been planted next to the creek. Alders don't have the same impact on the river views, and we have been steadily losing alder trees to old age, disease, and the eroding river bank. Regular replacement of the lost trees makes good sense.
- Slough sedge is a native plant that can be seen in abundance on the far (undisturbed) bank of the river. We have planted dozens of these sedges close to the east side of the creek, which was previously covered with invasive reed canary grass. (Paul Haley with slough sedge)
- Twinberry was one of the big successes of our river bank plantings one year ago. It is obviously right at home in Quiet Water, and is very effective at stabilizing the river bank. We have planted many small twinberry starts along the bank behind LCA3 and at critical points next to the creek.
- Hooker's willow is a native plant adapted to damp areas. We have planted more of this along the creek and behind LCA 3.
- Small numbers of red flowering currant and nootka rose have been planted along the creek.



spurge laurel

- A number of serious invasive weeds can be found along the creek and river bank. The landscape fabric along the creek has been successful in suppressing reed canary grass. Other invasives that are present include Scotch broom, English ivy, holly, tansy ragwort, black-berry and a relative newcomer, spurge laurel. The most recent work party targeted ivy close to the creek, but we also pulled ivy, holly,

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blackberry and spurge laurel wherever we found them. We invite all our members to pull these weeds wherever you see them and whenever the mood moves you.



Natural Resource Crews come at no cost to us. They are made up of young people who are studying and gaining work skills at the same time. We have one more NRC visit scheduled in April and possibly more later on.

The riparian work we are doing is based on a restoration plan drawn up by Walama Restoration in Eugene. The plan was approved by the Quiet Water membership and by the City of Yachats. The main goal of the plan is to restore the river bank to a more natural condition, providing better habitat for wildlife and minimizing the erosion which has claimed a significant chunk of our real estate since Quiet Water was established. This involves both plantings of native species as well as removal of invasive non-native plants. A secondary aim of the plan is to preserve river views. It is worth noting that some of the best wildlife viewing in Quiet Water is at the upstream end of our neighborhood, where the original riparian environment remains largely undisturbed. Here elk can regularly be seen drinking on the far bank of the river.

### **A Message of Thanks *from* Joan and Doug**

**Many thanks to all the folks who help** clean up year round, and a special thanks to the folks who picked up and piled all the branches, twigs and other debris from recent storms.

**We really appreciate it**, and we couldn't have done it without you!



### **Food for Thought . . . *The Legend of the Wolves***

An elderly Native American Tribal Chief was teaching his young grandchildren a lesson of life about the Two Wolves that live inside each of us as we travel the long journey of our life.

Inside there is always a life-long struggle between the Wolf that represents Fear, Anger, Guilt, Greed and Arrogance and the other Wolf that stands for Love, Compassion, Joy, Hope, Peace and Truth.

When the Tribal Chief finished, the children remained silent . . . and then one of the children asked the Chief, "Which Wolf will win?"

The Old Chief replied very quietly, "The one you feed."



### Little-Known, Fun Fact about a Quiet Water Property Owner

The listing at the top of page eight of the Directory of Quiet Water Homeowners is **Hering, Hasso & Kathleen, 140 Combs Circle**. What the listing does not indicate is that Kathleen is the author of the comic mystery novels "Hammered, Nailed and Screwed" and "Ripped, Stripped and Flipped."

The contents of these fun little mysteries are not what you might think based on the titles. Here's the plot summary of "Hammered, Nailed and Screwed."

*Interior decorator Laura Howard is receiving messages from her husband on her telephone answering machine. It's his voice all right. But his ashes are in the urn on Laura's fireplace mantle . . .*

*Now wealthy from her husband's life insurance benefits, Laura tries to put her life in order. She strains to keep her sense of humor and sanity as vandals destroy her car and burglars ransack her house. Is it the final straw when the new resident of the home she shared with her late husband is killed on the very designer tile Laura selected for the entryway? All this—plus mysterious and threatening messages from her cheating, lying, no-good husband—begins to push the ever-tasteful Laura to that tacky place known as despair.*

*Oregon Detective Chris Pfeifer has everyone including Laura on his suspect list, while Laura has everyone including Detective Pfeifer on her dinner date list. Between decorating gigs, Laura and her co-workers - a cantankerous retiree and a handsome young contractor - assist Detective Pfeifer as he unravels the truth behind the bizarre twists in Laura's life.*

**Kathleen says that the sense of humor that trickles** through her writing helped her survive her earlier career as a middle school principal. Her hobbies include cycling, home decorating, gardening and tennis.

**Editor's Note:** These are fun, light little mysteries and, because the main character is an interior decorator, each chapter features a home decorating hint! Mari's Books and . . . in downtown Yachats carries both of Kathleen's books in the "Local Authors" section. Due to the popularity of Kathleen's "Designer" mysteries, the bookstore has reordered her books several times.

## Friday, March 13, 7:00 .m., Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra

### Yachats Community Presbyterian Church

#### For the Fallen - *The Lost Composers of World War I*

The summer of 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I – a 19th century war fought with 20th century weapons. The war caused the loss of an entire generation. One can only speculate on what they might have accomplished! A stanza from a poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), published in *The Times* of London on 21st September 1914 is a fitting tribute:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

OCCO is proud to present a concert featuring the works of composers and lyricists who were casualties of World War I. This unique concert will feature many works not heard since the death of the composers. We [OCCO] extend our thanks to librarians, arrangers and webmasters from around the world; their assistance has made this concert possible!

## About Quiet Water HOA Board Member Bob Noble . . .

(Bob is second from the left with other QWHA Board Members Paul Haley, Mary Wiltse and Wally Orchard)

### Background

**Bob and his wife, Ann, purchased their cabin in 2010** and have been staying at QW part-time for five years. Both are retired public employees—Bob, previously the manager for the Eugene Airport, and Ann, previously the instructor for the Lane Community College Furniture and Cabinet Making Program. Bob still works in aviation, having completed nine months managing the Redmond Airport on an interim basis in July 2014. He currently provides part-time consulting services for the City of Salem. Bob and Ann have been married 38 years, live part-time in Eugene, and they became grandparents this past fall. Quiet Water is their escape from everything.



### Why did you run for a Board Position?

**I asked to be nominated for the QWHA Board of Directors because I observe how others give so much** of themselves by volunteering and contributing, and I am inspired and moved to do likewise.

The other board members are people I respect, and I can anticipate that I will enjoy their company while working on the governance of the Association.

**In my view there are four important things** the board needs to deal with during the 2014-2015 year:

- Assess the current language of the guiding QWHA documents, and bring forth recommendations to the board and/or membership to ensure consistency among the documents and conformance to state and local laws/policies (i.e. the CC&Rs, the Association By-laws, Community Rules, and the DRC Procedures and Practices – all of which are located on the QW web-site: (<http://www.qwha.org/regulations.html>). Then conduct voting where appropriate. I have volunteered to work on this assignment and will be joined by other volunteers in this effort.
- Continue the Riverbank management, including erosion control, replanting appropriate tree species, and the matter of trespass across the riverbank by non-residents fishing. We are very fortunate for all the work folks have already invested, but this will continue to need significant participation.
- Ask and answer two questions: Are we able to continue to maintain and eventually replace the common assets with the rate structure currently in place? (Principally, the parking lots, pool and tennis court). If not, is there anything we want to do differently about it?
- Engage in succession planning for anticipated changes. Given the information Wally shared with us at the annual meeting about on-site management (Doug and Joan retiring), we need to plan and make arrangements for these eventualities. [Note: As reported on page 1, Jill McLean has agreed to become the new Site Manager.]

*A Message from Mary Johnson about Quiet Friends*

**Due to scheduling conflicts and waning interest, our official Quiet Friends dinners have ended.**

Thank you to all who have attended and hosted wonderful meals over many years.

I encourage you to continue to invite your Quiet Water neighbors for suppers and to enjoy one another.

We are a very special community within our Yachats Village.

Perhaps we will resume Quiet Friends activities at a later date.



**The 2014-2015 Quiet Water Board of Directors** (left to right):

- Wally Orchard, President: [worchard@peak.org](mailto:worchard@peak.org)
- Mary Wiltse: [wiltsemg@peak.org](mailto:wiltsemg@peak.org)
- Bob Noble: [bnoble1999@msn.com](mailto:bnoble1999@msn.com)
- Paul Haley, Secretary: [phaley5@comcast.net](mailto:phaley5@comcast.net)

If you have a question for the Board but don't use e-mail, you can call Wally at 541-547-5474.

The next Board meeting will be at Mary Wiltse's home (230 Jennifer) on Saturday, March 21, at 12:30.

**2014-20145 Design Review Committee**

- Loren Dickinson, Chair: [ldickinson-architect@cox.net](mailto:ldickinson-architect@cox.net)
- Stephanie Kimmel
- Ann Noble
- Isabel Prusinski
- Replacement for Claudia Price is pending

**Site Manager**

Jill McLean

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