

Friends of Tubbs Hill

Fall 2013 Newsletter



Walkabout aka The Pooh Fairy, By Linda Wolovich

On any given day while enjoying a walk on Tubbs Hill you may come upon a woman with a knapsack on her back, a walking stick in one hand, and a bulging plastic grocery bag in the other. If she is using a small black bag to pick up dog pooh, you have just come upon our very own "Pooh Fairy!" She has been using around 8,000 of these small bags every year, donated by a generous friend, to pick up after people's dogs, saving all of us unsuspecting walkers/joggers from a very unpleasant experience. (THANK YOU to those dog owners who keep their dogs on leashes and pick up after them!) Our Pooh Fairy states that fall through spring seems to be the worst time for people not picking up after their dogs.

Walkabout and her faithful black lab, Charlie (with a trademark kerchief around his neck), for years and years were Tubbs Hill's caretakers together. Then Charlie suddenly, and very sadly, became ill and died recently. Walkabout continues alone, but Charlie is ever with her as she spies "Charlie's rocks" at various spots where he used to love jumping into the lake for a good swim. When she sees yellow jackets

congregating in small holes of fallen logs she remembers the day they jostled a log and were swarmed by these pests. Charlie beat it to the lake. When he returned, drenched and unscathed, he found his beloved friend had been stung multiple times. So many memories! (Her warning to all of us is to check for yellow jacket activity before sitting or stepping on a log. An unusually high number of yellow jackets is present on Tubbs this year.)

Walkabout knows every trail on Tubbs like the back of her hand. She does not have a degree in forestry, but she certainly has one in Tubbs Hill! Should the Parks Department have any questions about our hill, she is the person for them to have on speed dial. For instance, she knows where every patch of poison ivy is. (It is in many spots along the lakeshore!)

Walkabout-Pooh Fairy-Kim grew up about three miles outside Colville, WA, spending much time outside swimming and horseback riding, but was not a big walker at that time in her life. After leaving Spokane Falls Community College, she ended up working for Honeywell Electronics where she met her future



husband, Norm, better known as "The Stickman."

At Honeywell, Kim's position was in "quality assurance" where she daily looked for flaws in their products. That skill has carried over to her walks on Tubbs Hill. She automatically switches on a "scan button" within her, spotting flaws on the hill that others miss. Walkabout then picks up the intruding trash and pooh, removing it by the bagful. Around the 4th of July she picked up 100 grocery bags full of garbage weekly!

It is frustrating to her that it seems as though some people simply think someone else will collect their garbage, and she wonders why people such as these come to this beautiful place only to mar it, to leave it "flawed."

When people meet her, some thank her and some think she works for the City. She believes some visitors just think, "The City will pick it up." However, it is volunteers who do the bulk of the job. Walkabout is one very dedicated volunteer who tirelessly and lovingly watches over this one-of-a-kind piece of "urban wilderness," almost daily working to keep Tubbs Hill pristine for all of us. We all owe Walkabout, aka the Pooh Fairy, a real debt of gratitude. If ever there was a Volunteer of the Year, we have a very special one in Walkabout!

One last thing: The sounds of Tubbs are special for Kim: raindrops hitting her jacket, squirrels cavorting, the rustle of a small snake, birds twittering, the wind in the trees...and she wonders if you have ever stood perfectly still among the trees while it is snowing and heard the flakes gently light?

Enjoy Tubbs. Take care of it.

History of Tubbs Hill continued from last issue...



Nils Rosdahl taking advantage of a natural hammock on Tubbs Hill. Photo by George Saylor

In September 1998 picnic tables were ordered for the Eastside Park and the porta-potty would be installed. The house is to be removed.

In December the design of the Eastside Park was approved. In February of 1999 a roadshow of Eastside Park was prepared for civic and service groups. A letter of protest was suggested to Parks and Recreation about the Tubbs Hill Foundation being left out of the loop regarding the access road to the water tower. Dick Barrett and Red Halpern were new Tubbs Hill Foundation members.

The goal was to raise \$70,000 by June for Eastside Park completion this year. The third rock will be installed at the Third Street entry. In March the goal was raised to \$100,000.

In May of 1999 the group requested a single-sheet map and information sheet. In August Duane Hagadone requested that the loop trail be widened to accommodate two people side-by-side. He would fund a study for the cost. The Eastside Park goal was raised to \$150,000. The Coeur d'Alene High School Class of 1934 and the Wildlife Committee donated money.

In October of 1999 it was announced that the Eastside Park completion would be in spring of 2000. The Tubbs Hill Foundation goal for the

park was lowered to \$50,000. Tubbs Hill neighbors wanted north-side trees to keep people off their property.

A trail improvement study was approved in December 1999, but not handrails, handicap access or paving.

In February 2000 Brian Stevens was elected president. The Hagadone Corporation will fund a trail study for \$2,000. A "cool burn" and replanting was approved for 50-70 acres on the west and south sides.

In April The Tubbs Hill Committee was renamed the Tubbs Hill Foundation to help with fund-raising. The directors of the Tubbs Hill Foundation included Brian Stevens (president), Ken Roberge (vice-president), Chuck Hosack (secretary), Mitch Driller (treasurer), Bob Eagan, Art Manley, Nils Rosdahl, Bill Greenwood, Doug Eastwood, Dr. Ted Fox, Marc Wallace, Ray and Anne Andreasen, Richard Barrett, Red Halpern and Dave Walker. Agendas and minutes also were sent to Scott Reed, Dan and Julie Clark, Charlie Johnson, David Groth and John Schwandt.

In May a work party removed non-native trees. Discussion included establishing a "Friends of Tubbs Hill" and a logo design for the letterhead.

A newsletter was planned in June for September with each member to

provide an article and Nils Rosdahl to edit. The hope is to have a newsletter two to four times a year.

The East Side Park was completed in July. Red Halpern resigned from the group. The "Hands Around the Hill" human chain was planned for Sept. 23 with 3,000 people for two miles. The Coeur d'Alene Press would provide T-shirts for \$8,000. The event would include helicopters, a hot-air balloon, fireboats and fire trucks honking horns when the chain is complete. A four-page newsletter will be there. The Press supported with an editorial and the selling of \$10 shirts with a goal to raise \$20,000. Sponsorships are \$500 with booths optional.

In August the Foundation contributed \$38,685 to the \$48,285 cost of East Side Park. The Press purchased 1,500 shirts with sales of \$10 to include the Friends of Tubbs Hill memberships. The cost for a name of the rock was \$100.

(No meeting minutes were available from September to December 1999. The next newsletter installment will be from 2001 through 2004.)

Story by Nils Rosdahl, President

Happy Retirement to Doug Eastwood

After decades of service to the City of Coeur d'Alene, Parks director Doug Eastwood retired recently. In the past, Eastwood worked closely with the Tubbs Hill Foundation to provide input on what some consider the "Crown Jewel" of the park system. His philosophy was well-stated in his comment on the back cover of Scott Reed's A Treasurer Called Tubbs: "Generations have enjoyed, appreciated and preserved this incredible piece of land affectionately referred to as 'Tubbs Hill'. Let's never take it for granted." That is a sentiment on which we can all agree!

Have Your Name or Company Logo Engraved On One of the Tubbs Hill Monuments

Tubbs Hill is comprised of 120 acres of publicly owned land, and has an abundance of tranquil, breathtaking scenery and hiking trails. Tubbs Hill is dedicated to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene and everyone is encouraged to use and enjoy its magnificent splendor.

To become a member or have a name engraved on one of the monuments, fill out the form below, attach a check or money order for your choice of membership or \$150 for each line of engraving and mail to Tubbs Hill, Inc., PO Box 3061, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-3061.

If you would like to engrave your company's logo on a separate corporate monument, the cost is \$500, plus the engraving charge. The maximum logo size is 4" x 4".

For more information please contact the City Parks Department, 208-769-2252.

Tubbs Hill Foundation Annual Membership & Engraving Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Annual Membership

(Both include upcoming newsletters)

_____ Individual Membership, \$15 _____ Family Membership, \$25

Engraving

The monuments are located at the Third Street Entrance to Tubbs Hill and at the East Tubbs Hill Park. Please designate which location you prefer:

_____ Third Street Entrance _____ East Tubbs Hill Park _____ Corporate Rock

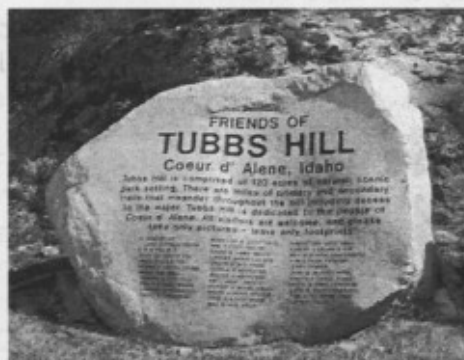
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THANK YOU for your generous support. Your contribution to the Tubbs Hill Foundation is tax-deductible as permitted by federal law for nonprofit foundations.

Mission Statement

Tubbs Hill, Inc. is a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation of Tubbs Hill City Park as a unique and natural lakeshore forest typical of North Idaho while providing for compatible public use. We act as advocates for the park; advise the city administration on issues pertaining to the park; and support volunteer efforts, fund raising, community relations, and other tasks as needed to achieve this goal.



Hats & Visors Available!



Fall Clean-up rained out, but good coffee (thanks to Bakery By The Lake) was enjoyed by THF board members and hat models: George Saylor, Linda Wolovich, Barbara Fillmore, Nils Rosdahl and George Ives. The Tubbs Hill hats (\$12) and visors (\$7) are available by calling Barbara at (208) 666-6050. A special thanks to the City of CDA Parks Dept. for putting up the canopy to keep our board members dry! The next clean-up will be scheduled in 2014.

Have you paid your 2013 Membership Dues?

We've enclosed an envelope to help you remember to send in your annual dues to the Tubbs Hill Foundation. Just fill out the form on this page and be sure to include your email address as someday we hope to send out most newsletters this way. We thank those who already paid dues for this year and hope **everyone else will do so now**. If you have read the history written by president Nils, you can see how money from our Foundation helped to improve the eastside park on Tubbs a few years ago. Our non-profit group relies on your financial help to make improvements like these and to assist with ongoing operations and other projects.

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Our sincere apologies if we have failed to include your name. Please let Editor Evalyn Adams know at 765-5535. We will be sure to print your name in the upcoming newsletter.

Do you want to know more about Tubbs Hill? George Ives and George Sayler, two of our board members, have compiled a graphic presentation detailing information about this famous landmark in Coeur d'Alene. If you belong to a group that would like to schedule a visual orientation about Tubbs, please call Ives at 667-7888 or Sayler at 664-2787.

Congratulations to new board member Geoff Carr, who was introduced to the Tubbs Hill Foundation by Nils Rosdahl. Carr was hired by North Idaho College to head up the journalism department, which was Nils' pre-retirement position. One of his new jobs with the Foundation will be editor of the bi-annual newsletter.

New Members Wanted! Please join us! ➡

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Tubbs Hill Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month, 8:00 a.m., at the Iron Horse Restaurant, 407 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

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