



The WILLAMETTE WANDERINGS

Walking Newsletter

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SUNDAY STROLLS

June 10th

July 8th

No May stroll is planned due to Iris Walk preparations.

MEETING DATES

May 16th

June 20th

June meeting details →

July 18th

7:00 PM
Building D
Salem Hospital

The public is invited to attend.

*Pre-meeting walk
5:30 PM, Building A
Everyone welcome!*



Walking Among the Flowers



If you like flowers and you enjoy walking, there are two walk events coming up that you won't want to miss. May 19, the [Iris Festival Walk](#) will start and end at Schreiner's Iris Gardens, located at 3625 Quinaby Road NE, Salem. Begin between 8AM and 1PM for your choice of a 5K or 10K rated 1A; however, both are difficult for wheelchairs and strollers. Pets on leashes, with owners who will clean up after them, are welcome.

Next, the [Annual Peony & Hosta Walk](#) will be held just down the road on June 2. Starting and ending at Adelman's Peony Gardens, 5690 Brooklake Road NE, in Brooks, you will have your choice of a 6K or a 10K, rated 1B. This walk is a favorite among walkers, however it is not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers, and pets are not permitted in the gardens. Bring a friend and start any time between 8 AM and 1 PM, but you must finish by 4 PM.

Free Offer Ends Soon

There is still time to join the Willamette Wanderers without paying the annual \$10 membership fee. This offer ends June 30, so call or email today for information.

First Quarter Report

Governor's Walk - 23 walkers
Capital Waterways - 21 walkers
Keizer Fountains/Statues - 10 walkers

Free Offer Ends Soon

The [Northwest Regional Volkssport Conference](#) will take place at Camp Berachah, Auburn, Washington August 15-19, 2012. What better time to walk the beautiful Evergreen State than when things are beginning to heat up in the Willamette Valley.

Click on this [brochure](#) to see complete registration and lodging information.

Willamette Wanderers First Annual Picnic

It's time to get together for a little food, fun & fellowship. **Wednesday, June 20**, we will meet in the upper southwest corner of Bush Park for our first picnic. We'll begin **eating 5:30**. After enjoying a relaxing dinner in the cool shade of the oak grove, we will hold a brief meeting before setting out on a stroll that includes the Historic Mission Mill.

Everyone reading this newsletter is invited to attend. Plan to bring your spouse or significant other and join the

fun, but be sure to RSVP to Margaret at mpinkley1@hotmail.com by June 18.

Chicken will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert and their own table service and beverage. Lawn chairs might also be helpful, although there are picnic tables.



Walk Schedule

Saturday, May 19, start 8 AM – 1 PM, finish by 4 PM – 5K/10K, rated 1A

[The Iris Festival Walk](#) goes through fields of blooming flowers. Part of the walk will head to Keizer Station passing the Volcanoes' Baseball field. The Keizer Iris Festival is happening at the same time, with many activities at the Station. Start at Schreiner's Iris Gardens 3625 Quinaby Road NE, Salem.

June 2, start 8 AM – 1PM, finish by 4 PM – 6K/10K, rated 1B

[The Peony & Hosta Walk](#) takes you on grassy paths through fields of peonies at Adelman Peony Gardens and on country roads to the Sebright Hosta Gardens with outstanding varieties of hosta plants and the Mid-America Gardens with irises, rhododendrons and more. The route passes a filbert orchard, a tree nursery, the remnants of Lake Labish with views of Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Hood. Start at Adelman Peony Gardens 5690 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks.

June 10, start 5 PM – 5K/10K, Sunday Stroll rated 1A

We will enjoy our own downtown [Salem Capital Governor's Mansion Walk](#) through historic neighborhoods and the capitol and the Willamette University grounds, and past the Governor's Mansion, tree shaded parks and the county courthouse. The 12KM option includes a cemetery. Arrive early to register for the walk in the lobby of Building "A" of Salem Hospital.

July 8, start 5 PM – 6K/10K, Sunday Stroll rated 1A

The [Keizer Fountains & Statues Walk](#) begins at Roth's on River Road near the Civic Center. Along the way you will pass including an art gallery, residential areas, parks and wide-open countryside with a view of Mt. Hood and Staats Lake. Many bronze statues and water fountains can be seen along the way.

If you are viewing this newsletter in a non-electronic format, the above links can be accessed by typing <http://www.walkoregon.org/eventlst.htm> into your web browser, and then entering the name of the city where the walk is held. Select "All Event Types" before clicking the Search Event button.

Considering Vacation Plans for This Year or Next?

Why not include one of these scenic walk events into your plans. Better yet, why not both?

The Gorge Walks

If you have not been to the [Gorge Walks](#), you have been missing out. Taking place in June during an event known as the Columbia River Gorge Biennial Classic, sponsored by the Columbia River Volkssport Club, these walks offer some of the most breathtaking views in Oregon. From wild flowers to waterfalls beauty abounds, and walkers have come from all over the world over to participate.

Rogue Valley Walks

Each year opposite the Gorge Walks, the [Rogue Valley Walkers](#) host another biennial event known as the Rogue Valley Riches. The name says it all. These walks take place in the rich Rogue River Valley with its amazing views and wide array of natural and historical wonders. Don't miss out. Mark your calendar and plan to visit Shady Cove, OR May 17-19, 2013. Watch for details in future issues and at AVA.com.

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Walkers enjoyed perfect weather during the April Second Sunday Stroll through downtown Salem.



Shirts will be available for \$10 at the Iris Festival Walk, or ask how you can receive one for free.