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Timberline Lodge first ascended from the Great Depression in the 1930s. It was built with pride, purpose and love. The beloved Lodge ascended a second time in the 1950s after it had fallen in disrepair. It grew to be a world class ski and recreational resort endearing itself to people the world over. In 2022 the Lodge ascended a third time—after a period of quiet by a worldwide pandemic and worry from a devastating fire season.

On April 18th, 2024 many Friends of Timberline were shocked and saddened

when they heard the news that the Lodge had caught fire. Emotions were raw. The Friends of Timberline Board of Directors stepped into action:

- We voted to support the Lodge with a \$100,000 donation to the fire restoration efforts in accordance with our mission-to preserve and conserve Timberline Lodge, protect its historical integrity and communicate the spirit of its builders by providing counsel and raising funds and coordinating community efforts to accomplish these goals.
- The Public Relations and Marketing Committee created a “Fire Restoration Fundraising” online donation link on our FOT website to the public with all donations received going directly toward fire clean-up, restoration, and preservation efforts as needed at Timberline Lodge. To date this fund has raised over \$84,830. FOT is grateful to each and every donor for their tremendous response and generosity.
- A four member FOT team conducted an in person assessment and the FOT Archivist wrote the “Report on Status of Artwork after April 18, 2024 Fire”. This report was included in the letter to the CFO of Timberline Lodge transmitting FOT’s \$100,000 donation. We will receive an accounting of the expenditures in keeping with our role as responsible stewards. We thank all Friends of Timberline members for their support as we all participate in the fourth ascent of our national historic landmark.

Jean Craemer
FOT President



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THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

“Are there ghosts in Timberline Lodge?” That was a question I was asked surprisingly quite often while at the Lodge. I was always careful to answer it so not to offend anybody or scare them. Usually something like; “Why yes, there are” with a quick wink seemed to satisfy most. Of course it wasn’t a straight answer, but I never figured most folks REALLY wanted to know. If they became more insistent I would mention something about strange noises at night, doors closing unexpectedly, or the dark nooks and crannies of the attics. I could almost always close the conversation with throwing the question right back to them; “Well, do YOU think there might be ghosts?” Really, what more could I say? I was a Forest Service employee and had no business creating panic, starting rumors, saying something that would conflict with a hotel marketing strategy, or the most heinous; being politically incorrect.

Why would people ask such a question anyway? I suppose it makes sense given that the Lodge is old and we actually work real hard to keep it old. It’s also an icon and a Lodge “of the people” which makes it easy for folks to add their own personal stories to its history. Or maybe they’ve just seen Jack Nicholson swinging an ax around in “The Shining” one too many times. Whatever the reason, the question doesn’t seem to be going away.

I’m now retired from the Forest Service and I’ve turned in my badge so I don’t have to be quite so guarded in my comments. Are there ghosts in Timberline Lodge? Of course there are! How do I know that? I know there are ghosts because I’ve talked to them. Actually, they’ve talked to me. While with the Forest Service I reviewed many proposals that involved the Lodge. I wanted to see that whatever was proposed worked to preserve the historic character of the building and to ensure its economic viability. It’s a complex issue given its National Historic Landmark designation and that it is a working hotel. I had many tools at my disposal including the National Historic Preservation Act, federal regulations, statutory criteria of effect, the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Preservation of Historic Properties,



and the Timberline Historic Building Preservation Plan. I would use all these documents in my review of the proposals, suggest changes, ask questions, and ultimately come up with an effect call. I soon learned that though all these documents were helpful, they would not give me the clear answer I often hoped for. They were just words on a paper (or on my computer screen), and there were always opportunities for interpretation for any given situation. I soon learned to take my task to the historic files where I could find old documents, drawings, photos, and perhaps most importantly the work of those that preceded me. The historic files (at the risk of using a tired cliché) opened a window to the past. However that still didn’t seem to be enough. I finally realized that the final word had to come from the building and I would always make one final visit to the Lodge before I presented my final findings. Only then would I feel confident that I had considered all the available information.

Of course it wasn’t the building itself that provided me that final conclusive piece of information. It was the ghosts. It was the ghosts of those that first conceived of the idea of a lodge on the south flank of Mt. Hood, the ghosts of those that designed its marriage to the mountain and understood how its furnishings and interior would be a part of that design, and the ghosts of those that saw its potential to aid a country in crisis. It was the ghosts that left evidence of their blood, sweat, tears, and even more importantly, their pride while building it. It was the ghosts of those that came to help manage and maintain the Lodge over the years and the ghosts of those that have loved it.

The common image of ghosts is of spirits that haunt a site because they have some unfinished business that they want to see completed before they can rest. The ghosts of Timberline Lodge believe that the story of the Lodge is not yet finished. There is still much work to be done and the Lodge has much more to offer. They all want to contribute to that story. I learned to listen and I will be forever grateful for their inspiration. Are there ghosts at Timberline Lodge? Of course there are and there always will be.

Jeff M. Jaqua

Retired US Forest Service Historic Preservation Specialist and FOT Board member



Ray Atkeson Photo?

Insights from your Curator

As the incoming texts and phone calls lined up that frightful night in April, my heart possibly skipped a few beats. Just as families sat in front of the radio through depression and war, I awaited updates of the lodge fire event throughout the night and well into the next morning. You see, I was two hours away, prepping for a National professional on-snow ski exam.



Sitting on a king bed with Deb Armstrong videos in my queue, I couldn't believe it when that first unexpected call came to me.

Without hesitation, I kicked into a "remote mode" of assistance for those who were there. Our Timberline team, US Forest Service and first responders from our mountain community were there putting their hearts and souls into saving our Mother Ship! I knew our beloved lodge was in the greatest of hands. As the days passed, we witnessed a rapid triage of recovery with the volcano as our hospital.

By now, you've all heard the stories, the successes and the results. We dodged a huge strike of what could've been the end. Worth mentioning is that within 48 hours, our tribal partners came to us with healing ceremonies to bless us and our lodge. Alongside of that came waves of support from around the world. The US Forest Service commenced a formal acknowledgement event for all of our staff who became heroes. And the unbelievable layers of care that continue to come from all of you, our FOT family.

As I tried to put it all aside that weekend and do what my team trusted me to do ("Crush that exam, Lisa!"), I couldn't help but feel this overwhelming sense of imbalance and fear. But somehow it all stepped aside and I did "Crush it!" Most importantly, this love story we all have with this lodge became stronger. Long live Timberline Lodge!

Kw'alanuushamatash (Thank You)—

Lisa Riversong
Timberline Lodge Curator
and Tribal Liaison

Federal Funding Secured for Critical Deferred Maintenance

In recent years the Friends of Timberline's Advocacy Committee turned its focus to raising awareness among our congressional representatives to the critical deferred maintenance needs facing the Lodge. We are pleased to report that these efforts and our requests for federal funding have paid off. As Chairman of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, Jeff Merkley wrote one of the critical bills included in the government's FY'24 budget. This funding package encompasses funding for the U.S. Forest Service among other agencies, and the bill passed in March. 2.25 million dollars of Congressionally-directed funds was identified to address the need to replace sections of the Lodge's cedar shake roof.

"It can be argued that when it comes to the preservation of historic structures, roofing is the most important issue," says Advocacy Committee Chairman Jon Tullis. "We've all driven country roads and admired beautiful old barns enough to know that the ones that are failing are the ones that have lost their roofs. Once the roof goes, so does the rest. The Lodge is nearly 88 years old. The West Wing roof was last re-roofed nearly 40 years ago. Cedar shake roofs have a service-life and they simply need to be replaced on a scheduled basis, but roofs are expensive."

The Friends of Timberline are extremely grateful to Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden, as well as their very capable staffs, for understanding these needs facing historic federal facilities and we thank them for providing the leadership necessary to secure the federal funds to address them.



Blacksmith Week
August 14-18
\$90 INDIVIDUAL
\$60 STUDENT
\$120 FAMILY
\$45 1-DAY

14-15: Joe Elliott Mokume class
16-17: Anton Yakushev, Mark Manley & Ben Czyhold Demos
18: Joe Vachon Dragonhead Demos
CCAC Blacksmiths Darryl Nelson & Joe Vachon on-site all week.
Join us for formal demos, hands-on smithing, open forge & more.

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*Friends we will
sadly miss...*

Pat Curran

Timberline Lodge lost a lifetime friend with the passing of Pat Curran on October 13, 2023. Pat was Timberline's engineer-of-record, its "go-to guy" for Timberline's complex water treatment needs. He was involved in the development of Timberline's water source in the early 1960s and went on to design the wastewater treatment plant and horizontal well for the Lodge and the water treatment and filtration system. Over the years he served as Timberline's unofficial Watermaster, assisting RLK and USFS staff with his problem-solving mind, Irish wit, and many kindnesses. Pat deeply valued his Timberline friendships and considered his contributions to the Lodge to be a highlight of his long career. He will be missed beyond measure.

Jean Hoffman

July 31, 1925 – January 23, 2024

Long-time Friends of Timberline member and supporter Jean Hoffman passed away at 99 in the company of many of her immediate and extended family. A life-long Oregonian and interior designer, she owned an antique store with her twin sister Joan Green. Jean was instrumental in the success of the infamous Pucci... .Partee! at Timberline Lodge on October 2, 2009. The party was a tribute to Emilio Pucci and in appreciation of the scarf that he designed for Friends of Timberline as a fundraiser in 1988. The event featured a fashion show of Pucci clothing from the closets of the women

at the party who stylishly modeled them. The auction that evening brought out the generosity of the attendees, or maybe it was the Puccitini cocktail that Jean created for the event, but the vintage Timberline Pucci scarf Jean was wearing quickly became an oral auction item which sold for a record price. Jean was truly a unique individual, and will be missed.

Jonathan Lohnes

January 14, 1947 – April 3, 2024

Jonathan Lohnes passed away in Portland after a courageous battle with lung disease. Following graduation from Dartmouth College majoring in Economics, Jonathan spent four years in the Navy and embarked on a management training program in the corporate world. However, he soon changed direction and decided to become a professional ski instructor. Upon receiving his certification from the Professional Ski Instructor Association, he was employed at Mt. Spokane as Assistant Ski Instructor. The following year, he became the Ski School Instructor to establish the Multipor Ski Bowl School in Government Camp. Several years later, he began his job as the Ski School Director at Timberline Lodge, lasting ten years. His programs included instruction in downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowboarding. He was well thought of as an instructor, and well liked as a person.



Kudos to the Emergency Response Plan

The roof fire at Timberline Lodge on April 18 furnished a real-time opportunity to test the Art Evacuation and Emergency Response Plan developed by FOT, RLK, and Forest Service personnel – and it passed with flying colors. Timberline staff and firefighters were able to quickly move many pieces from water-damaged portions of the building to unaffected areas, and to tarp over pieces that could not be moved.

When the affected areas were accessible, FOT archivist and historian Sarah Munro viewed all works of art in the affected areas with Curator Lisa Riversong. A number of works were soaked but were dried out properly, and only one Howard Sewall oil mural and two Karl Feurer botanical lithographs require professional treatment by conservationists. Thanks go to all involved for minimizing the damage from this event.



Friends of Timberline Merchandise



Pendleton Wool Blanket \$350

Exclusive Friends of Timberline design. The blanket is fully reversible, and equally dramatic on either side. Color is off white on one side, black on the other, with a red border.

Size 64" X 80"

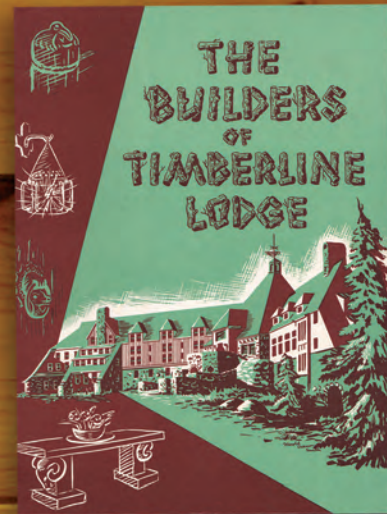


Friends of Timberline Exclusive Framed Trio of Ray Atkeson Photos \$340

The estate of Ray Atkeson has gifted the use of these three iconic images as a tribute to Timberline Lodge on its 80th anniversary. This is a limited edition of 80, numbered, and custom-framed. Ray's signature is embossed in the lower right corner of the mat.

Overall dimensions 25" x 12." Photos are 3-3/4" x 5" and 6-3/4" x 5-1/2."

This unique piece of art is created when you order. Please allow two weeks plus shipping time for delivery.



The Builders of Timberline Lodge \$50

Created by the Works Progress Administration. Very limited quantity from original 1937 inventory. 30 pages of beautiful drawings by Virginia Darce, Martina Gangle, and Howard Sewall. The text documents the story of building the Lodge as if you were there.



Collector's Plate \$35

Jennifer Lake collection created for the 75th Anniversary of Timberline Lodge. Limited edition signed and numbered collectors plate featuring "Snowflake Paradise." 8 1/2" diameter with a 22 karat gold rim. Presented in a silk lined box.

FOT Silk Scarf \$100

Whether you frame it or wear it, don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the Timberline Silk Scarf. Created by Friends of Timberline to showcase the much loved iconic symbols of Timberline Lodge, this scarf is a limited edition with only a few left. It is a 35" square in silk twill with a hand stitched rolled hem. Be sure to indicate your preferred border color: brown or ivory.

(Free shipping in the U.S.)



Remembering Timberline Lodge

When thinking about Timberline Lodge, the words "Legacy" and "Heritage" easily come to mind.

The legacy that Timberline has established for Oregon, and continues to establish, grows more prominent with each passing day. The experiences that we all have shared at Timberline are warm in our hearts with memories of family, friends and fun in a decidedly unique setting. One that cannot be duplicated anywhere. Timberline has created a heritage that spans multiple generations and continues to be one of the top five destinations visited in Oregon.

As a member of Friends of Timberline, you already acknowledge and have been supporting the legacy and heritage of Timberline. You understand it. You feel it. You share it. Your support of FOT has helped preserve this great building and destination for the future. Just like those who have gone before you. Timberline is now eighty years old and our work to preserve and restore this great building will go on well into the future. Our children and grandchildren will be able to create and share new memories there because of the work we do now.

You can help the Timberline legacy and heritage grow by including Friends of Timberline in your estate planning. You can create your own legacy by insuring that FOT has the resources to help preserve the Lodge for future generations. Please consider leaving a portion or percentage of your estate in your Will or Trust. Or list FOT as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy, retirement account or IRA. Beneficiary updates are easy for you to do. Just contact your fund manager and request a beneficiary change form. Most can be done on-line! You will feel good knowing that you are helping future generations enjoy and appreciate a gem of Oregon. Make Timberline a part of your legacy and heritage!

Contact FOT at (503) 295-0827 for the FOT Tax ID number.

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**\$1,000 or higher donors earn an additional gift of two tickets to the FOT Annual Meeting, Dinner and Auction. (First Saturday in October.) Minimum value \$170

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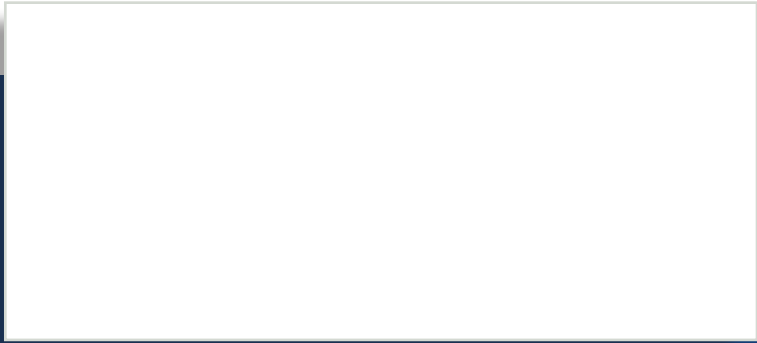
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FRIENDS OF TIMBERLINE MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve and conserve Timberline Lodge, protect its historical integrity and communicate the spirit of its builders by providing counsel and raising funds and coordinating community efforts to accomplish these goals.

Save the Date—October 5!

Here are a few of the auction items we have so far

- One night at Silcox Hut with dinner and breakfast for 20 people
- Two nights at Rainbow Valley Lodge in Ennis Mt. with a \$100 gift certificate at an Ennis restaurant
- Ann Marra embossed prints
- Three night stay at a lovely ocean front home in Arch Cape, OR
- Wine tasting in the Timberline Wine Vault with a gift certificate to spend at any RLK & Co. property.
- A Smokey Bear Watch
- Family photo session
- Beautiful and unique scarves, and lots of fun stuff.

Scan this QR code for direct link to ticket purchase page.



Friends of Timberline Annual Meeting, Dinner and Auction

October 5, 2024

Events: Annual Meeting 3pm • Auction 5pm • Dinner 7pm

\$90 per person tickets are available on our website or mail a check to:

Friends of Timberline

7310 S Corbett Portland, OR 97219.

Please be sure to list all the names of people attending with you and any food issues.

Stay Tuned for FOT Work Day

Friends is hoping to be able to schedule a work day this summer. Plans and dates are being explored but as a first step, it would be helpful for those who might be interested in participating to let us know that they could be contacted with the details once developed. Each person on the notification list then would receive information on the date and work plan and can then decide whether to participate. If interested, please text or call contact Mike Gentry at (503) 724-7734 or email to michaelgentry04@comcast.net.

The Land and Peoples Acknowledgement Statement

As a nonprofit supporting Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, Friends of Timberline recognizes the long history and cultural achievement of numerous indigenous peoples of the Mt. Hood region. We respectfully acknowledge and honor all indigenous peoples, tribes, nations and communities of the mountain – past, present and future – and are grateful for their ongoing and vibrant presence. We are committed to identifying and interrupting instances of racism and all forms of oppression through principles of inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility.