

The Quorum Review

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President's Message by Jim Tripp

In reflecting on the 2003 year, certain events stand out. Foremost are the workdays on the peninsula when the quarry lake was frozen. Long a dumping ground for stuff that belonged in the old town dump or the "new" transfer station, the peninsula, which juts out from the east wall of the quarry, was cluttered with mounds of junk. Quorum members pried out the junk, hauled it across the ice to Brownstone Avenue where they and the Public Works Department trucked it all off to the Sand Hill station. It was hard work, but fun as well. The camaraderie, the bonfire under the cliff, and the hot chocolate were great.

Canoe days in 2003 were very successful. More about that later, in Tom Bransfield's report. John LeShane's hikes were popular also. John's fame as a hike leader is such that people from all over the state joined him on our quarry and riverfront trails spreading Portland's "fame" far and wide. Another highlight was the installation of park signs designed and built by Bart Barresi and installed by a crew of Quorum members.

2004 promises to be another challenging year. The Quorum has established several goals. Ongoing will be trail building and maintenance. It is hoped that more of the area around the south quarry can be made accessible, as well as portions of the west edge of the north quarry. Quarry Focus Day, our 5th, will be moved to June this year to highlight the park in a different season. We will continue to participate in the Portland Fair.

New goals include the Promontory Project. This will involve landscaping of the promontory and adjacent launch site and picnic area. Sue Fiedler and the Design Committee are hard at work on that. A second new goal is the designation and signing of specific trees, among the forty or so different species in the park, and the publication of a color brochure identifying them. The Quorum has applied for a Rockfall Grant to help fund this project. Finally, the Quorum is seeking a permanent home for the brownstone arch and will be sponsoring a fund drive to build an appropriate shelter for the arch at the appropriate site.

The tasks required to meet Quorum goals are many and varied. Membership in 2003 was good. We hope that membership in 2004 will be even better. Dues help us accomplish our goals financially. Members helping hands help us accomplish our goals physically. There

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is a job for anyone and everyone according to their talents. All participation is welcomed and appreciated.

Annual Meeting

Over 100 people braved the arctic cold of January 26th to attend the second Annual Meeting of the Brownstone Quorum at the Portland Library to hear the renowned Wesleyan University geologist, Professor Jelle Zeilinga de Boer talk about the beginnings of the Portland brownstone.

They were not disappointed. Professor de Boer introduced himself to his audience with a delightful story of *his* introduction to the Portland quarries. Newly arrived in Middletown, a recent graduate of the University of Utrecht in Holland, he discovered that - unlike Holland - public transportation in Middletown was practically non-existent.



Professor Jelle de Boer

He needed a car. He found one at Jackson Chevrolet in Portland and set out, on foot, from his new home at Crystal Lake in Middletown to walk to the Chevrolet dealer's on Route 66. Walking across the Arrigoni Bridge, he saw the brownstone cliffs of the quarries and recognized them as the same material he had studied in Italy where he had done most of his research. The connection for Prof. de Boer was instantaneous. And so it was, too, for his audience that learned of a new Italian connection - not just the immigrant quarry workers, but now the quarry stone itself.

That was the jumping off point of Professor de Boer's talk. With slides illustrating his presentation, he demonstrated that what is now Portland, CT had once been a part of Africa. When the crustal plates of the earth's surface began to break apart with both east-west and north-south movements, at about the rate of a fingernail's growth and over eons of time, land masses shifted to make new continents, open up oceans and move what became Portland in a north-easterly direction out of the tropics into our current temperate zone.

Prof. de Boer used a familiar lab exercise of a magnet and iron filings to demonstrate how scientists know the North American continent moved as it did. This

movement explains the evidence of tropical plant and animal life in our quarry rock and why fossils of sea creatures are found on mountaintops.

Prof. de Boer touched on the several theories explaining the various periods of life extinction and resurgence. He discussed the periods of glaciation with ice up to a mile thick that were responsible for much of the land contours, and for the depositions of material such as that which created the Portland formation estimated to be about three miles thick. Now when Mike Meehan says he could quarry for another thousand years, we can understand what he means.

The audience learned about the curing of brownstone to make it impervious to the elements. They also learned that failure to cure the stone before using it leads to exfoliation. The brownstone monuments in our cemeteries can be used as "mine canaries" to demonstrate levels of pollution in the air surrounding them. It was interesting to note that pollution was greater at times when Middletown/Portland population was high as opposed to periods of lower population often tied to levels of employment at the quarries.

The brownstone industry had a life of about 250 years from beginning to end. Both its rise and its demise had a profound effect on the local community. Prof. de Boer ended his talk with a lesson we can learn about all aspects of human culture: that each activity or custom has a life arising out of nothing to a peak and then falling back - a bell curve that repeats. He predicted that the oil industry on which we presently depend will follow this same curve. Our task is to study history, learn its lessons, to understand today and prepare for the future.

At the business meeting preceding Prof. de Boer's talk, Brownstone Quorum President James Tripp reported on the Quorum's 2003 accomplishments and 2004 goals. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to: Dennis Cunningham of the Happiest Paddler in East Hampton, who had provided canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats for the monthly Quorum Canoe Days; Bart Barresi, who had designed, constructed and installed the new gateway signs at the quarry and the riverfront; Susan Fiedler, landscape architect, who not only designed areas throughout the park, but has produced the drawings used by the consultants and town officials in planning park improvements; and David Kuzminski of Connecticut Valley School of Music and Dance, who has provided the sound system for all Quorum events at the promontory. Finally, officers were elected:

President:	James Tripp and
Vice President:	Thomas Bransfield
Recording Secretary:	Cindy Andrus
Corresponding Secretary:	Jeanne Dilworth
Treasurer:	Michael Susca

A Home for the Arch

The massive brownstone arch, recently restored by Eddie and Joe Chiabrero and their nephew, Billy Long, needs a home. This outstanding relic of Portland's bygone brownstone quarry history is under cover, but is moved seasonally as its shelter is needed for other uses.

Whereas now the arch stands whole and authentically restored, its past was not kind. Donated to the town by quarry owners in 1914, it stood exposed to the elements and neglected, crumbling and shedding parts, for the next fifty-five years. In 1969, concerned that this symbol of Portland's past, the central feature of the Town seal, a committee of Portland citizens arranged to have the arch restored. But, again, the arch was left to the elements, on the lawn of the Portland Middle School where everyone loved seeing it, and again it deteriorated and in the process became a hazard to the kids who loved to climb on it.

In 1999, some Portland Historical Society members convinced the Town to restore the arch once again. Now it stands, restored with many original parts plus



The Brownstone Arch

other parts hand-crafted to duplicate the original. With wood parts made from trees in Portland forests, slowly dried in the Chiabrero sheds, and formed with hand tools, it is a beautiful and majestic piece of equipment which never fails to draw an appreciative audience at the Portland Agriculture Fair or at Quarry Focus Days.

Now the arch needs its own home. To preserve it, the arch must be kept under cover. For townspeople to see and enjoy it, the arch needs a centrally-located permanent structure readily accessible to the public.

The Quorum has volunteered to find a suitable location for the arch home and to raise the funds to construct it. We believe we have a suitable site. If the Board of Selectmen gives its approval, the Quorum will initiate the fundraising. Other local organizations will be invited to join in the project.

Fiedler presentation

At the February Quorum meeting, Susan Fiedler, Landscape Architect, Portland resident and Quorum member, tightly held the attention of a large audience at the Portland Library with her illustrated talk on

Tourism Planning. Fiedler presented her information in general terms with specific illustrations not only from Portland, but also from other U. S. communities and communities from Europe, Australia and China.

Fiedler noted that tourism happens whether we want it or not. "Tourism planning" has come about as the result of the need for communities to control tourism and to deal with the negative aspects of tourism. Communities which had natural or historic resources that drew people to their towns often found themselves beset with problems related to that influx. Communities wanted to be able to take advantage of the economic benefits of tourism without major change in the unique qualities that made their towns good places to live.

She described the four elements that are essential to successful tourism planning: visitor satisfaction, improved economy especially for local businesses, protection of the resource that draws the tourists, and integration of all community elements - business segments, the public, and the non-profit organizations of the community.

Fiedler stressed that Portland is well positioned in all areas. The town is home to the National Historic Landmark brownstone quarries, which have tourism appeal in their geology, industrial history, their immigration stories, and the examples of the effect of human activity on nature. Ready access to major highways and the Connecticut River; the wise decisions of local residents in the acquisition of the quarries and related property; and the presence of three active and committed non-profit organizations - the Brownstone Quorum, the Portland Historical Society and P.R.I.D.E. - are all positive elements in Portland's efforts to plan for tourism.

One area that must be addressed before Portland makes specific plans for quarry land development is the historic research. The past should be the guiding principle as the town moves forward. Necessary information is available, but locating it requires time and effort. Some of that information can come from residents' memories - the Quorum has been collecting "quarry stories." Other information is hidden in municipal vaults in both Middletown and Portland, in the archives of Portland and Middletown Historical Societies, and in records at Wesleyan University. A treasure trove of essential information is available. When Fiedler ended her talk, she stressed the need for this research to be carried out. Some members of the audience expressed an interest in doing that research. She welcomed their interest.

For information on doing quarry research, please contact Sue Fiedler at 342-4493.

Store Front

The Brownstone Quorum is looking for a home - free!

For two years, the Quorum and other local groups have had the use of the vacant storefront at 239 Main Street. The space was donated by Liberty Bank after it was vacated by the former tenant.

The store was cleaned and refurbished by Quorum members and businesses in the community. The Quorum and P.R.I.D.E. had hoped to operate it as a local Information Center. During the period that the Carol R. Johnson Associates were in town doing the study of the quarries and Main Street development, it was open for the public to learn about the Johnson study.

Liberty Bank had offered the building to the town on a dollar-a-year basis with ten year annual renewals for up to 100 years. The offer was not accepted by the town and the plans now are to demolish the building and create a landscaped parking lot.

The Quorum has really appreciated the generosity of Liberty Bank in allowing us to use this building with heat and light and water provided free of charge by the bank. We will miss our "storefront."

Canoe Days - 2003 by Tom Bransfield

If you were to ask any ten people who have visited the Portland brownstone quarries what they liked best about them, they just might answer "The canoe rides!"



Canoe Launch by the Promontory

From May to October, six canoe days were scheduled. Two were cancelled due to inclement weather, but over the remaining four canoe days Quorum Paddlers provided 195 rides. That's a lot of paddling, especially when each trip involves a complete circuit of the 45 acre quarry lake with a "guided tour" approach that points out the unique features of the quarry walls, quarry lake and quarry history.

Quorum members supply canoes, paddles, one paddler, and a personal flotation device for each passenger. Understanding that canoes scare some people, Quorum member Buddy Hernandez provided rides in the flat-bottomed fire boat. Quorum member Dennis Griswold of the Happiest Paddler in East Hampton provided two kayaks and two paddle boats each canoe day so that people could paddle

themselves around. (The Quorum provided PFDs for them also.) In addition to providing the boats, Dennis either delivered and retrieved his boats each canoe day or allowed the Quorum to use his truck and trailer to transport them. These services, provided free to visitors, would cost several hundred dollars and without Dennis' generosity, the Quorum could not have offered them.

In addition to Quorum-supplied boats, people were encouraged to bring their own muscle-powered craft. Over the summer over fifty people did that. We even had a sailboat, skippered by the Dillons that skimmed over the waters. It was beautiful.

The Sea Scouts of SSS #480 became Quorum Paddlers in 2003 as a community service and not only supplied rides, they also hauled trash from the quarry waters. The quarry lake is pretty clean now, but there is a constant stream of trash that finds its way over the walls and needs to be removed regularly. We *all* owe the Scouts for that service.

Regular paddlers in 2003 were *Cindy Andrus; Bart Barresi; Meara Bransfield; Tom Bransfield; Sue Fiedler; Lincoln Goddard, Sea Scout Bos'n; Buddy Hernandez; Zachary Kelsey; Sea Scout Cabin Boy; John LeShane; Howard Rosenbaum; Mike Susca; George Swanson, Sea Scout Skipper; Jim Tripp; and Dick Wiseman.* Pulling shore duty were *Wayne Andrus, Jeanne Dilworth, Jean Harmon, Sari Rosenbaum and Nan Zimmer.*

You might think that all those 195 riders came from Portland and East Hampton, with maybe a few from Middletown. If you did think that, you'd be way off. Guests came from 31 towns in Connecticut. Others came from much farther away: Glendale Arizona; Poland Spring, Maine; Frankestown, New Hampshire; Medford, New Jersey; and Valley Cottage, New York. Some people had heard about us from family and friends, others from the media - our local newspapers, *The New York Times*, Comcast and Channel 3, WMRD. A few of the out-of-state visitors had called or e-mailed the Connecticut Valley and Shoreline Tourism Council (dissolved by the last State budget) and been told about us.

As Portland considers the development of the quarries as a tourism destination, the roster of visitors to the Quorum Canoe Days (and other Quorum events) can be informative. The potential is there.

Canoe Days 2004

Keeping a good thing going, 7 Canoe Days have been scheduled, May 1, 22; June 12, 17; August 15, September 11 and October 7. (See the calendar on page 7 for details) Come ride with us, bring your own canoe, kayak, sailboat, or even just come to enjoy the beauty of quarry dotted with boats.

Grant

In March, the Quorum received an exciting piece of news: The Rockfall Foundation, a philanthropic organization in Middletown, dedicated to environmental education and preservation in Middlesex County, selected The Quorum's application for a grant to develop a tree walk interpretive trail and color illustrated brochure of the trees found in the 42 acre riverfront park.

The riverfront property is a unique man-made land mass built up from a river sand bar by waste stone from the quarrying process. Over the years, the river has deposited large quantities of soil and debris of all types in and around this waste rock, building up the land to make it hospitable to about forty species of trees, some of them notable.

John LeShane, a trained forester, has identified several examples of those different species and is currently selecting individual trees to be focused. These trees will be signed, spotted on a trail map and described in a color brochure to be made available for public education.

The Rockfall grant has provided \$1000 to help fund this project. The Quorum will provide all additional funds and labor and will present a display of this project at the Rockfall Symposium in the fall.

Signs

If you haven't had a chance to see the new park signs designed and built by Bart Barresi, be sure to get down to the quarry park and look them over. (And while you are there, look over the trails as well. John LeShane has continued his work on them through the winter and spring.)

The signs have been installed at the quarry lake launch



Quarry Sign at Promontory

site off Brownstone Avenue, at the upper end of Brownstone Avenue by the riverfront park gate, and at the end of Middlesex Avenue at the upper level entrance to the park.



Riverfront Sign, Brownstone Ave

The signs are of national park style and quality. Each sign displays of color map of the area with appropriate descriptive information. A mailbox holds maps of either the riverfront trails or the quarry lake. These maps have been very popular and though we try to keep them in the mailboxes, we often run

out. You can call 342-2260 if you need a map and none are in the mailboxes.

The materials for the signs were funded by the Quorum as are the maps. Bart provided the labor free. Quorum members installed the signs.

Ice Skating

The ice was up to eighteen inches thick this past winter and we took advantage of that. Snow shovels in hand, Quorum members walked across the frozen quarry lake and cleared "trails" through the snow and a skating "rink" about twenty-five feet in diameter. (Deb Susca and her daughters Carolyn and Nicki are awesome shovelers.) Some people skated. Some built and fed a blazing bonfire, disposing trash wood, further cleaning up the peninsula. Some people walked or skated the perimeter of the lake coming close to the quarry walls in all but those places where the waterfalls, though frozen, still splashed water down the rock faces making beautiful rushing music sounds.

We had just decided to ask the Public Works Department to clear a large area to encourage people to come and skate, when we had our late January thaw. It was fun while it lasted. Next year, maybe we can get started earlier, find a way of marking ice fishing holes so no one falls in, and take people on guided Ice hikes.

Williams Group

On Monday, March 29th, The Williams Group, Real Estate Advisors of Westport, CT presented their long-awaited market analysis and feasibility study for the Portland Brownstone Quarries National Historic Landmark and related riverfront property.

The study, funded by a \$50,000 State grant with a \$10,000 Portland contribution, studied the properties with two goals in mind: development of a baseline for specific projects within the site and development of a Master Plan for the sites targeting potential funding sources with an Implementation Plan to include courses of action, cost estimates, phasing, and attraction of the development community.

Central to this study has been the relationship of any quarry-related development to the Main Street business district, tying these two areas together economically, visually, and in provision of services.

To conduct this study, the Williams Group assembled a team to address all essential elements. The Williams Group, a Westport, CT corporation, as real estate specialists, performed economic and market assessment. Earth Tech Global Facilities and Infrastructure of Glastonbury, an engineering firm, addressed transportation and infrastructure issues; and ICON Architecture, Inc. of Boston, MS, created the site design and development plan.

The two guiding principles in the team's work were that whatever their recommendations might be, they must represent the team's judgment of what would be the "best fit" for the town of Portland *and* that the recommendation be market driven.

The first point made was that the Portland quarries were a powerful tourist draw, one that could have a desirable impact on the economic condition of the town. To do that, however, the area would need to be developed. It could be the site of a wide range of recreational facilities which could include extreme sports such as rock climbing and a scuba diving playground, a nine-hole kids' golf range, batting cages and softball fields. Biking, walking, roller blading and nature trails, as well as swimming, boating and camping were considered as possibilities. An interactive educational center dealing with Portland's brownstone and boatbuilding history could anchor the quarry/riverfront area with restaurants and stores located on Main Street.

Each idea presented was accompanied by team estimates of the number of visitors it would draw and the number of dollars it might generate. In general, the team recommended that Portland consider facilities that would bring in between 50,000 and 100,000 visitors a year, a number similar to the draw of the Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill.

To provide a market base as well as to have a permanent human presence in the area, the team also recommended the development of some housing. Three plans for possible housing development were presented.

The idea of a marina was discussed, but had been rejected by the team because of the numerous marinas along the River from Hartford on down.

Whatever the town ultimately decides, the team provided a list of possible public and private funding sources to get things moving. They recommended that the town work with private property owners in the area

to get the best possible use of all properties. This would include the development of appropriate zoning regulations, guidance to financing, possible tax incentives and clearing-house services to facilitate property owners working together with each other and with professional organizations.

The audience of over 150 people received a lot of information to take home and think about. The Williams Group will provide copies of their report which will be made available at the Town Hall and the Library when the team and town officials have completed work on it.

Work Parties and Walks by John LeShane

Been to the riverfront lately? Trails are great, right? They didn't get that way by themselves. It has taken a lot of muscle to get them up and going, but it has been a lot of fun, too. Not to be selfish with all that fun, we've scheduled a bunch of work parties for May and June. (See *the calendar on page 7 for details*) You're welcome to join us at any one (or more) of them. Tools required - loppers, adzes, clippers, trimmers of all types. Dress code - sturdy work shoes, usually long pants and sleeves, work gloves. Bug spray and water bottles a good idea. For Quarry Focus Day clean-up, a good job for kids (supervised) and Jeanne Dilworth; small plastic grocery bags, gloves and bug spray appropriate. Trash pick up is also done either Thursday or Friday before canoe days (see schedule elsewhere). You can do it at your own time.

With all that work, we need-play. Join us for a

Birding walk: with Joanne Luppi
5:30pm on Friday May 7

Blossom Walk (four miles): with John LeShane
6 PM Friday May 14,

Memorial Day "Shoot the Moon" Walk
6-8PM Monday, May 31

All walks begin at the riverfront gate at the end of Brownstone Avenue.

Tag Sale

The Quorum will participate in the Portland Historical Society Town-Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, May 12th from 8:30 to 2:00 at 29 Prospect Street. All proceeds will go toward quarry park improvements. Anyone wishing to contribute articles for sale may do so by calling 342-2260. Tax credit receipts will be issued.

Quarry Stories

The heyday of the Portland brownstone quarries was long past when quarrying was finally ended with the major flooding of 1936. The Portland Historical Society has a great deal of material on the quarries, as has Jack Dillon, but what is missing are people's memories - the first hand experiences they had with the quarries or the stories told to them by parents or grandparents. Before those stories are completely lost, the Quorum would like to gather as many of them as possible on

tape and in writing to preserve them for future historians and for individuals who want to trace their roots or simply to know what it was like "back then."

Alice Shumaker, Quorum member and Quarry Story Project leader has prepared a series of questions designed to prompt people's memories. She and Gert Scully have been interviewing Portland residents to record their memories, and they are always on the alert for others that have stories to tell. If you have a memory - even a small one - that you are willing to share, or if you know of someone who has a story to tell, call Alice at 342-4863 or Gert at 342-1268.

Below is a sample of the kinds of questions that sometimes jog people's memories.

1. What is your earliest memory of the quarry?
2. What was your father's involvement with the quarry?
3. How did your mother view the quarry?
4. What games do you remember playing around the quarry?
5. What do you remember about quarry workers (friends, parents, neighbors, parents of your classmates)?
6. What do you remember about the immigrants who came to work the quarry? Do you have any recollections about ethnic stories that circulated back then?
7. What was the gossip about the quarries? Gossip about the people who worked the quarries?
8. Do you remember the boats on the river? Or at the boatyards up in Gildersleeve? What do you remember about them?
9. What do you remember about the animals used in the quarries?
10. Do you remember any of the shops connected to the quarries? What about other businesses in town?

Anyone interested in joining this project as an interviewer or transcriber or storyteller is invited to call Alice at 342-4863 to volunteer.

Quarry Focus Day V

It's hard to believe, but 2004 marks the FIFTH anniversary of the Brownstone Quorum Quarry Focus Days. The date this year has been changed from September to June. A big change, but Quorum members wanted to show off the Quarry/Riverfront Park in a different season. We all know the park's early fall beauty. Now It's time to see the park beauty in late spring.

Save the date: Saturday, June 26th, from 9:00 to 4:00. As usual there will be an exciting variety of activities for all ages and interests.

Membership by Romanie Gussenhoven, Memb. Chair

The Brownstone Quorum, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the design and development of the Portland Brownstone Quarries National Historic Landmark and adjacent riverfront areas in an environmentally sound way reflecting the

uses desired by the Portland community, appropriate to the Connecticut River, and which link Main Street to the River; and to receive, administer and distribute funds in connection with any activities related to the above purposes.

Membership is open to all individuals or organizations which support these purposes. Annual dues are \$10.00 per person, payable on or before January 1st of each year. You may use the enclosed envelope to join the Quorum or to renew your membership. Quorum meetings are scheduled the fourth Monday of each month, unless otherwise notified, and are held at 7:00 PM at the Mary Flood Room at the Portland Library. All are welcome.

SBC Connection

It's not too late to participate in SBC Community Connections. This is a program established by SBC to credit 5% of the charges for all long-distance telephone calls by SBC subscribers to a charity of the subscriber's choice with no cost to the subscriber.

The number to call to make this "free-to-you" contribution to the Quorum is 1-800-635-SNET (7638). Say, "I want to sign up for Community Connections" and give the representative the Brownstone Quorum PIN 3775. Then, every three months SBC will send the Quorum a check for the total contributions of all subscribers using our PIN. You will receive a statement from SBC twice a year. It's a good deal for everyone.

Quorum Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity/Location</u>
May	Sat	1 9-12 PM	Quarry clean-up (Bring canoe and help)
	Mon	3 7 PM	Board Meeting / tbd
	Thu	6 6-8 PM	Work Party / riverfront gate
	Fri	7 5:30 PM	Birding Walk with Joanne Luppi / riverfront gate
	Sat	8 8:30-2:30	Portland Historical Society - Town-Wide Tag Sale
	Fri	14 9-12 AM	Work Party / riverfront gate
	Fri	14 6 PM	Blossom Walk (four miles) with John LeShane / riverfront gate
	Thu	20 6-8 PM	Work Party / riverfront gate
	Sat	22 11-3 PM	Canoe the Quarry / Promontory gate
	Mon	24 7 PM	Membership Meeting / Library – work meeting QFDV prep.
	Wed	26 6-8 PM	Work Party / riverfront gate
June	Mon	31 6-8 PM	Memorial Day "Shoot the Moon" Walk / riverfront gate
	Thu	3 6-8 PM	Work Party / riverfront gate
	Mon	7 7 PM	Board Meeting / tbd
	Fri	11 9-12 AM	Work Party riverfront and quarry lake plus Silver St. QFD V clean-up
	Sat	12 11-3 PM	Canoe the Quarry
	Thu	17 6-8 PM	Work Party / riverfront gate
	Wed	23 6-8 PM	Work Party / riverfront gate
	Wed	30 6-8 PM	Work Party / riverfront gate
	Sat	26 11-3 PM	QUARRY FOCUS DAY V
	Mon	28 7 PM	Membership Meeting / Library
July	Mon	5 7 PM	Board Meeting / tbd
	Sat	17 11-3 PM	Canoe the Quarry / promontory gate
	Mon	26 7 PM	Membership Meeting / Library
August	Mon	2 7 PM	Board Meeting / tbd
	Sun	15 12-3:30 PM	Canoe the Quarry
	Mon	23 7 PM	Membership Meeting / Library
September	Mon	6 7 PM	Board Meeting / tbd
	Sat	11 11-3 PM	Canoe the Quarry (Come on Over 5K)
	Mon	27 7 PM	Membership Meeting / Library
October	Mon	4 7 PM	Board Meeting / tbd
	Fri	8 5-11	Portland Fair / fairgrounds
	Sat	9 9-11	Portland Fair / fairgrounds
	Sun	10 9-5	Portland Fair / fairgrounds
	Sun	17 12-3:30 PM	Canoe the Quarry (fall foliage)
Mon	25 7 PM	Membership Meeting / Library	

Work Parties & Walks meet at riverfront gate, end of Brownstone Avenue

Newsletter: Jeanne Dilworth & Bob McDougall

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May 28, 2004
7pm Portland Library