



# Within Your Reach

A publication of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council

*reach: a) a portion of a stream or river b) an extent, esp. of knowledge or comprehension*

## Lottery Funds At Work Improving Habitat in Johnson Creek Watershed

By Matt Clark, Executive Director

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□ Walt Mintkeski  
Advisory Circle  
Member

At their April board meeting, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse the Campaign for Water, Parks and Wildlife measure. This measure, headed for the November ballot, will renew the current dedication of Oregon Lottery proceeds for water, parks and wildlife.

In 1998, with more than 67% approval, Oregon voters passed a Constitutional Amendment to dedicate 15% of the Oregon Lottery to natural areas, parks, habitat and watershed protection. The fund has been tremendously successful in protecting important natural areas and restoring water quality and fish and

wildlife habitat in hundreds of streams and rivers throughout Oregon. **However, the dedicated fund will expire in 2014 unless voters renew it.**

On July 2nd, the Oregonians for Water, Parks, and Wildlife campaign submitted nearly 200,000 signatures to the Oregon Secretary of State, well over the 110,300 needed to qualify the measure for November’s ballot. More than 2,000 volunteers gathered 55,000 signatures toward the total. JCWC Advisory Circle member, Walt Mintkeski alone collected 1,017 signatures. Walt successfully encouraged many JCWC board members, partners, and supporters to collect signatures with a reminder that “passing this measure is the most important step we can take to secure long term funding for JCWC.”

You can help pass this critical initiative. Contact the Water, Parks and Wildlife Campaign at: [Campaign@waterparkswildlife.org](mailto:Campaign@waterparkswildlife.org).

Turn to page 6 to see what \$1.4 million in lottery funds have achieved in Johnson



## Johnson Creek Days: Raising Watershed Awareness in the Month of September

We are excited to unveil our newest event—Johnson Creek Days! We have filled the entire month of September with a variety of fun events for everyone to enjoy, from bike rides, family discovery walks, a watershed tour, artist demonstrations along the creek, and an art show to orienteering runs! See page 3 for a full schedule.

While most of the events are free, we will be holding our second annual Cycle Stroll fundraiser as part of Johnson Creek Days. During Cycle Stroll, participants raise money for the miles they travel on the Springwater Corridor Trail throughout the month. Participants ride their bikes, walk, run, or jog along the Springwater Corridor Trail, logging their miles and collecting pledges from family and friends. Donations raised through this event will support the Council’s restoration, education and outreach programs. Registration opens in August; check out our website for more information: [www.jcwc.org](http://www.jcwc.org).

Local artists will be doing plein air demonstrations on Saturdays in September. Plein air is a term used to describe painting outdoors in natural light. On Saturday, September 11th from 11am-1pm at Main City Park in Gresham, Kathy Allegri will demonstrate plein air techniques with watercolors and acrylics. Then on September 18th from 10am-12pm, Eve Kenyon will demonstrate pastel tech-

## Light Rail Station Design Brings Communities Together

Collaborating with Trimet and Metro, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council has produced a series of community charettes (charrette is an architectural term for a collaborative design session) this summer focused on designing the Tacoma MAX station and Park-and-Ride to enhance the ecology and hydrology of nearby Johnson Creek. The Tacoma station, located just south of Johnson Creek, is a stop on the Milwaukie-Portland Light Rail line, opening in 2015. Attracting members of the Sellwood-Moreland and Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood As-

sociations as well as city and state agency staff and local university students, these charettes have been an opportunity for participants to voice their aspirations and innovative ideas for a “green” light rail station. JCWC Executive Director, Matt Clark said, “With the Tacoma station, we have a wonderful opportunity to raise the profile of Johnson Creek. Hundreds of daily commuters will pass through this station, and see the work we’ve done to enhance Johnson Creek with improved habitat, on-site stormwater management, and environmental education features.”

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*Photo by Eric Griswold 2009*

PCC Structural, Inc. volunteers (pictured above) partnered with the Council at the 2010 Watershed Wide Event at Errol Creek.

Johnson Creek Watershed Council thanks PCC Structural, Inc. for their continued financial support and dedication to the health of Johnson Creek.



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niques at Leach Botanical Garden. There will also be a plein air session at Tideman Johnson Park, located at SE 45th Avenue and Johnson Creek Blvd. on September 4th. The boardwalk located at the park provides ample room for artists to set up near the creek. The public is encouraged to come by and watch these art-

ists at work and to bring their own supplies to paint as well.

We are pleased to partner with Umpqua Bank in Sellwood to hold a Community Art Show on Friday, October 1st as part of the Sellwood First Fridays. The theme of the show is artwork inspired by Johnson Creek and its watershed. We hope to inspire artists

and non-artists to look at the watershed from a different perspective. Please join us to view the artwork and celebrate these local artists from 6-9pm on October 1st at the Umpqua Bank located at 7851 SE 13th in Sellwood. If you are interested in submitting work for the show, please contact Lori at [lori@jcw.org](mailto:lori@jcw.org).

We hope you enjoy Johnson Creek Days!

**Visit our website:**

**[www.jcwc.org](http://www.jcwc.org) for more details about each event**



**Raising  
Watershed  
Awareness  
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September**



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## Cycle Stroll

September 1-30

**Fundraising on the Springwater Corridor Trail**

Collect pledges for miles traveled on the trail in September

## Volunteer Saturday

September 11

**Volunteer restoration event**

Your unique chance to restore urban greenspace in the Johnson Creek Watershed

## Paint Out!

September 4, 11, 18, 25

**Join other artists to paint watershed scenes**

Demonstrations by professional artists every Saturday

## Discovery Saturdays

September 4, 11, 18, 25

**Hands-on activities for families and children under 10**

Saturday mornings at four different locations in the Watershed

## Johnson Creek Runs

September 13, 20, 27

**Group runs for all abilities on Monday evenings**

Running routes through the lower Johnson Creek Watershed

## Two Wheel Tour

September 25

**A guided bike tour along the Springwater Corridor Trail**

Learn about the natural history and beauty along the trail

## EcoShuttle Tour

September 9

**A free bus tour highlighting restoration projects**

Join Council staff to visit restoration sites throughout the Watershed

## Community Art Show

October 1

**Umpqua Bank in Sellwood displays art inspired by the Johnson Creek Watershed**

Purchase original art and support the Council at a wine and cheese reception

# 2010 Annual Meeting Includes Special Honors

Over 150 of our friends, partners, and supporters joined us for our 5th Annual Meeting at Reed College. Event highlights included a review of the Council's successes of 2009, a thought provoking keynote speech, the Riffle Awards and a special presentation.

Executive Director Matt Clark presented the 2009 Annual Report, characterizing 2009 as a "coming of age" year for the Council. Among the Council's highlighted accomplishments are the successful completion of the 2006 Strategic Plan which focused on improving operations and governance procedures, successful recruitment and replacement of the first group of board members to retire, innovative new fundraising events, and expansion of our volunteer program.

Dr. Alan Yeakley, Professor of Environmental Sciences at Portland State University, presented his keynote address, "Tipping Points for Urban Watershed Protection," posing the question, "What has to happen before we, as a society, recognize the importance of watershed protection?" He shared two case studies



*Ernestine Francisco accepts a special award from Dean Marriott, BES, and shares her hopes for the donated land to continue as a community resource.*

from China and Argentina, which suggested that a crisis may be necessary to galvanize a community into action, though their actions may extend beyond the crisis. Dr. Yeakley also stressed the importance of protecting the whole watershed, not just streamside areas, to maintain water quality.

The Council was pleased to have four student groups present during the Poster Session: Michael Lancaster's students from Alpha High School, Amy Lindahl's students from Marshall High School, Rose Sandy's students from Multnomah Youth Cooperative, and Terri Gibson's students from New Urban High School.

Dean Marriott, Director of the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services, presented a special award to Ernestine and David Francisco for their 3 acre land donation to the City.

JCWC Board Chair, Jason Howard and Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Lodholz presented the Riffle Awards to honor the groups and individuals whose actions in the Johnson Creek watershed in the past year best supports or exemplifies the Council's mission.

Zac Perry, from Reed College, conducted a restoration tour of upper Crystal Springs Creek.

Special thanks to the event sponsors, Brown and Caldwell, CH2M Hill and Harris Stream Services.

## 2009 Annual Report Reflects Growth

*By Katie Villela, JCWC Intern*

The JCWC Annual Report for 2009 highlights a year full of growth and inspiration. Here are just some of the exciting things accomplished over the past year.

Several restoration projects have taken place thanks to volunteer work done by JCWC Friends. Design of the Willamette and Johnson Creek Confluence Salmon Habitat Project has progressed rapidly. The Council is working to secure additional funding to implement this project in the summer of 2011. Riparian rehabilitation work has expanded from a multi-species invasive weed program to include a full-scale revegetation effort with the Council providing maintenance and planting of 1,000 native trees and shrubs on properties formerly infested with invasive species.

Educating youth has been important to JCWC. The Youth Engaged program has

seen a rise in participants, now with a total of seven class groups from six different schools. The Council provides service learning and environmental education to 200 students. High school students collected valuable data on water quality, aquatic insects, and riparian habitat. They removed 20 cubic yards of invasive plants and planted hundreds of native trees and shrubs.

The Land Use Committee participated in many regional and local planning processes. JCWC advocated that all of Johnson Creek watershed, outside the urban growth boundary, be designated as a rural reserve to help protect it from pressures of urbanization for the next 40-50 years. Only a portion of the watershed around Highway 26 was designated as an urban reserve. The Council participated with the Interjurisdictional Committee to

facilitate a first-ever watershed macroinvertebrate sampling event.

This year was a highly creative year for outreach programs. JCWC worked on new ways to engage the community, while still maintaining the success of signature events. Over 350 volunteers participated at the Watershed Wide Event to help remove invasive weeds, plant native trees and shrubs, and clean up trash at twelve restoration sites. The Council also launched a new fundraiser called the Springwater Cycle Stroll and created new outreach events such as bike tours, bird watching walks, and a BBQ.

2009 has been a successful year for the JCWC and we are looking forward to upcoming years filled with new, and exciting opportunities.

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# 2009 Riffle Award Winners

The annual Riffle Awards honor groups and individuals whose actions best support or exemplify the Council's mission: to inspire and facilitate community investment in the Johnson Creek Watershed for the protection and enhancement of its natural resources.



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*Executive Director, Matt Clark with Individual winner, Janet Johnson*

## Individual: Ernie Francisco Award Janet Johnson

Janet Johnson is the chair of the JCWC Restoration Committee and founder of the Friends of Crystal Springs, a group that is collaborating with JCWC on restoration stewardship events at Crystal Springs Apartments and Westmoreland Union Manor. A tireless and cheerful advocate, Janet collaborated with JCWC staff member, Marty Urman to develop a power point presentation about Crystal Springs restoration efforts. Janet has delivered this presentation to Westmoreland Union Manor, SMILE, Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association, and Reed College. Her article on Crystal Springs environmental restoration activities was published in the May 2010 edition of the Sellwood Bee.



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*Matt Clark presents award to Marianne Colgrove of Friends of Tideman Johnson*

## Community Friends of Tideman Johnson

Friends of Tideman Johnson has shown great commitment to caring for Tideman Johnson Natural Area through monthly work parties and volunteer support of the Watershed Wide Event. The JCWC has partnered with them on several grants to advance their restoration work. Since 2007, FOTJ has engaged more than 600 volunteers and students to

plant 8,500 native plants and maintain more than 100,000 square feet of riparian and upland habitat. In 2009, FOTJ and JCWC collaborated to produce two interpretive signs in Tideman Johnson Natural Area. Also in 2009, FOTJ conducted macroinvertebrate sampling in Tideman Johnson as part of a watershed-wide sampling effort.

## Business Oregon Worsted Company

For over a decade, Oregon Worsted Company President Nancy Bishop and Vice President Howard Dietrich have generously supported the Johnson Creek Watershed Council, providing donated office and meeting space that serve as the Council's base of operations. Oregon Worsted recently invested in significant energy efficiency improvements at the Council office. Oregon Worsted and JCWC are currently investigating the feasibility of installing bioswales and other sustainable stormwater management features in the JCWC parking lot. Howard is one of the Council's founders, and serves as an Advisory Circle member.



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*Matt Clark with Lynn Barlow of Portland Parks and Recreation*

## Public Entities City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services and Portland Parks and Recreation

Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) has invested millions of dollars over the past decade into restoring Johnson Creek. Major restoration projects, which have created essential habitat for salmon and other aquatic species include the Schweitzer project south of Powell Butte, the Kelley Creek Confluence project, the Tideman-Johnson Sewer Interceptor project, and the Errol Creek confluence project. BES is also actively engaged in conservation land acquisitions, and recently purchased a property on Crystal Springs where three fish passage barriers will be removed, as well as a property on Veteran's Creek which provides critical habitat for sensitive amphibian species.

JCWC's partnership with Portland Parks and Recreation focuses on community stewardship activities, getting work done on the ground. Of the twelve Watershed Wide Event sites in 2010, five of them were owned and managed by PP&R. PP&R provided tools, plants and staff members at each of the five sites as well as technical support in developing the Watershed Wide Event.



Jamison Cavallaro

*Students from Multnomah Youth Cooperative*

## School Multnomah Youth Cooperative at Reynolds Learning Academy

Rose Sandy's class at Multnomah Youth Cooperative adopted Ambleside in 2007 through the Council's Youth Engaged program. In the past three years, they've removed 15 cubic yards of invasive plant material from the site, planted hundreds of trees and shrubs, and anchored Ambleside Natural Area for Watershed Wide Event. They have continued to provide significant improvements in the watershed.



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**Lottery funds of over \$1.4 million have helped  
 the Council make major improvements to Johnson Creek.  
 Here's what's happened in just the past five years!  
 Please support Oregonians for Water, Parks and Wildlife.**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Lottery funds awarded *</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>	<b>Non-lottery funds leveraged</b>
<b>Johnson Creek Riparian Corridor Restoration</b>	2005 <b>\$77,587</b>	By the end of 2008, JCWC had mapped and controlled invasive Japanese Knotweed, yellow flag iris, and false brome along 95% of Johnson Creek. Since 2005, we've worked with over 200 private landowners on weed control and native revegetation.	JCWC used lottery funds awarded in 2005 as seed money to build its comprehensive Riparian Rehabilitation program. Since 2005, we've secured six additional invasive weed and native revegetation grants totaling almost \$100,000.
<b>Bradshaw Fish Habitat Improvement</b>	2006 <b>\$65,150</b>	Completed in 2008, this project removed a fish passage barrier, allowing salmon to access an additional half-mile of high quality habitat on Upper Kelley Creek, and improving water quality downstream.	To complete the project, JCWC secured three additional grants totaling \$59,690.
<b>Youth Engaged</b>	2007 <b>\$20,000</b>	In three academic years, nearly 400 high school students have participated in Youth Engaged, collecting valuable water quality data, and planting 4,000 native trees and shrubs.	Since receiving our first Youth Engaged grant from OWEB in 2007, we've secured seven additional grants totalling \$86,653.
<b>Johnson Creek Fish Habitat &amp; Floodplain Restoration at East Powell Butte</b>	2007 <b>\$596,200</b>	Completed in 2008, this project restored 20 acres of historic stream channel on mainstem Johnson Creek, reconnected 5 acres of off-channel rearing and refuge habitat for native fish, and created 100 acre-feet of additional flood storage.	The City of Portland provided over \$6 Million in additional funding to complete this project.
<b>Willamette and Johnson Creek Confluence Fish Habitat Design Improvement</b>	2007 <b>\$49,575</b>	These technical assistance funds enabled JCWC and its design contractors to complete 30% design on a salmon habitat enhancement project at the confluence of Johnson Creek and the Willamette River.	
<b>Errol Creek Confluence Fish Habitat Project</b>	2008 <b>\$134,790</b>	Completed in 2009, this project removed two fish passage barriers on Errol Creek, providing 300 additional feet of off-channel tributary habitat for native fish seeking to escape high winter flows on Johnson Creek. It also enhanced 1.4 acres of wetland and riparian habitat.	The City of Portland provided \$253,760 in additional funding to complete this project.
<b>Upper Johnson Creek Riparian Habitat Enhancement</b>	2009 <b>\$53,100</b>	Building on our recent successes along upper Johnson Creek, JCWC is currently working with private landowners along Badger and Sunshine Creeks (both tributaries to Johnson Creek) to remove invasive weeds in preparation for native tree plantings this coming winter.	Last year, JCWC secured a grant of \$33,603 to revegetate streamside properties along upper Johnson Creek.
<b>Willamette and Johnson Creek Confluence Salmon Habitat Improvements</b>	2010 <b>\$129,046</b>	When implemented in 2011, this project will provide critical resting areas not just for Johnson Creek salmon, but for all the salmon migrating into and out of the more than 11,000 stream miles of the Willamette River basin.	JCWC has three pending grants totaling \$146,025.
<b>General Council Support</b>	2005, 2007, 2009 <b>\$322,505</b>	These funds provide core support for JCWC administrative functions and programs.	
<b>Total lottery funding dedicated to Johnson Creek Watershed since 2005</b>	<b>\$1,447,953</b>	* Funds awarded and disbursed through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. A small portion of the OWEB funding received by JCWC came from non-lottery sources.	

# JCWC UPDATES...

## JCWC to Pilot Backyard Habitat Certification Program

Starting this summer, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council will partner with the Columbia Land Trust, Audubon Society of Portland and Leach Botanical Garden to launch a Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP) in the Johnson Creek watershed. Through the BHCP, small lot private property owners receive technical assistance in invasive weed eradication, naturesscaping with native plants, on-site stormwater management and wildlife stewardship, enabling them to make habitat improvements in their backyards. Implementing the prescribed number and types of habitat improvements results in certification, which includes a number of benefits (such as a certification placard and gift certificates to local environmental vendors).

With funding through Metro's Restoration and Enhancement grant, we hope to gain at least 30 participants in the program, engaging private landowners as active partners who provide their time, energy and financial resources toward weed control and native planting and providing long-term benefits to wildlife habitat in the watershed.

## Youth Engaged Program Continues Great Work

The Johnson Creek Watershed Council's Youth Engaged program grew this past year to include seven classes from six schools. Students from these groups monitored water quality at sites throughout the Johnson Creek basin and engaged in restoration activities such as removing invasive plants and planting native shrubs and trees. During the past academic year, students installed well over 1,000 new native plantings, and pulled 15 cubic yards of invasive plant debris. The Council's Annual Meeting included a poster session featuring work from four different school groups. Generous funding from the WHH Foundation helped make this year possible; grants from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District assure continued success in engaging youth in the watershed.

## Summer Interns Jump In

JCWC is pleased to welcome two college students interning with us this summer. Katie Villela, a senior pursuing an Urban Planning major at Cal Polytechnic in San Luis Obispo, has been working with Executive Director, Matt Clark on the Tacoma Street Light Rail design charettes and the Johnson Creek Partnership project.

Cole Wekselblatt, a senior studying political science at OSU, is working on promotion for Johnson Creek Days, to help raise watershed awareness in the month of September.

Also joining the team of interns are Thatch Moyle and Peregrine Edison-Lahm, environmental professionals, who are working on mapping and compiling watershed projects with Restoration Coordinator, Robin Jenkinson.

## New Board Member Welcomed

Dr. Michael Jones is a natural resources instructor at Mt Hood Community College in Gresham. He teaches courses in ecology, wetlands, forest botany, and plant and bird biology, all subjects related to the work at the Council. He holds a doctorate degree in plant and ecosystems ecology as well as a Master's degree in forest research. He has authored and edited a number of publications, presented extensively and has co-owned two businesses. His vision, creativity and integrity will add extra strength to our diverse Board of Directors.

Dr. Jones uses Johnson Creek as his classroom to teach his students about creek restoration and conservation. He often visits Kelley Creek and Beggars Tick wetland.

Many of Dr. Jones' students are from South and Central America who come to MHCC to study natural resources. One of his former students, Lucrecia García Márquez, served as an intern at the Council this spring before returning to her home in Queretaro, Mexico. (See her article on page 8.)

## Restoration Coordinator Joins Staff

We are very pleased to introduce our new Restoration Coordinator, Robin Jenkinson, who joined the JCWC team on March 15. Please drop Robin a line to welcome her to the Johnson Creek Watershed Council community; her e-mail address is robin@jwcw.org.

Robin brings with her a broad range of expertise as a watershed scientist and restoration practitioner. With an undergraduate degree in Botany and a Master's degree in fisheries management, Robin has one foot in the plant kingdom and the other in the animal kingdom. She has worked as an associate program director with an environmental foundation, as a stream survey technician with a rural conservation district, and as a lecturer in river restoration monitoring. She has a strong background in long-term monitoring and adaptive restoration planning as well as on-the-ground experience designing and implementing restoration projects.

## Resource Library Now Available Online

The JCWC is excited to announce that our Resource Library is now searchable online through the StreamNet Regional Library at <http://www.fishlib.org>.

This makes the hundreds of items more easily accessible and available for the public to borrow! Following our check-out procedures, materials can be borrowed for up to 2 weeks at a time.

We welcome the public to stop by and peruse the materials! The library is open during office hours.

We would like to thank Lenora Oftedahl, StreamNet Library Regional Librarian, Melanie McCandless, JCWC volunteer, and Lucrecia García Márquez, JCWC intern, for all of their hard work to make this happen.

## 32 Logs Closer to Enhancing Salmon Habitat

In 2011, JCWC will restore salmon habitat by constructing log jams throughout the quarter-mile-long reach where Johnson Creek flows into the Willamette River. The engineered design calls for 130 logs that are over 25' long, each with a minimum dbh (diameter at breast height) of 18 inches, and half of these must have an attached rootwad with a span of at least four feet.

This June, JCWC purchased 32 logs with attached rootwads, thanks to The Nature Conservancy PGE Salmon Fund, the Portland Office of Healthy Rivers, and the Multnomah County Roads Department, who is storing them for us. We still need 98 more!

Watch for developments as this project receives additional grant support.

## Attention: Badger and Sunshine Creek Landowners

The small headwater streams that feed Johnson Creek, such as Badger and Sunshine Creeks, help water commercial nurseries and tree farms. They also support freshwater mussels, cutthroat trout, and a diversity of birds and wildlife.

JCWC is working with conservation districts and private landowners to restore riparian forests along these small streams. We offer weed control and native tree and shrub planting for the first year, followed by four years of site maintenance. JCWC began work with six landowners in 2009. We would like to assist ten more landowners in 2010. Please email robin@jwcw.org for more information about this program.

## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday, August 28**

Overland Park-Johnson Creek Clean-up.  
8am-2pm, Mill Park. Information:  
[www.OverlandParkCoalition.org](http://www.OverlandParkCoalition.org)

### **September 1-30**

First Annual Johnson Creek Days!  
See the full schedule on Page 3

### **Saturday, September 11**

First Saturday event, volunteer restoration (Note date change) 10am-1pm

### **Friday, October 1**

First Friday Community Art Show  
featuring art created during Johnson  
Creek Days. Umpqua Bank, 6pm-9pm,  
7851 SE 13th Ave, Portland, OR

### **Saturday, October 2**

First Saturday event TBA

### **Fall 2010**

Friends of Johnson Creek  
Fundraising Campaign

### **Saturday, November 6**

First Saturday event TBA

### **Saturday, December 4**

First Saturday event TBA

### **Saturday, March 5, 2011**

13th Annual Watershed Wide Event

## MHCC Intern Learns and Shares New Skills

By *Lucrecia García Márquez, JCWC intern*



*Lucrecia García Márquez looks forward to continuing restoration work at home, in Mexico.*

Hello, my name is Lucrecia García Márquez, my native country is Mexico and I belong to the CASS/IALS Program at Mt. Hood Community College. This program offers scholarships to people from Central America, South America, Mexico and the Caribbean to study two years here in the United States. After I applied twice for this scholarship, I finally got it. I'm now getting ready to go back to Mexico and apply everything I've learned here.

As you may already know, every student in the last semester of their studies has to look for an internship opportunity. I found one at the Johnson Creek Watershed Council. I started on March 25th, 2010, and since then I started working on restoration projects with Amy Lodholz, my supervisor. I also helped develop a project for the Crystal Springs Creek where I collected information for each project that took place there. I helped the restoration coordinator, Robin Jenkinson, create two maps to let the partners of JCWC know more about the projects around the creek.

My experience at the Johnson Creek Watershed Council was unforgettable. I really had a good time helping in their activities, and I really enjoyed being part of this organization. I learned a lot of things during my internship; things that I didn't know before, for example: I didn't know how to lead a restoration work party and now thanks to this opportunity, I know how to do this. Some of the plans I have once I return home are to develop a restoration work party and recycling project that will help my community.

One last thing: I want to thank all staff members of the JCWC for their support and kindness. Thanks for giving me the opportunity of being part of your organization. Thanks for letting me share my knowledge and help the Oregon community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.