

Oregon RVing Women Rally
August 14-16, 2015
Bandon, OR

A beautiful summer weekend greeted us at Bandon by the Sea RV Park – complete with strong summer winds - it's the coast ya know. 🌞 Our hosts, Dee Hamer and Dottie Allen, were already set up and greeted the 13 rigs and 16 gals who came rolling into the park during the afternoon. We officially began the rally with introductions and our usual finger food potluck. A few late arrivals missed out on introductions but were soon incorporated into the festivities. After dog walking some of us reconvened in the clubhouse for Square Nine and puzzle making.



Saturday morning we gathered once again for a breakfast of fresh fruit, donuts and bagels and coffee or tea. This was followed by a glass etching class at 10:00 a.m. The RV park owner, Rose, led the class in how to wrap our glass in 3 layers of contact paper, trace our design and then carefully cut it out with exacto knives to leave a design on the glass that she would sandblast into in later in the day. We had a few beginner issues – like many of us had wine glasses – a definite challenge for a first piece. But we gamely wrapped our glasses and pitchers and did the best we could to smooth out the air bubbles. Unfortunately, I was so busy with my piece that I forgot to bring my camera over and take pictures of the process. Later that afternoon we came back to find our finished projects on the table and we were stunned – they were beautiful!





And while we were working away on our curved glass, Rose made a beautiful piece that we are sending to National for their office. Thank you Rose!

Other activities during the day included hanging out in old town Bandon, sampling candy at Cranberry Sweets and cheese at Face Rock Creamery plus indulging in their huge single scoop ice cream cones and dishes. There was no need for lunch after all of that! A couple of gals headed over to Coquille to see what was going on over there.

Some gals went down to the Wildlife Animal Park south of Bandon and got to pet a young tiger, lynx, bear and serval cat as well as the usual nursery animals – a skunk, possum, ferrets and a more unusual entry – a red fox. All of their animals are born there or in other facilities – none are taken from the wild. They have made many upgrades to their park and if you're in the area it is a fun stop.



That evening we had our usual potluck followed by more Square Nine and conversation. We were breaking in some new gals on Square Nine by not playing for money but watch out – next month bring your quarters!

Sunday morning Dee and Dottie treated us to another scrumptious breakfast complete with two different egg casseroles. From here gals once again went exploring downtown and other locales while a few headed for home.

Late that afternoon we headed for Billy Smoothboar's Restaurant for our dinner out. The food and conversation was, as usual, excellent. And yes, after dinner we once again headed to the clubhouse for a round of Square Nine.



Monday morning dawned sunny once more as we packed up our rigs, said our goodbyes and headed for home until our next gathering in Salem.

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