

## OREGON CHAPTER - ALBANY, OREGON - October 10 to 13, 2014

Thirty RVing Women gathered at the Blue Ox RV Park in Albany for the last rally of this year. The park is adjacent to a very large dog park field, which pleased both dogs and owners. The weather all weekend was cool in the morning and in the seventies in the afternoons with a bright blue sky.

Our usual Friday finger-food potluck resulted in what everyone agreed was a record since not one person brought any kind of dessert. It was a mystery to all of us. After dinner and dog-walking, we gathered in the club room for card games, board games, and puzzle-solving.



After enjoying a light breakfast and coffee at the club room, later in the morning we gathered to board the Albany Visitors' Association's half-open-air, gaily painted motorized trolley car that transported us downtown to the Albany Historical Carousel Studio and Museum where many of us watched artisans wood-carving the real and imaginary animals that will be ultimately mounted on on the carousel poles driven by the mechanism which is also being rebuilt by volunteers. We broke into smaller groups afterward and did our own exploring, later being taken home by the

same trolley that took us downtown and receiving a tour of the churches and homes in town that were over a hundred years old.

We had our potluck main meal on Saturday night, where no one went away hungry, followed by dog-walking, games, puzzles, and socializing.

Those walking their dogs in the large area surrounding the park early Sunday morning were treated to watching as a colorful hot-air balloon was inflated and ultimately lifted up into the blue sky after a few unplanned perilous landings.

After gathering for our Sunday light breakfast, Dixie Evers instructed almost twenty members in making autumn-leaf "bowls," created from artificial leaves coated with hobby glue





Monday morning brought gathering at the club room and hugs goodbye as everyone unhooked and headed for home.

Hosts: Lori Singels, Dixie Evers and Joyce Pickens

– Lori Singels

and brushed on top of small balloons. With delightfully sticky fingers our masterpieces were left to dry for the rest of the afternoon. After -2-the “bowls” were dry, we popped the balloons and took our resulting creations home.

We all commuted to Novak's Hungarian Restaurant for an early dinner Sunday evening and enjoyed deliciously prepared fare, heading back to the park for our last evening of cards, games, puzzles and lots and lots of laughter.

