

Oregon Chapter RVW June 13-17
Star Gazer RV Resort, Goldendale, Washington
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We journeyed just north of the Oregon border to enjoy all of the interesting places in Goldendale!

Thursday night we gathered to meet and greet old and new friends and plan carpooling for Friday. This, of course, was followed by card games. We were wowed by a stunning sunset over Mt. Adams!

On Friday, several women enjoyed breakfast or lunch at St. John's Bakery Restaurant & Gifts. In 1995, St. John the Forerunner Greek Orthodox Monastery was established as a women's monastic community. There are currently, 20 nuns and novices.

Several of us attended the Solar Show at the Goldendale Observatory. Despite the sun being hidden by clouds, we received an

intense astrological lecture which included the sun flares entering the earth's atmosphere thus the "the northern lights" some enjoyed in PNW & Northern Ca. on May 10th and 11th this year. Night sky show also had some clouds but the Moonscape was viewed via telescope. Note: Michelle Pelkey, RVW President, attended both shows on Saturday and lucky her, the skies were cloudless.

The Finger Food Potluck Supper was enjoyed in the Community Room followed by cards, or diamond dot coasters crafting planets, sun and moon for crafters.

Saturday morning, we enjoyed a Continental Breakfast featuring my cohost, Elizabeth (Liz) Sumner's quiches. Yum! The quilt for this month's raffle was put out for viewing. It was of Thomas Kincaide paintings. Quilts are regularly donated for raffle to offset our expenses by Joan Lease and Paulette Beliveau. Thank you!



The rest of the day was filled with visiting various points of interest. Many thanks to those provided rides to gals without vehicles.

Some of the points of interest were:

Mary Hill Museum of Art which was built as a castle by Samuel Hill but soon after became an art museum. It features Rodin art, Native American artifacts and more.

The Presby Museum (a private home built in 2003) has much local history. including many military uniforms representing some wars.

There is also mini-Stonehenge (replica made in concrete) Memorial Park built by Sam Hill dedicated to Veterans of WWI and heroism and peace.

Mary Hill Winery wowed us with beautiful views of the Columbia River as did most points of interest.

We topped off the evening with a yummy potluck followed by cards, crafts, etc.

Sunday morning, after our continental breakfast, the drawing for the quilt was held. It was won by Maureen "Mo" Swerdlik who was thrilled as it matches the decor in her RV.

We then proceeded to christen the rig of Crystal Risch, a new ORVW member. The rest of the day was open for gals to visit points of interest missed on Saturday or to just hang out and visit. Sunday evening, we enjoyed Ayutlas' Mexican restaurant for our group dinner. Upon leaving, we experienced Pacific Northwest's "liquid sunshine". Fortunately, the RV park was only a block away. The remainder of the evening was similar to Saturday with games and crafts.

Monday morning everyone said their farewells until we meet again.



