

From Mrs. Grass "L"  
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Hi Ladies - It's been a cold and silent winter among our communication lines. So just to inform you, I'm still around for your benefit and use. I'd like to print anything you may want to send my way. Let me know how you ladies made it through the winter without snow mold, and how did you handle those bed knives? Let's all get together and spring into action with Spring; conference time in Portland is over and Spring is just around the corner.

Our thanks goes to Judy Opperman who has put together a summary of the ladies high-lights of the conference (for those of us who couldn't attend). I'm sure you're with me in expressing a thank you for her taking the time and interest to share this with us. Thank you, Judy.

Have a great month, ladies!

Dear Mrs. Grass "L",

This is a wish-you-were-there "postcard" from "The Rose City" - Portland welcomed us with warm breezes, budding blooms, and green! Remember that color? Normally the grass would have been greener, but Portland's yearly rainfall average of 40 inches held off a little longer to keep our umbrellas dry.

Being homesick for snow already, on Sunday we headed east. The city's skyline boasts the highest point in Oregon, Mount Hood, rising to 11,245 ft. We squeezed into a Chevette with John and Denita Jackman and drove thru some beautiful forests up to Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood's 6,000 ft. level where the skiers inside outnumbered those outside 2 to 1. You see, their usual 27 ft. snowfall was a mere 10 inches! The mountain's northern route back provided us with more impressive forests, unusual rock formations, and some delightful waterfalls.

Next time you see Bob Williams, shake his hand. He received the GCSAA distinguished service award at Monday's opening session. Although we missed the crab fete that evening, we heard all had a crunching, munching good time.

Tuesday's jaunt for the ladies (and several men) turned out to be a 100+ -mile bus ride to the ocean to lunch at the charming Inn at Otter Crest and a 15 minute stop at a marine museum. The almost 150-mile ride back reduced us to "100 bottles of beer on the wall" and "Gong Show" jokes by our return at 6 p.m. This was the first Tuesday ladies' trip I want to forget out of my last eleven conventions. Oh, I heard one unusual warning about the Oregon beaches: Don't swim in the ocean - you may get hit by floating logs! It's true!

Also shake the hand of Mike Bavier, a brand new GCSAA Director. Champagne flowed and flowed in the Midwest Room Wednesday night.

Thursday's Ladies Program offered salmon cooking suggestions and recipes. Portland's Chinook salmon is superb.

The city's seaport yielded most of our fine dinners during our stay, and I wouldn't mind it at all if the convention road led us back to Portland.

Judy Opperman

Thought - Seeing much, suffering much and studying much are the three pillars of learning.



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