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Columbia Gorge Arts & Culture Tour Map Released

- 36 known and lesser-known art and culture destinations highlighted -

The Dalles, OR and White Salmon, WA (May 1, 2013) – Just in time for the spring/summer visitor high season, the **Columbia Gorge Arts & Culture Alliance** (CGACA), has released its first “Columbia Gorge Art and Culture Tour” map featuring 36 known and lesser-known art and culture destinations on both the Washington and Oregon sides of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.

The map reads: *“The natural scenic beauty of the Columbia River Gorge is a magnet for arts and culture. We invite you to experience the wonder of the Gorge and share in the inspiration it provides the thousands of artists who’ve captured its beguiling charm. Use this map to choose an area and explore its art and culture. This map represents only a limited selection of Gorge Arts and Culture venues. For complete maps and details and a list of arts festivals, events and art workshops please visit **Discover Gorge Secrets Maps** at www.GorgeCulture.org.”*

The Columbia Gorge Art and Culture Tour map features well and lesser known destinations in the ‘**State of the Gorge**’ Oregon/Washington border area—from Troutdale/Washougal and the **Vista House** in the west to **Maryhill Museum of Art** in the east, destinations include:

- **Alder Creek Pioneer Carousel Museum in Bickleton, WA**, which features one of the oldest carousels on the West Coast. The carousel, purchased from Portland’s Oaks Park in 1929, is originally built by the Herschell-Spillman Company of North Tonawanda, NY.

- **Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum in The Dalles, OR**, a multimedia, interactive museum about the volcanic upheaval and floods that created the Gorge, the unique flora and fauna, and 11,000 years of cultural history.
- **Presby House Museum in Goldendale, WA**, a century's old symbol of Washington's past. The Presby Mansion is also home to the Klickitat County Historical Society.
- **Western Antique Aeroplane and Auto Museum in Hood River, OR**, home of the largest collections of operating antique aeroplanes and antique automobiles in the country.

Galleries highlighted range from the **Caswell Gallery** (Troutdale, OR) to **Don Perry Metal Art** (Stevenson, WA); **Fiber Art Studios** (Goldendale, WA), **Glassometry Studios** (Hood River, OR), **Lorang Fine Art And Gorge-ous Gifts** (Cascade Locks, OR), **Westwind Frame And Gallery** (The Dalles, OR) and many more.

CGACA printed 5,000 copies of the Columbia Gorge Art and Culture Tour map, which have been distributed throughout the gorge (they won't last long). It was funded by the CGACA and provided as a service to arts and culture groups in the Gorge. It lists many of the arts and culture places in the gorge that are open to the public on a regular basis (not places open by appointment). The list was developed by volunteers of the CGACA.

"Every effort was made to ensure accuracy; but users should always call in advance to confirm opening days and hours," explains Lloyd DeKay, past-president of the White Salmon Arts Council. "Also, places may have been inadvertently left off the map; please let us know by [email](#) or [online](#)."

The map is downloadable and printable on standard paper and can be found at www.GorgeCulture.org. CGACA plans for a second printing in 2014.

About the Columbia Gorge Arts & Culture Alliance

Founded in 2010, the Columbia Gorge Arts & Culture Alliance (CGACA) supports and promotes a large, diverse and highly creative arts, culture and heritage community along the 'State of the Gorge' Oregon/Washington border. The organization is dedicated to making arts, culture, and heritage recognized as destination attractions and economic drivers for the Columbia Gorge area.

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