

COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF CAMERA CLUBS
Quarterly Board Meeting
July 20, 2019

**SOPA welcomes the 4C's board (and all other interested members) to
historic Jacksonville, Oregon!!!**

While the official meeting will be held **Saturday, July 20th at 1pm in the Naverson room in the Jacksonville Public Library**, we hope that you will **make a weekend of it** and enjoy some of the special things historic Jacksonville has to offer. Visit www.JacksonvilleOregon.com for the overview but here are **my recommendations**:



Thursday 7/18: Start the weekend at the Britt Festival with a Mexican acoustic rock guitar duo Rodrigo y Gabriela concert under the stars at on the “Britt hill” (www.brittfest.org). Come early to get a good seat on the lawn and enjoy dinner from one of the many “food carts” and beverage outlets on the premises. I saw this pair of amazing artists last year and it was a highlight of my summer!!!

Friday 7/19: In the cool of the morning follow the “Applegate Lavender Trail” (www.southernoregonlavendertrail.com) and enjoy some beautiful farms then at noon start heading back toward town via one of the many exception vintners on the “Applegate Wine Trail” (www.applegatewinetrail.com) Finish your evening off with dinner at one of Jacksonville's many fine eateries (see below) then dance to a live band at Bella Union or BoomTown Saloon.

Saturday 7/20: Get up at the crack of dawn and hike one of the many trails that extend through the hills around town (http://woodlands.tedwebdesign.com/woodlands_trails) then hike back into downtown J'ville for the free guiding walking tour of the town's historic buildings at 10am or at 11am, take the guided tour of the historic Beekman house (a small fee) or catch the trolley for a guided tour and learn about the town's Gold Rush history. Have a quick lunch (see below) then walk over to the public library for the 4C's meeting at 1pm.

After the meeting, let's relax together at nearby Dancin Winery (www.dancin.com) for a tasting of some of their award winning wines and enjoy some of their hearth fired pizza on their exceptional patio grounds (bring your cameras as the koi pond alone is worth some photos).



Sunday 7/21: If you want the pick of the best french pastries for Sunday morning breakfast, get to the Jacksonville Farmer's and Crafter's Market on the grounds of the historic courthouse at 9am sharp. (The line at the Coquette Bakery booth can get pretty long.) Live music at the market starts at 11am and the market shuts down at 1pm, just in time for a tour of the historic Hanley Farm (www.sohs.org/hanley) before you head home.

While all of these activities are “on your own” (feel free to contact me for any more detailed recommendations) it would be nice to have a “head count” ahead of time of those who plan to gather for wine and supper at Dancin after the meeting (email me at: Vivian@ViviansViews.com)

Lodging: Try Wine Country Inn (<https://winecountryinnjacksonville.com/>) or the historic Jacksonville Inn (www.jacksonvilleinn.com), both right in town. There are also local Airbnb options (<https://www.airbnb.com/s/Jacksonville--OR>). For campers Cantrall Buckley Park, seven miles out into the Applegate Valley is recommended (http://www.campgroundsoregon.com/oregon_campgrounds/cantrall_buckley_campground.html)

Food:

Breakfast: Mustard Seed or Pony Espresso are the “go to” places in town. Or if coffee and a scone is more your morning style try Good Bean. If you're looking for something more upscale try Jacksonville Inn's weekend brunch.

Lunch: Again Mustard Seed or Pony Espresso or Mexican (Las Palmas or La Fiesta) or Bella Union.

Dinner: German: Schoolhaus Brewhaus, Mexican (above), Pizza and Italian: Bella Union, Russian: Gogi's, Japanese: Umi Sushi, BBQ: Back Porch Bar & Grill; more on the elegant side: C Street Bistro, Jacksonville Inn.

Yes, it's a full weekend but I've only scratched the surface.
I hope this little taste will bring you back to Jacksonville again soon.