

buildings were the Main House, a large log cabin, built in 1900; the 52 ft long chicken coop; the log barn, and a small tool shed that sat to the left of the Main House, as you approached the Main House. This small woodshed was the site of the first renovation made on Owl. It would become what was called the Quiet House. Basically, a square box, 12 by 16 ft., in which women built two lofts, added windows, and re-sided the east exterior wall. It was designated as the place for sustained quiet activities, as well as the home space for 4-6 women at a time, in the years '76-79. In later years, this structure would be home to couples and/ or moms with kids, as it was the largest of the small structures on the land.

The second building project was the construction of the Little House, located to the east of the Main House, in the meadow above the barn. Built mainly by Spes and Pelican (??) in 1977-78, this is a one-room cabin with a loft. The original intended purpose of this building was to provide a place for the children of OWL Farm and Cabbage Lane (the children went between the lands) to play, sleep, be schooled in. Thus, its original name, the Kids' House. this building was built with discount wood from local mill for \$150.00

The third new "building" was the Tree House, built mainly by Pelican, who wanted to create a space to get away from "downtown" OWL (where upwards of 30 women could be gathered in and around the main house). this very unique space sits high in the arms of a beautiful immense madrone tree in the forested area north of the Main House. It is perhaps 8ft by 4 ft by 4 ft. An adult woman cannot stand up in it.

Most of the major building at OWL was done in the years 1976-1979. In 1989, Boa, Wyrda, Ní Aódagáin, and lots of drop-in help, added a room onto to the Quiet House. This 8 by 12 ft space provided Felicé Ana, Ní Aódagáin's, daughter, with her own bedroom, as well as almost doubling the size of the Quiet House.

In 1989, as well, major reroofing of the chicken coop was undertaken and in 1993, the foundation of this 52 ft building was totally redone. In the years 1985-95, the interior of the chicken coop was partially renovated, in order to create two resident living spaces, and two resident work spaces.

Mara Lambert added the following information. "Wyrda had electricity in the East end of the "coop" at OWL for about 18 months (91-92) by way of a solar panel and battery. She ran a radio plug and 2

lights. I installed it for her."

GARDEN PARTIES

In 1999, Fran Carroll came up with the idea of Garden Parties as a way to raise money for and awareness about The Oregon Women's Land Trust. She organized three in 1999 which raised around \$1,100. Since then, several have taken place each year. -- Tee

Renée Côté, July, 2004

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Garden Party Report - Success!

For our 4th year of Garden Parties, we had our first of the season at Brimstone's End in Sunny Valley on July 26 [2003]. As co-organizer, in all humility, it was a success! Financially, we made \$370. That represents half of the property taxes. Hurray! At a deeper level, I, for one, thought: this is, as in the past, the kind of garden party I like, this continues well our new tradition.

Dana started the gardening discussion with the theme of irrigation, watering. etc. With her help and knowledge, we all got involved with the various aspects of keeping our garden moist, as needed, according to ground, what is growing, etc. We hope that some of that info will be distributed on e-mail, as soon as someone sits down to write it! Most of us shared something we knew. As usual, Beverly knew a lot on the topic and I believe all of us learnt something we did not know. Thanks Dana and thanks to all of us.

In addition to the produce, both fresh and frozen, we had plants, quality yard-sale items, drinks and food. Tina and Barb brought art and photocopies of painting, and Barb showed how to make origami lilies. Too bad, my photographic equipment and abilities do not allow the inclusion here of a picture of 5 or 6 women focused on their flower making. It was wonderful! (Tee was taking pictures so I hope we will get to see some of her photographs somewhere!)

The weather was beautiful, we had some trouble following the direction of the sun to remain in the shade (next year, we will remember!) but we were able to stay in the shade and it was quite comfortable. The company was great and I want to thank everybody who participated, especially Marianne who came back from California in time, Tina and Barb who arrived early in the morning with tables and chair and helped set up, Karen who not only cleaned the house with her magical vacuum, but led the making of blueberries turnovers the day