

games, movie time, projects around the house, and paddleboarding on the Tualatin River.

Then it was off to Naturita, Colorado for our 39th annual PEAR reunion. A surprising number of family members (almost all from the area) attended the Friday night gettogether and the Saturday potluck—for a total of 37 attendees. Allison, Nanette, and crew prepared a spaghetti dinner, cakes, cupcakes, and a special horse decorated cake for Friday night.

On Potluck Saturday, the Steer Clear and Cow Pie Bingo games went over well. People wanted to play the Steer Clear game over and over because of the challenge to not step on a steer while blindfolded.

My Mom, Robert and I stayed in a B&B in nearby Redvale enjoying a kitchen, separate bedrooms AND separate bathrooms! The B&B was unique as it was a hunting ranch with concrete floors, tall counters and an elk head mounted on the living room wall. One downside: the drive from Naturita on a gravel road through a very steep canyon was edgy.

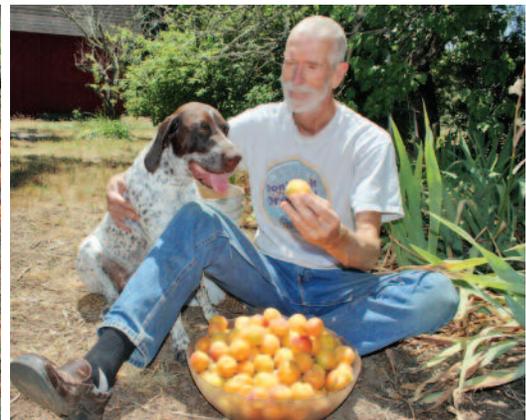
Top photo below shows nine grandchildren of James & Elizabeth Gray (my grandparents) and two of their children: Alice (my Mom) and Nancy (both center front).

Bottom photo shows just “some” of Nancy’s descendants who all attended this year’s reunion (plus significant others, their children and one in-law sibling).

Oregon & Colorado Adventures

We spent two weeks at the end of July and the beginning of August traveling first to Oregon to stay with Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra for a week then to Colorado for the 2020 Gray PEAR Affair.

Our mission for the Oregon trip was for Tim and Robert to build a tree house for the kids. Great plans were laid however buying lumber for the tree house was not to be. All backordered due to the pandemic; too many at-home building projects happening right now. Photos above show Robert with a massive bolt for the tree house and then the Pines on the deck scoping out where the tree house will go. No tree house build gave us lots of time to do other things—like picnicking, hiking, board



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Left: Unreal scene in our woods, pine needles aglow from red sun caused by the many fires in our area. Right: This summer’s bumper apricot crop.