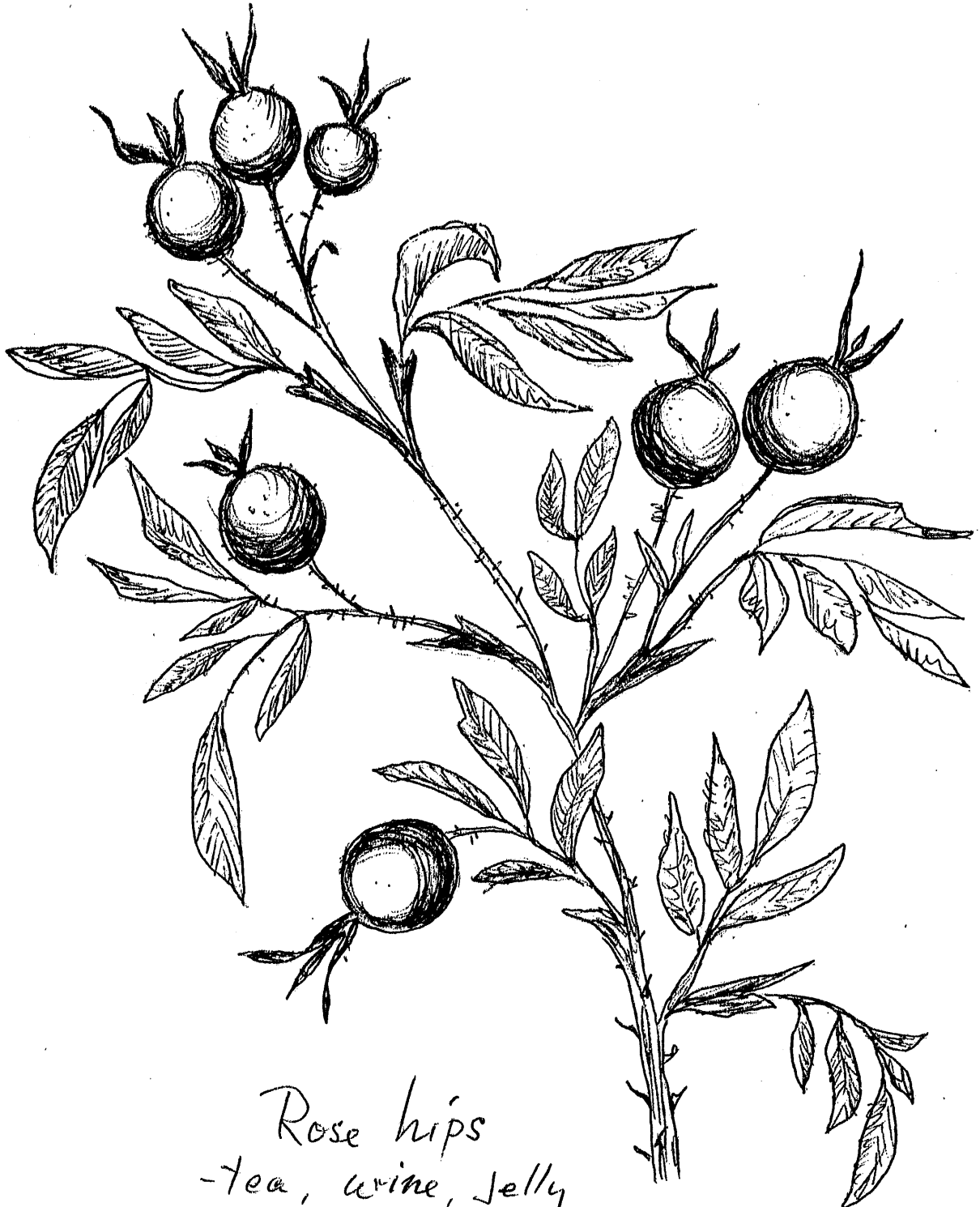




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Rose hips
-tea, wine, jelly

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* MEETING *** OCTOBER 8, 1975 *** 7:30 p.m. *
* W. Fed. Savings & Loan, Hwy. 93 S at the *
* time & temperature sign *
* Danny On, a well known photographer from Whitefish, *
* will show slides of wildlife and wildflowers. *
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TENTATIVE TRIPS:

Oct. 11,12,13 El Capitan via Tin Cup Creek
Bill Morgan, Leader
Oct. 25,26,27 Glacier Park (possible trip to Granite Park
Chalet) George & Myra Howe, Leaders Phone No.
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REPORT ON TRIPS LEAD BY MEMBERS DURING THE SUMMER

- May 10-Bitterroot River Canoe Trip-Chief Looking Glass to Lolo
Leaders Dick & Adele Wolf.
Partly cleared for one gorgeous spring day, delightful
canoe trip, 4 crafts, 8 paddlers. Ate lunch on a gravel
river bar under occupied osprey nest. Took awhile to
maneuver through boy scout troop after lunch. Leisurely
trip--shorter than expected. Water just high enough to
cover any obstacles.
- May 24-North Fork of the Blackfoot-Lincoln Scapegoat
Leaders George & Myra Howe.
Trip was cancelled due to terrible weather as was the
Skalkaho trip August 23.
- May 31-Bike Hike
Leader Carol Butterbaugh
Fifteen bicyclists and two small back seat riders peddled
from Florence across the Bitterroot River on the East Side
highway to Stevensville. A ride through the Bird Refuge
preceded lunch along the Bitterroot River. A short
informational visit was made at the Stevensville Ranger
Station for a preview of the Bitterroot South Planning Unit.
Cookies and a rest at Raelen's log home with a visit to the
St. Mary's Mission. After peddling back to Florence we
reconvened for steaks, salad, and Shaggy Mane mushrooms in
Missoula.
- June 15-Botany hike in Blodgett Canyon
Leader Virginia Vincent
June 15th. botany hike was attended by about 30 persons in
Blodgett creek west of Hamilton, Montana. Tho' showery in
the morning the day ended sunny and warm. Arnica bloomed at
the mouth of the canyon but was only budding at the crossing
3 miles upstream. Trillium on the other hand was in full-
bloom at the foot bridge having faded at lower elevations.
A few of the hardier souls clambered over talus to ledges
below the cliff where a profusion of flowers were found;
larkspur, chickweed, tiny mimulus, shooting stars & Suksdorfia.
This scenic trip was enhanced by the late spring runoff which
filled the creek with frothing, white water that overflowed
at places on the trail. Several waterfalls were noted on
the cliffs. No goats were seen but a white-throated swift
buzzed the ledge-climbers.
- July 3,4, & 5-Hike in Sun River area.
Leader Bennie Engelking
Six mountaineers hiked round trip--43 miles. Mushrooms for
the eating. Sheep, deer and elk abundantly seen.
- June 7-Sweathouse Creek Falls trip.
Leaders Raelen Kaag & Kay Lyons
Twenty-five to thirty people participated in an easy family
hike up Sweathouse Creek to Sweathouse Creek Falls. Those
present enjoyed the sunshine, abundant wildflowers, & a
pleasant lunch at the falls. A few people found morrell
mushrooms along the way.

July 26-Pattee Canyon

Leaders the Walkers

From Pattee Canyon up Mt. Sentinel. Very warm sunny day. About 11 came for the hike. Gradual trail-about 2½ miles one way. Highlights: 1) Pine drops identified by George Howe; 2) Owl clover identified by Myra Howe; 3) Six hang gliders folded and lying among the trees; and 4) a beautiful view of Missoula.

August 2-Camas Lake Hike

Leaders Dick and Adele Wolff

Summary: 16 hikers and 2 dogs make the "five mile family hike" to Camas Lake, which turned out to be seven steep miles. Nice weather. Lunch on the rocks near the lake.

Detailed Report: This is a steep seven mile round trip hike to a pretty mountain lake that has some fishing, too. Dick Kanesekies (sp.?), the fishing guide, suggests that fishing may be better at the two higher lakes above and over the talus rocks from Camas.

A fork in the trail about ½ mile before reaching Camas takes one to Kidney Lake which is also in the area but over the ridge from Camas.

The trail to Camas (or Kidney) is quite straight, rather steep and continuously upward. It generally follows Camas Creek, coming in view of it occasionally, with cascades and falls. There is a trail close around the lake, to the right, which goes to the talus rocks.

Directions: Almost nine miles south on Rt. 93 from the center of Hamilton, turn right on Lost Horse Road, which is just up the hill from Charlo Heights. Go two miles and turn right at the sign saying Moose Ridge. Then go 3½ miles on road which winds several times to "Camas Lakes" trail sign. Turn right and rough parking is 1/10 mile in. Trail-head begins at head of parking area and crosses creek abruptly to the right on a log.

August 13-Meeting/picnic

Leaders Don and Raelen Kaag

The August meeting/picnic was held at the Kaag's cabin in Stevensville. The thirty to thirty-five people who attended included many avid volley ball players who played until long after dark with the aid of a Coleman lantern. Nice weather and great food!

July 12-13-Hoo Doo Pass Hike.

Leader-Raelen Kaag

Sixteen enthusiastic Rocky Mountaineers met at the top of Hoo Doo Pass above Superior to hike along the ridge of the Montana-Idaho border. In addition to the beautiful view into both states, the group enjoyed a colorful array of glacier lilies, mountain heather, and bear grass. Everyone spent the night in "tent city" on the shores of Dalton Lake, where George Howe caught his limit of trout before supper. A "sing-along" that evening kept everyone up for hours. The loop trip was completed by traveling cross-country over the ridge to the mouth of Heart Lake and following a lower trail out. It was highlighted by a thundershower, and the fording of our or five creeks.

August 10-Turquoise Lake in the Missions

A pleasant day was had by the eight persons on this hike. Trail (six miles to lake) very good most of the way. Beautiful weather (sunny, 65 to 70 degrees), scenery, and huckleberries (along lower portion of the route). Surprising absence of mosquitoes. Spent two hours at the lake; would have been nice for overnight. Area not one of solitude this time of year. (On the way up the trail, we met a few couples or families returning from overnight trips. At Turquoise Lake, there was a large M.W.A. group from around Polson. Their leader, Bill Bishop, had coincidentally scheduled a hike there the same day; it was not listed in the M.W.A. summer schedule except as a hike in the Mission Mts. sometime in August.)

~~SHAKER ROSE HIP PRESERVES~~

taken from

Winding Roads Magazine '73

2 C rose hips	Clip blossom end, remove seeds.
½ C seeded raisins	Stuff with raisins. Drop in
½ tsp. rosewater, added last	boiling syrup made by cooking
1 C sugar	sugar & water. Cook gently
1 C water	about 20 min. Add rosewater &
	seal in very small glass
	containers.

WILD ROSE HIP JAM

taken from

Winding Roads Magazine '73

Take 2 bandannas full of rose hips gathered in Sept. while wandering the beach or climbing a mountain. Remove seeds in the evening by the campfire preferably in the company of good friends & conversation. Dump them in a pot & simmer slowly with 1½ handfuls of raisins or currants & enough water to keep covered. When you decide to roll up in your sleeping bag, remove from fire & let stand over night with cover. Next day at your leisure add a glop of honey, ½ a sneakerful of brown sugar, the left over lemon peels, cherries, & any other drainings from the glasses of last evening's happy time, & a very small knifetip of available spices. Cook these together until thick enough to hang to the spoon. Do not overcook. Put a tiny tip of geranium or mint leaf in the bottom of small jelly glasses, pour hot jam over this & seal. Present to your best friends at Xmas as a token of a memorable summer happening.

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