

# *The Hidden Bottle Hunt!*

## Explanations for Zone 1B Clues - 2021

### **CLUE 1**

So you want to find a treasure?  
Then think outside the box.  
To navigate this Swamp,  
You must be cunning like a Fox.

Stay head and shoulders above the crowd,  
Don't get buried in the vines,  
Happy days await you  
Within this county's lines.

### **SOLVE 1**

This clue points you to Marion County, which was named for Francis Marion, a U.S. Revolutionary War General. His nickname was the "Swamp Fox," and he had a reputation for being particularly cunning. Line 5 – Head and Shoulders shampoo = the original name of Marion County was Champooick District (later Champoeg). Vines is a reference to marionberries, which were named after the county where they were first grown. "Don't get buried in the vines" is also a hint to the hide location, which is next to marionberry bushes, but not in them. Finally, Marion Cunningham was the mom on Happy Days and was played by actress Marion Ross.

### **CLUE 2**

Look for a place of Temperance,  
There are no glasses to clink here,  
Though this grassy stop was once named Switzerland,  
Don't be neutral – stay west to earn cheers!

### **SOLVE 2**

This clue points you to Howell Prairie, which was named for John and Temperance Howell. Howell Prairie lies just west of Silverton, Oregon. The Oregonian Railway Company had a railway station originally named Howell Prairie, but it was changed to "Switzerland" in 1892. Stay west of this spot, carving off the eastern part of Marion County.

### **CLUE 3**

You've learned the ins-n-outs of hunting  
And solved the first two clues.  
Why don'cha make it a trifecta?  
The reward is yours, if you choose.

The stakes are high, but don't get burned.  
For the winner of this trial,  
The cherry on top of this peaceful prize,  
Will really make you smile.



### **SOLVE 3**

This clue points to the city of Salem. The middle of line 3 is a homophone for Chemeketa, an early name for the Salem area after a similar sounding Kalapuya name for the spot, Chim-i-ki-ti, which means "meeting or resting place" in the Central Kalapuya language of Santiam. Stakes, burned, trial = Salem, Massachusetts witch trials. Salem's nickname is "Cherry City." Finally, peaceful = Salem was reportedly named for the Arabic word for peace (salam) or Hebrew word for peace (shalom), depending on the source.

### **CLUE 4**

Extra! Extra! Check out this news!  
Lordly leader's daughter on a mission  
To beautify a statesman's views.

Stop the presses! Here's the scoop!  
Ness's avian adversary gives a hoot  
It's not untouchable - swoop on down and find that loot!

### **SOLVE 4**

This clue points to Bush's Pasture Park, the northern end of which is on Mission Street on the edge of downtown Salem. The park is named for the original farmland and homestead of early prominent Salem resident Asahel Bush. Asahel founded the "Oregon Statesman" newspaper (predecessor to Statesman Journal) and later founded Ladd & Bush Bank. The Bush home, gardens, and barn are still on the property, and, because of the Bush family's restrictive land conveyance, much of the parkland is fairly similar to how it was in the mid-1800s. Elizabeth Lord, daughter of former Oregon Governor William Paine Lord, was a Salem resident and formed one of the first women-owned landscape architecture firms on the west coast. Together with her partner, Edith Schryver, Elizabeth Lord designed a number of notable gardens, including those around the Bush residence.

In 2015 a barred owl famously took up residence in Bush's Pasture Park's beautiful oak trees. The owl was very protective, and took to swooping down and stealing joggers' hats and clawing their heads. The owl's attacks on multiple joggers made national news. Statesman Journal newspaper held a contest to name the owl. The winning name was "Owlcapone," beating out other contenders such as "Owlpachino" and "Thurston Owl III." Al Capone was the adversary of untouchable prohibition agent Eliot Ness. Rachel Maddow's show created a swooping 'angry owl' warning sign for the park that Bush's Pasture Park employees placed in various locations around the park. Salem Parks Foundation sold many copies of the popular 'angry owl' sign to fundraise for improvements to the playground in the southern part of Bush's Pasture Park.

### **CLUE 5**

Felines and bovines may have been favored by Sally,  
But the binturong looms Giant over this rally.

Climb onto your soapbox (but not the political kind)  
To redeem the winning dime – be the first at the finish line!

### **SOLVE 5**

This clue points to the bottle hide location in the park. Sally Bush, daughter of Asahel Bush, lived on the Bush family farm until her death in 1946. She was a



lover of animals, especially cats and cows, which roamed freely over the property. A sculpture titled "The Cow and the Cat" and plaque honoring Sally Bush are just up the hill from the hide site. Willamette University's football stadium, McCulloch Stadium, is in the middle of the park, and near the hide. Willamette University's mascot is the bearcat, Latin name binturong. The NY Giants football team held scrimmages at McCulloch Stadium in the 1950s. A soapbox derby track runs through the park between the Bearcat stadium and the playground where The Cow & The Cat sculpture is located. The bottle is hidden in bushes right by the soapbox derby finish line.

