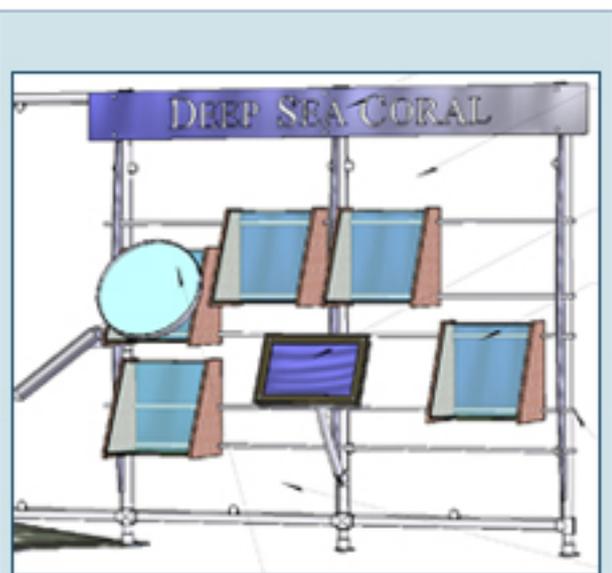


## Changes coming to the OCDC!

The OCDC will close for remodeling sometime after the first of the year. In March we will reopen with a new Deep Sea Coral exhibit. This exhibit will feature models of deep sea corals first photographed in the summer of 2006, an integrated media player with a more photos of the deep sea habitats, and new videos in the dive theater! Prior to our grand re-opening event we will have a special training session for OCDC volunteers so you will be able to tell visitors all about these deep sea communities.



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## Volunteers recognized

October 21 we met at the ONP visitor center for a potluck supper, a report on current research in OCNMS, and volunteer recognition. For those of you who were unable to join us, here are some of the impressive statistics shared that evening: Since the OCDC opened in the summer of 2004, we have greeted 47,682 visitors from across the United States and around the world. In that time, OCDC volunteers have contributed 9250 hours or approximately \$18,000 worth of service to OCNMS. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

We also recognized outstanding individual volunteers for their service: Jim and Becky Jewell have each worked over 1100 hours, Rose Forbes more than 700 hours, Beth Winslow over 500 hours, and Jaci Pumphrey more than 450 hours.



### **Whale of an event**

John Calambokidis of Cascadia research was in Port Angeles on November 1. He presented a talk on whales in Puget Sound at the Feiro Marine Life Center, and then joined COASST volunteers for another talk on whales off the Washington coast. Part of the incredible research completed this summer included attaching a small video camera to the back of a blue, humpback or gray whale, and letting the animals show us what happens underwater. This amazing video footage will be part of a National Geographic special about whales airing in early 2009.

### **OCDC Christmas party**

Volunteers are invited to Janet and Jim Lamont's home on Wednesday, December 17 for an informal Christmas party beginning about noon. We'll provide soup and sandwiches, and you are invited to bring your favorite holiday cookies. If you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, bring an extra dozen cookies as well as the recipe. You will be able to take home a variety of holiday cookies and a bunch of new recipes. We will also have an optional gift exchange – a locally made item valued at approximately \$10. Craft fairs and the Saturday farmer's market are great locations to shop for these items. If you would like to attend, please call us at 565-1460.

