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Next Docent Society Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 9 A.M. AT THE VISITOR CENTER

The general election of officers for TPDS will take place at the Annual Meeting on February 15. The nominating committee (militant Horger, Bill Brothers, and Isabel Buechler) is asking for your recommendations for docents to serve on the Executive Board. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Nominees must provide their consent either by writing or by being present to accept verbally a nomination at the annual meeting.

Following the election (and refreshments), we will car-pool to the Extension. There, Ranger Bob Wohl will lead us on a walk to explore the trails which most of us seldom see.

The Docent Society Executive Board consists of four elected officers, Duty Coordinator, Torreyana Editor, and committee chairpersons. Please contact a member of the nominating committee to volunteer or make recommendations. Following is a brief description of the duties of elected officers:

President: Presides over the general meetings, annual meeting, and Executive Board meetings; may co-sign checks of the Society; may aid the Executive Secretary (Bob Wohl) in carrying out the business of the Society.

Vice President: Acts in the absence of the President and coordinates the program planning for general meetings and training sessions.

Treasurer: Is responsible for administering the finances of the Society; receives and disburses monies from dues, donations, and sales; keeps the Society books and records; submits an annual financial report; may co-sign checks of the Society.

Recording Secretary: Keeps the minutes of Executive Board meetings, the Annual Meeting, and business portions of general meetings; may prepare official correspondence of the Society in cooperation with the Executive Secretary.

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Please help keep the Docent Society lively and interesting for everyone by sharing in the work. We need your full support, which means doing monthly duty, serving on the Board, or assisting with membership, training, refreshments, etc.

Let's have a large turnout of Docents at this important meeting.

REFRESHMENTS FOR JANUARY MEETING

We like to mention names of those who bring refreshments to meetings and are sorry we failed in attempts to learn who all of the donors were for the January meeting. Everyone enjoyed the delicious assortment of rolls, doughnuts, breads, cookies, and preserves. Some of the contributors were the Dunhams, Bill Anderson, Isabel Buechler, and Margaret Bardwick. We apologize to those whose names were not obtained, and a sincere thank you to all.

The clamor for Margaret Bardwick's delectable kumquat marmalade brought forth the following.



MARGARET BARDWICK'S MARMALADE

Margaret reports that the recipe for the marmalade she brought to the January meeting was originated by an English professor who grows his own kumquats. Here it is:

Sidney's Kumquat Marmalade

100 kumquats
3 ripe (yellow) limes
3 large navel oranges

Cut kumquats into 6 slices with a single-edged razor blade. Save all the juice. Boil in a 3-quart saucepan. Fruit should be almost covered with water.

Slice oranges and limes thinly and cut in eighths with a stainless steel knife. Boil as above. Then in a large stainless steel pot add 5 pounds of sugar to the combined fruits and boil. Stir constantly until 2 drops, side by side, make a sheet when dropped from a metal spoon. Pour into sterilized jars and seal.

Margaret said she made it this way once. On other occasions, though, she has used a food processor (much easier!) but said the marmalade isn't as pretty. Marge Amann has a recipe that's also easier and much faster because it uses Certo. Contact her if you'd like it.



Add to the reasons for living in the San Diego area: there are more species of birds here than almost anywhere else in the USA because of our coastline and southern latitude. So says David King, Scripps Institution of Oceanography graduate student and knowledgeable bird watcher, who gave about 40 docents at the January meeting considerable background on bird distribution and identification. He followed up his talk and slide show with a brief trip to Peñasquitos lagoon.

Among information presented by David: there are approximately 10,000 species of birds in the world, of which about 800 are in North America. In California alone 530 species have been tallied, placing it next to Texas (always vying to be biggest!), which has 550 species. As you might guess, the tropics are home to more birds than are northerly climes. In the San Diego area, 460 species have been observed, many of them migrants. The attraction is our unusually varied terrain of ocean, coastal plains, mountains, and desert.

David belongs to a volunteer group which has counted more than 270 species at San Elijo lagoon over 10 years. Records have been kept for Peñasquitos lagoon but have not yet been analyzed. Bird populations vary from season to season, with water birds doubling their numbers in January and February. On the other hand, October is the best month for finding shore bird migrants. Land birds vary less.

And if changes in bird names confuse you, complaints should go to the American Ornithological Society, which is constantly revising its name list in an attempt to evolve a standard global nomenclature. Nor is a bird's name always a clue to its appearance: our double-crested cormorant, for example, has scarcely any crests to be seen. The black-bellied plover is white-bellied except during breeding season.

Trying to label a gull can be perhaps the most frustrating, since gulls change their color from year to year as they grow, and sometimes from summer to winter. Furthermore, there are no such birds as seagulls. They are all something else, like California, Western, ring-billed, or Heermann's gulls. Mallards are another group trying to drive bird watchers crazy: they are indiscriminate in their mating habits and produce offspring of the Heinz 57 variety.

Never mind what they're called, it's always a thrill to see a beautiful or unusual bird, especially when you come upon one unexpectedly. As we watched the gulls, godwits, and willets at the lagoon, David drew our attention to some overlooked activity almost at our feet. There, nestling themselves into the algae-strewn sand, their white and beige feathers almost a perfect camouflage, were at least 19 snowy plovers. We had been there at least ten minutes before even David spotted them. It was quite a lesson in the patience and careful observation required for successful bird-watching.

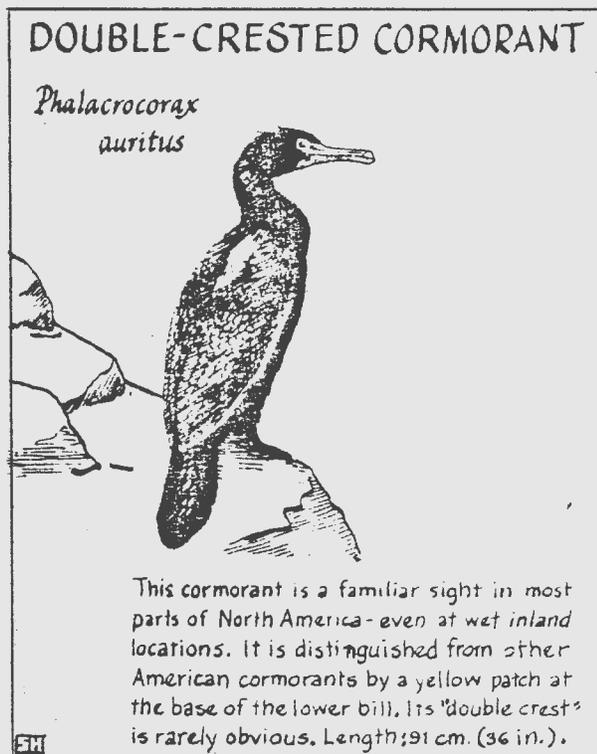
Incidentally, if you care to join David's group of volunteer bird watchers and counters, they meet usually the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Park and Ride by Carmel Mountain Road. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2.

Getting to Know You by Marc Gittelsohn

In 1984, when planning an early retirement, I knew that one of the things I wanted to do was volunteer in some conservation or outdoor setting. I recalled a delightful nature walk in the 1970's in one of my favorite places, Torrey Pines, led by Mary Kelley, and I also learned that a colleague sang in the UCSD chorus with Pam Van Atta, who belonged to a group called the Torrey Pines Docent Society. That contact brought me to the Society's great party of Christmas '84; I've been hooked ever since. It is a pleasure being associated with a really fine organization that advances one of the West's most beautiful spots--and that just three miles from my home.

A native of San Francisco, I grew up in Berkeley where I went to Cal (BA in history, 1950; MLS, 1956). Summers brought many trips to the Sierras, and I even spent several high school breaks in the Forest Service doing blister rust (who remembers that?) and fire control. After the Army, I served at the UC Berkeley library until 1971, when I transferred to UCSD to be undergraduate librarian. As Northern Californians, my wife (a third grade teacher at Del Mar Hills), my children (Joel, a grad student at UConn; Amy, at Humboldt State), and I had a little trouble adjusting to San Diego's flora of subtle grey greens and its soils of unique hue. Now, we love it.

While I am assiduously learning our "bushes and herbs," I hope that as a history buff I can make an extra contribution by learning and sharing more about the historical past of Torrey Pines. Right now I have a particular interest in our three 19th century "MDs"--Parry, Torrey, and the unsung John Lawrence LeConte.



Secretary's Notes by Betty Andrews

The Torrey Pines Docent Society met in the Lodge at 9 a.m. on January 18, 1986, with 38 members in attendance.

President Glenn Dunham announced that new book marks have been printed, along with membership cards and plant lists. He sent around the duty roster and attendance sheet.

Ranger Bob Wohl informed us that the 1986 annual passes are on sale. Docents are asked to emphasize that they are day-use passes only. The Docent Society gets 25% of every pass sold. There is also a second-vehicle pass for \$10, available only from a ranger.

Bob told us the roof has been repaired and the ceiling patched. Sacramento has earmarked \$300,000 for Torrey Pines; \$120,000 of this is to be used to rehabilitate the lodge, and \$100,000 is specified for trail work.

Glenn reminded us that the days from February 3 to 14 are designated for docent appreciation. Most museums offer free entrance to all docents with identification.

The speaker, David King, was introduced. He is a graduate student at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and spoke to us on birds we may see in the area. His lecture was accompanied by slides.

Following refreshments, David led a group on a bird walk in the lagoon and shore area.

News and Notes



WELCOME BACK, BETTY ANDREWS

It was a pleasure to see Betty at the January meeting, her first since having hip surgery. We missed her and hope her recovery continues to progress well.

MARGARET ALLEN VISITS THE RESERVE

A few docents were lucky enough to have a short chat with Margaret Allen when she paid a brief visit to the Reserve on the 26th of January. We were sorry to learn she was in the hospital again recently. Our best wishes go to her for a speedy return to good health.

PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Jessie LaGrange recently delivered copies of the Lagoon Enhancement Plan to the Lodge. One of the copies is for the Docent Society and should be left at the desk in the Lodge. Further information on activities of the Lagoon Foundation is reported regularly in the Torreyana and should be of interest to all docents.

TPDS PRESIDENT'S NOTES by Glenn Dunham

The SD Docent League docent appreciation days will be Feb. 4 - 14. There will be free admission to many museums and special events. You must have some identification that you are a docent, badge or card, and the free admission is not generally good for others, such as spouses. There will be a kickoff reception at the Aerospace Museum on Feb. 4 at 9:30 AM for those who gave their names.

FREE ADMISSION for Docents at all times.

- Museum of Photographic Arts
- Aerospace Museum
- Museum of Man
- Scripps Aquarium
- Maritime Museum
- Mingei Intl. Museum
- Children's Museum

FREE ADMISSION ONLY FOR DOCENT APPRECIATION DAYS

- TORREY PINES STATE RESERVE!!! YEA!
- Historical Society Serra Museum
- Museum of Natural History

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS/PROGRAMS

- SD Museum of Art free admission 2/4 and 2/5 w/docent tours at 10 & 11 AM and 1 & 2 PM each day.
- Old Globe 2/8 11 AM behind the scenes tour & free admission.
- Old Town State Historic Park 2/8 10AM to 3PM living history demo's at 9 stations.
- Scripps Aquarium 2/7 7-9PM wine & cheese open house.
- There are some other special tours & refreshment times that couldn't be listed so please call me if you have a specific museum or day in mind.

Please call me if you have any questions or if you have a problem gaining admission with your card or badge(we did last year but it may have been due to it being the first year this was held).

The Canyoneer organization of the Natural History Museum will be having some advanced training lectures and field trips. The first is on 'Pollination Ecology' given by Dr. Geoff Levin on Thursday 2/13 at 7:30 PM in the Museum Auditorium and the canyoneers are allowed to invite interested friends (that's you, so you're invited).

Last but not least, is a recommendation that if you want to help the Docent Society prosper and grow, we need officers and committee members so please call our nominating committee or volunteer when there is an opening.

Notes from the Naturalist by Hank Nicol

MY MISTAKE

American Forests (subtitled The Magazine of Trees and Forests) ran a story by Docent Karen Dusek this last November. The editor added a box which said, "The Torrey pine is the only yellow pine whose needles grow in fascicles (or bundles) of five." That, unfortunately, is wrong. And I know exactly where the mistake came from.... I will try to excuse myself by saying that I had usually weasel worded it by including a "that I know of." I didn't know much. After eight plus years around here, I've realized that there are several five-needled yellow pines in Mexico. One of them is the beautiful Montezuma pine. The Hartweg, the Michoacan, the Douglas, the Cooper, and the pseudostrobus pines are usually five-needled. There may be more. I guess pseudostrobus could be translated to "false white" since pinus strobus is the eastern white pine. Actually "strobus" has to do with something that twists or turns. My feeble mind had lumped all of them with the white pines. I feel only a little better because I know that some early foresters had classed the Torrey pine with the white pines just because it has five needles. These same people called the piñones "yellow pines" because they did not have five needles. Now, of course, we all know that the Martínez piñon does have five needles.



My trouble was that I'd looked in the book and hadn't paid attention to what was right there and plain to see. The Montezuma, and the other pines, are listed right where they should be. They come right after their close relations, the Ponderosa and Jeffrey pines.

There are various ways of dividing up the pines. Splitting them into two main groups of white and yellow, for the color of the wood, is one way. However, this has become botanically uncool. It's not considered much better than calling some other pines "black," "red," and "stoned." If you want to appear scientific, you should call these two major divisions "haploxyton" (white) and "diploxyton" (yellow). Haploxyton pines have one vascular bundle down the middle of each needle. Diploxyton pines have two. Buy a magnifying glass, and you can be an expert. Maybe it will take you less than eight years.



Hank

TPA Topics

Next Torrey Pines Association Meeting

The Torrey Pines Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 20, at 3 p.m. in the Torrey Pines Lodge. The meeting agenda and membership renewal forms will be mailed to all members shortly.



Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation
P.O. Box 866 Cardiff, CA 92007

LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION REPORT by Jessie LaGrange

At the regular meeting on January 22, several aspects of land acquisition and management were discussed following issues raised by Bob Conway regarding liability and maintenance of Public Lands. Carol Arnold from Coastal Conservancy supported Conway's selection of "Land Trust Exchange" as an accepted authority on insurance matters. He has volunteered to make the necessary inquiries and report on insurance cost estimates at the February meeting.

Don Rose of San Diego Gas and Electric and Bill Fait of State Parks and Recreation reported on the proposed acquisition of the utility company land. Don Rose stated that action has stalled in Sacramento. The appraisal of the 242 acres was completed by the State on December 15, 1985. Since that date, SDG&E has started an Environmental Impact Report process to enable development on this land. At this critical time, the State needs to move quickly, as the fund for acquisition has been legislated in the 1985-86 State budget. Delay could increase the cost. The Foundation Board will start communications with State Senator Craven and State Assemblywoman Sunny Mojonier to urge negotiations for this important acquisition. All concerned are asked to join in this action. Addresses are:

- Senator William Craven, 38th District
State Capitol Building, Room 3070
Sacramento, CA 95814 OR:
2121 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 100
Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: 237-7812

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*A copy of "Outline of Proposed Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bill (1/21/86 Draft)" has been posted on the Docent bulletin board.

- Assemblywoman Sunny Mojonnier
State Capitol Building, Room 4015
Sacramento, CA 95814 OR:

3368 Governor Drive, Suite C
San Diego, CA 92122
Phone: 457-5775

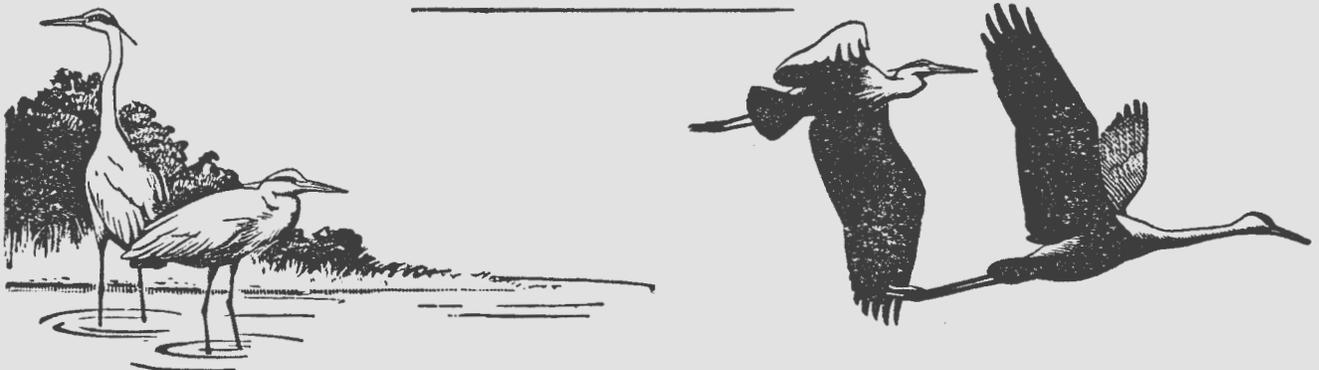
Other action on this will be calls to the State Department of General Services, Larry Buezyck; State Parks and Recreation, Gordon McDaniels; and the State Park Planning Department, Ross Henry. The City of San Diego has offered a joint proposal with the State regarding funding participation, which is awaiting negotiation. Information is needed to describe this action. City Manager Cy Murray and Deputy Manager John Fowler will be contacted for information and a progress report.

Bill Fait explained the monitoring contract for the Lagoon Enhancement Plan. Don Coppock from Coastal Conservancy brought the new copies of the updated plan for distribution. Also, he presented the Foundation Board with a contract to be agreed upon between the Coastal Conservancy and the Lagoon Foundation Board. The contract will be reviewed by Board Attorney Corkey Wharton.

In other matters, Denyse Racine of State Fish and Game and Lee LaGrange described channel improvements east of the lagoon mouth that were started on January 22. This operation was planned to coincide with high tides that would provide a vigorous flushing action. However, the surf came up very big on January 23, with much sand transported by the turbulence onto the beach berm and upstream. A contingency plan was instituted, with spoil from the channel improvement pushed onto the beach face at low tide, and a dam placed along the berm to protect the inland channels. Then, back to waiting, as this is traditionally the rainy season. Hope is for a full lagoon with more volume and thus increased velocity from inland in the near future. The Fish and Game Department funded this project.

The Beau Soleil (WYER) EIR has been received. This proposal is being evaluated by Denyse Racine and Corkey Wharton, and comments will be offered to Board members before the City deadline of February 21. Detailed information on the parcels is available from Jessie LaGrange (755-1769).

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 26, at the Solana Beach McDonald's public room at 7:00 p.m.



TORREY PINES DOCENT SOCIETY

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Deadline for Torreyana copy is the 25th of each month.

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Poetry Corner

The ocean at the bidding of the moon
Forever changes with his restless
tide;

O, leave me here upon this beach to
rove,

Mute listener to that sound so grand
and lone!

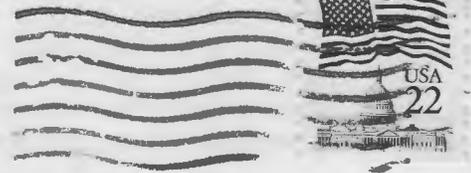
Charles Tennyson

JUDY ON DUTY



On your mark....get set....GO!
(and the last one to Scammon's
Lagoon is a "rotten Grunion"!!)

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