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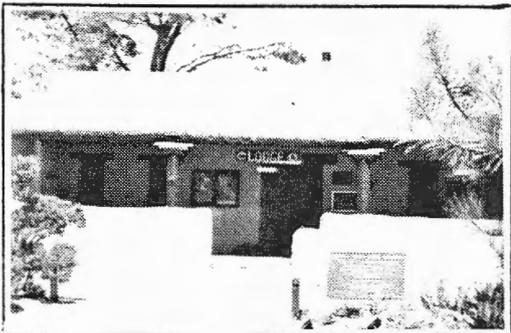
Next Docent Society Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 9:00 A.M. AT THE VISITOR CENTER

The June agenda will include a slide show and discussion of Torrey Pines Extension by naturalist Barbara Moore. Following refreshments, Barbara will lead a walk in the Extension. This is an opportunity to see a number of plants not found in the main part of the Reserve. Car pools can be formed as necessary.

So far, the majority of votes for the off-Reserve meeting this year favor Borrego. Anyone who has an idea for another location or for a meeting topic is asked to get in touch with program chairman Michael Fox, who says his request for input last month was. . .underwhelming.

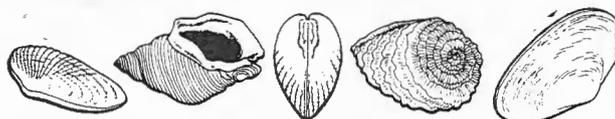
TORREY PINES LODGE WINS "SOHO" AWARD



Restoration of Torrey Pines Lodge, completed last year, has received the 1988 Cultural Resources Conservation award from the local Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO). Supervising Ranger Bob Wohl accepted the award for the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation at a ceremony in May honoring the year's ten recipients selected in the sixth annual "People in Preservation" program.

Along with the award certificate from SOHO came a special commendation from Mayor Maureen O'Connor which states, "Your dedication and commitment to historic preservation is and will continue to be cherished and valued by all San Diegans."

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Secretary's Notes by Patricia B. Foster

DOCENT SOCIETY MEETING MAY 21, 1988

(Note: Official minutes of the regular meeting of the Docent Society as well as of the Executive Board are posted in the docent room in the Lodge.)

Trainees: President Parker Foster welcomed the new docent trainees, who had completed their six week training program. He advised them to use this general meeting for attendance credit on their docent check list. Praise was given to Michael Fox for doing an excellent job in their orientation program.

Plant Pictures: Cindy Dobler, Park Aide, spoke briefly about her identification of plants on the Guy Fleming trail, using photographs taken by Herb Swanson. Herb announced the photos were for sale at 35 cents each or \$7.00 per set of 20.

"Owl Award": Parker presented Grace Martin with the first annual "Owl Award" in recognition of her work as last year's president. Grace has assumed the position of temporary Duty Coordinator during Maurie Brown's absence through September 1988. Grace reiterated that the main functions of docents were manning the Lodge and giving nature walks. Trail patrol, with approval by Bob Wohl, and non-native plant removal and trail maintenance are secondary docent functions. New docents were asked to serve with experienced docents during the coming months.

Membership Roster: An updated membership roster was distributed by Millicent Horger, who received computer printing help from Jeanne Dunham. Twenty new docent trainees were added to the list.

New Video Equipment: Jared Aldern presented the new professional video equipment which will be available for docent use in approximately 30 days. A vote of appreciation was given to Jared for his research and location of the equipment. Jared has transferred ranger nature shows to the new high resolution monitor, using a dissolving technique between pictures. The present equipment will remain intact in the slide room for alternate use.

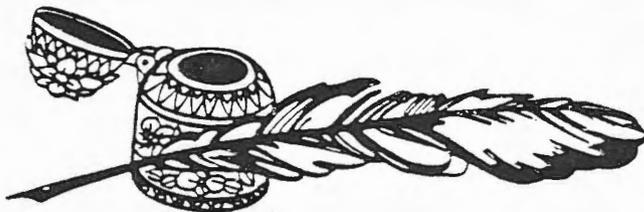
Other Announcements:

Rowdy James has received a new supply of the book, *Flowering Plants of the Santa Monica Mountains*, for sale at \$16.99.

Michael Fox stated that Librarian Marc Gittelsohn's handout, "How Our Library Works," was very helpful to new docents, as was Bill Brothers' lecture on plants.

A get-well card was signed to send to Sarge Walker.

Interpretive Walk: Bob Wohl led an interpretive technique walk at the close of the meeting. He also emphasized diplomatic ways to approach persons who were breaking Reserve rules.



DOCENT DUTY UPDATE by Grace Martin

(Ed. note: Grace Martin will substitute for Maurie Brown as Duty Coordinator for the next three months.)

As Maurie Brown heads East for three months, we thank her for her hard work as Duty Coordinator and wish her well. Have a good summer, Maurie.

As you see below, the *Torreyana* now includes a duty calendar which I hope will serve two purposes: one, a reminder of the duty for which you have committed; and two, an opportunity to sign up for any time still open.

An innovation for summer weekends and holidays will be the scheduling of a third docent on duty for the 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. shift. This docent will help in whatever way needed, but particularly by offering short walks of 10 or 15 minutes around the Lodge. On some weekends lately the number of visitors has been so great that it is almost impossible for one person in the Lodge to put on the slide show and take care of other duties. We hope the new scheduling will alleviate the extremely heavy duty load and better serve the public with the short walks.

If you have not yet signed up for six hours for June and are willing to sign on as a third docent, please give me a call. I will certainly appreciate your cooperation in this and all duty in the months to come. THANKS!!!

DUTY CALENDAR

JUNE						
WEEKDAYS - 11 to 2 WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS - 11 to 2, 1 to 4			FOR CHANGES; Call Grace Martin 452-1176			
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 MARINE	2 MORRISON	3	4 L - SWANSON W - SWANSON L - FOSTER, P.V. W - SCHULMAN
5 L - BARDWICK, P W - BARDWICK, M L - FOSTER W - FOSTER, P.V.	6 GITTELSOHN	7 MARTIN	8 BARDWICK	9 MORRISON	10 KLIPSTEIN	11 L - SWANSON W - SWANSON L - MORROW, J W - MORROW, C
12 L - MORRISON W - JOLLETT L - KLIPSTEIN W - DIXON	13 GITTELSOHN	14 MORRISON	15 MARGULIES	16 MORROW, J.	17	18 L - KIERNAN W - TAYLOR L - TAYLOR W - KIERNAN
19 L - HUMPHREYS W - HORGER L - DUNHAM W - DUNHAM	20 BARDWICK	21 MARTIN	22 MARGULIES	23 MORRISON	24 BUECHLER	25 L - SWANSON W - SWANSON L - MORROW, J. W - MORROW, C
26 L - SCHULMAN W - L - HUMPHREYS W - SCHULMAN	27	28 MORRISON	29 FOSTER, P	30 MARINE		

THANK YOU, MR. HACKETT, EVEN THOUGH . . .

Ranger Greg Hackett recently spoke about the duties of a ranger at Oak Crest Junior High in Encinitas. Here are a couple of the thank-you letters he received:

"Thank you for speaking to our class about parks and your job. Even though our teacher is turning us into robots and taking away our free will and forcing us like a constricting viper, sucking out my life force and energy to write this $\frac{1}{2}$ page letter.

"I especially liked your suggestion to volunteer. I think that is an excellent idea. Another point about your job that you brought up that is important: The fact that you need to get involved. And it's true, a ranger just can't go out and do his own thing. He needs to do his job, which is help people!"

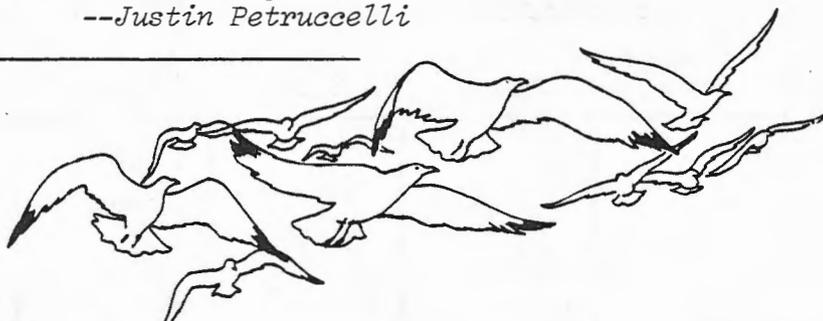
--Kelly Snyder

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"Thank you for speaking about being a park ranger. I thought that it was very interesting that you were also a kind of police officer. I think it would be very interesting to be a park ranger, because I like working with other people.

"I especially liked the situations that you gave us and how you told us what you would do in that situation. I think I might want to get a summer job as a ranger when I am old enough!"

--Justin Petrucci



CLASSIFYING CREATURES CORRECTLY

In response to the reference to an exaltation of larks in last month's article on "A Medley of Mockingbirds," Marc Gittelsohn brought the editor a book listing the proper collective nouns to describe various kinds of groups. The book is entitled--what else?--*An Exaltation of Larks* (James Lipton, 1968). It does not include mockingbirds.

On the assumption that docents strive to be correct in their talks to the public, we list here in alphabetical order terms that apply to some of the creatures associated with the Reserve:

an army of caterpillars
a murder of crows
a dule of doves
a paddling of ducks
a charm of finches
a skulk of foxes
a skein of geese

a cast of hawks
a siege of herons
a kindle of kittens
a parliament of owls
a congregation of plovers
an unkindness of ravens
a pod of seals

a host of sparrows
a dray of squirrels
a mummuration of starlings
a flight of swallows
a gam of whales
a descent of woodpeckers

You may want to add your own "nouns of multitude," as these terms are also known. For example, what would you call a group of docents? Send your suggestions to the *Torreyana*. The winner will be printed in next month's issue. Prize: an extra copy of the newsletter to send to your relatives.

Notes from the Naturalist

by Hank Nicol

Here is an excerpt from my "Notes" of March 15, 1984. I have used three introductory paragraphs that were originally left out to save space. I called the story

TORREY OAKS



"Robur the oak." That isn't even a complete sentence, but Pliny the Elder made it do for a whole chapter. No more was needed. In Pliny's day, A.D. 23-79 and thereabouts, everyone knew the symbolism, traditions, and legends carried by the oak.



I wondered what Pliny meant. The Latin name for oak is "quercus." I looked in a very old Latin/English dictionary left over from high school. It turned out that "Robur" can mean several things: strength, hardiness, courage. Since robur also means oak, the scientific name for the English oak, *Quercus robur*, could mean "oak oak." It more probably means "strong oak" because it and that other oak of England, *Quercus petraea*, were cut down to build the fleet which built the British Empire.



There are about 450 species of oaks in the world and about 80 in the United States. Mexico is the country richest in oaks with around 125 species. Most oaks are trees. *Quercus dumosa*, the California scrub oak is not, at least not usually. I've read that it can grow to 20 or 25 feet and have a trunk a foot thick. The biggest around here might be half that height and half that diameter.



Scrub oak is probably more variable in the size and shape of its leaves and acorns than any other species. Leaves can be from half an inch to up to an inch and three quarters long. Here at Torrey pines they are near the small end of the scale. The acorns can be fat or thin and anywhere from half an inch to over two inches long. You can see almost that much variation right here in the reserve. Acorns may mature in one or two seasons. Our scrub oak only needs one. They grow to size so quickly that it seems that one day there are no acorns, and the next they are on every bush.



The Viceroy of New Spain sent the Sacred Expedition of 1769 north to found San Diego and to locate Monterey Bay. The sacred part was led by Father Junipero Serra. The profane part was commanded by *Capitan* Don Gaspar de Portolà. The priests were Franciscans. The soldiers were volunteers from Spain's eastern mediterranean coast and Mexican Leatherjacket Soldiers. About halfway up the peninsula of Baja California the Spaniards began seeing a scrubby little oak that looked like a bush from back home. They called it by the same name, "*chaparro*." A thicket of it became "chaparral." Eventually the name was extended to cover any brush in the area. The Mexican soldiers wore flat, broad-brimmed hats and leather ponchos made of seven layers of deerskin. Leather is far better at stopping obsidian tipped arrows than is any steel armor light enough to be bearable. They also wore leather leggings for protection from the chaparral. Their chaplain, Father Crespi, called them "the finest horsemen in the world." I have often wondered why some San Diego team doesn't call itself the "Leatherjackets." It's more local than "Aztecs" and sounds tougher than "Padres." With time these Mexican *Soldados de Cuero* became vaqueros. They dropped the armor but kept the leggings. And that is why cowboys wear chaps.



Hank

News and Notes

DONOR RECOGNITION



From time to time the Docent Society receives small gifts of money in memory of a deceased family member or for other reasons. In order to establish a permanent record of these gifts, your Board has purchased an attractive record book in which the names of donors will be inscribed. At the time of completion of the new exhibit area in the Lodge, the book will be put in an appropriate place so that it is available to those who may be interested.

Plans are also under way to update the plaque that has been designated for names of persons who have made gifts of \$250 or more to further the work of the Docent Society. --Parker Foster

POSTSCRIPT ON GALLS



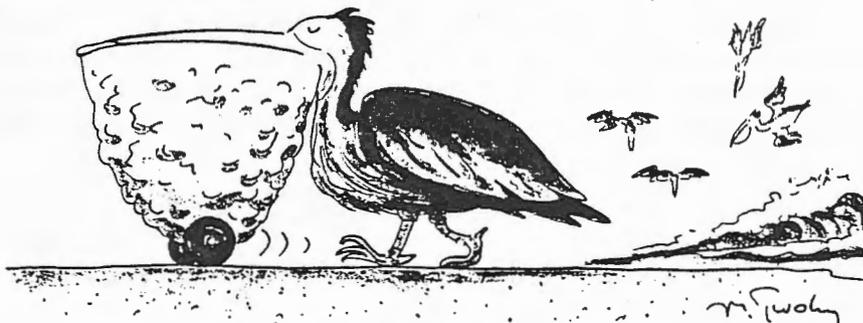
The response to the article on galls was most pleasing and gratifying. Seeing your enthusiastic interest, I decided to give the docent library a copy of the book that provided a large part of the material: *Plant Galls of the California Region*, by Ronald A. Russo. You will find a wealth of information in it. --Elizabeth Nicoloff

PARK AIDES

As summer comes and the number of visitors to the Reserve increases, the number of Park Aides does likewise. Currently serving as Aides are Glen Omvig, Lynn Holland, Cindy Dobler, and Jim Serpa. Incidentally, Jim served at TPSR as a student intern in 1981. Two more Aides are still to be hired for the busy season, according to Supervising Ranger Bob Wohl.

FOR COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE

For the comfort of visitors watching the slide show as well as audiences at meetings, the Docent Society recently purchased 24 folding chairs with vinyl covered padded seats and backs. The Society also contributed a card table, an additional electric coffee pot, and an extension cord with multiple outlets. Total cost, \$490.76.



Docent President's Notes by Parker Foster

Loosely defined, a *docent* is a hybrid cultural volunteer. As a group, we represent a large and relatively unacknowledged work force.

By strict definition, docents are teachers. The term, derived from a Latin word meaning "to teach" or "to instruct," has long been used to describe a university teacher or lecturer without regular faculty rank. The term as it is used for the cultural volunteer, however, is much less precise and spills over into areas other than instruction.

Docents today are as integral to our cultural and nature-oriented institutions as are the paid staffs. The Torrey Pines Docent Society is one of 34 such groups functioning in San Diego County. We should all be pleased and proud to be a part of this increasingly important tradition in our community. The Reserve staff and the Docent Board are most grateful for the manner in which our volunteers are representing Torrey Pines to our many visitors, especially as the summer season descends upon us.

IN MEMORIAM by Judy Schulman



Ruth Hand, a docent for the past 12 years, died April 22, 1988. She is survived by her husband, Tom, a son and daughter, and several grandchildren. Born in New York City in 1911, Ruth lived in various places along the east coast before moving to the San Diego area in the mid-1970's. She earned a B.A. in sociology from Vassar and a Master's degree in social work. After a career in social work, she went back to school at age 55 to earn a degree from the Columbia School of Library Sciences.

In 1976 Ruth joined the Torrey Pines Docent Society. Over the years she served in a variety of capacities, including librarian in 1980 and duty coordinator between 1981 and 1984. She was honored as Docent of the Year in 1982. As a member of the Torrey Pines Association, she served as our docent liaison with that group. She was also active with the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library in La Jolla. Many of us remember her as the story teller of Indian legends at our Christmas parties. I will always remember her as my first friend at Torrey Pines.



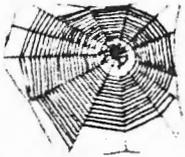
*To me the meanest flower that blows
can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep
for tears.*

--William Wordsworth



APPRECIATION IN HAIKU

Following a walk with Docent Marc Gittelsohn on the Guy Fleming trail, visitors Laurel Bunce and Jim Polarek sent him five haiku. These are three-line Japanese style poems "designed to arouse a distinct emotion and suggest a specific spiritual insight," according to a literature handbook. Here they are:



Morning dew falls,
silvers myriad taut webs
--spiders go hungry.

Hard amber creek rock.
Sixty-five million years back,
--shifting ocean sand.

Acorn drops, look up.
Twisted Torrey pine, blue sky
--grey squirrel eating.



Dark bone limbs spiral,
pale thick leaves, red berries
--eat manzanita.



Beady eyed scrub jay
picking through the tall grasses,
--finding the next nest.



TORREY PINES LODGE WINS "SOHO" AWARD (continued from p. 1)

In his acceptance speech, Bob pointed out that the Lodge adobe structure was built in 1923 at a cost of about \$15,000, after being commissioned by Ellen Brown-Scripps, who hired San Diego architect Richard Requa to design the building. Both land and building were later donated to the city. The current rehabilitation, carried out under the supervision of Henry Wilson from the California State Architects Office, cost about \$200,000, which was covered by state bond funds. Bob said he hoped "a minimum of 50 years" would elapse before minor adjustments would be necessary and that "we never have to go through this magnitude of restoration again." (To which staff and docents who lived through the flaking plaster, daily dust, wet paint, and lack of plumbing would add "Amen"!)

Bob credited Docent Maurie Brown with taking the initiative to enter the Lodge restoration project into the SOHO nominations. After her letter carefully delineating the reasons for the project's qualifications for an award, a committee from SOHO made a lengthy visit to the Reserve, examining the results of the restoration and learning its details from Bob. In giving the award, the committee simply said it was for the "wonderful restoration of Torrey Pines Lodge."

Congratulations are due those on the local staff as well as at the state level who were responsible for initiating and completing the prize-winning rehabilitation, from which everyone benefits.





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LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION REPORT by Jessie LaGrange

The May 11 meeting was a training workshop sponsored by the State Coastal Conservancy and presented by the Trust for Public Land for Board members, the Technical Advisory Committee, and others interested.

Past accomplishments were reviewed and each person described goals for the next three years. These were in accord with the Enhancement Plan, with some in the process of implementation. The main areas of activity have been lagoon channel clearance, continuing land acquisition, and the acceptance of open space easement responsibilities. Janet Diehl of Coastal Conservancy discussed the management of Conservation Easements as well as fund raising procedures.

Current status of the lagoon was described for evaluation. As noted at the April meeting, the channel entrance was closed during the most recent neap tide cycle. Tidal flow was re-established April 20. The rains of April 14-19 amounted to approximately 2", bringing the lagoon water level to 7.5' above MLLW (Mean Lower Low Water). Since the closure consisted mainly of a sandbar instead of the usual rocks, the accumulating stream flow lapped over the top with swiftly increasing erosive action. The resulting turbulent channelizing widened to about 70 yards and deepened the channel to below sea level. Since this event, a good tidal exchange has continued.

During informal discussion, Bill Tippetts described the new channel recently excavated east of the railroad, extending from the railroad bridge area to the former turn-around site at the North Beach park entrance. The new waterway, although not completed, is already functioning, adding volume/tidal prism to the lagoon. In addition, non-native vegetation between the channel and Carmel Valley Road has been removed, with a plan for re-vegetation of native plants. This restoration project has proven to be of great interest to the entire community.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, at 7:00 P.M. at the Great American Savings meeting room, Big Bear Shopping Center, Solana Beach.



A man and what he loves and builds have but a day and then disappear; nature cares not-- and renews the annual ground untired. It is the old law, sad but not bitter. Only when man destroys the life and beauty of nature, there is outrage.

--George Trevelyan

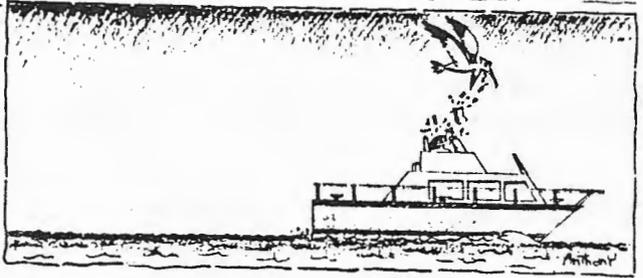
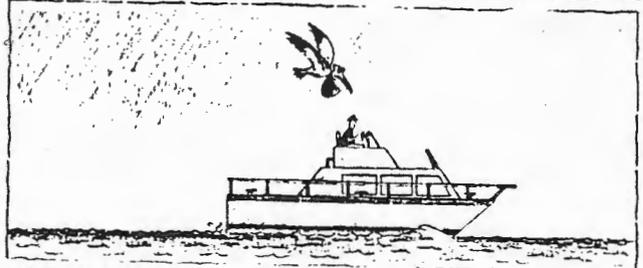
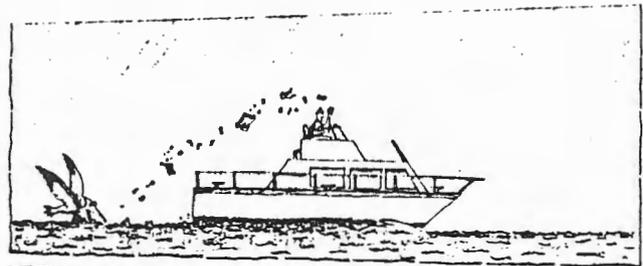
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