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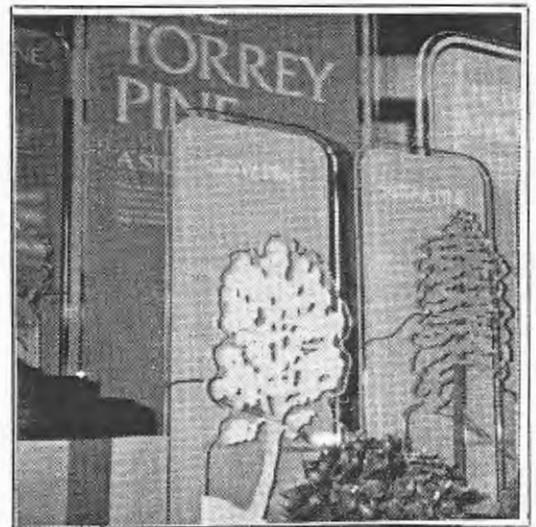


After concentrating on plants for the past few weeks, trainees as well as regular docents will be hearing about some of the insects that live in symbiosis with our plants and some that attack them. David Faulkner, entomologist from the San Diego Natural History Museum, will talk about insect life on the Reserve at the May meeting and illustrate his talk with slides. If time, there will be a walk following refreshments to look for living examples of some of the winged and crawly creatures that inhabit the Reserve. . . . An additional lure for attendance in May will be the distribution (made possible by Judy Schulman) of copies of an article on how to keep a naturalist's journal by Dick Edwards, Regional Interpretive Specialist, who spoke at our April meeting.

## LODGE EXHIBIT IS A WINNER IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Last October the National Association of Interpretation met in San Diego and visited Torrey Pines State Reserve as part of its field trip agenda. As a result, they voted an award to the current lodge exhibit in their 1988 interpretive design competition, calling it "the most innovative, esthetic, and effective" design in the education/gallery exhibits category, and recognizing the California State Park System for outstanding achievement in this area.

A copy of the framed certificate will join other TPSR commendations hanging in the Rangers' office.



DOCENT ALERT! SEE CALENDAR PAGE 7. LOTS OF SLOTS TO FILL.

## News and Notes

### ADDITIONS TO ANIMAL EXHIBIT

A grey fox, a least tern, and a hummingbird will be added to the animals on exhibit in the Visitor Center sometime later this year. At the April meeting, the TPDS Executive Board approved taxidermy charges amounting to about \$1050 for these animals, all accident victims, which had been stored in the Reserve freezer. Other frozen animals, many of which duplicate present exhibits, will be offered to interested regional centers.



### NO MEETING WITHOUT EATING

Docents were without anyone to head up the refreshments committee for the first month of this fiscal year, but not to worry: Margaret Bardwick and Patricia Foster have agreed to co-chair the committee. They will be assisted in this endeavor by Pete Bardwick, Parker Foster, and Marvin Davis. Judging by the generous amount of food available at the April meeting, we can all forget about dieting at docent get-togethers.

### SUPPORTING MEMBERS DUES RAISED

The Executive Board of the Docent Society passed a motion in April raising the dues of supporting members from \$15 to \$25 a year, effective immediately. This increase falls in line with the earlier raise of full members' dues to \$10.

### HONOR ROLL PLAQUE

The names of donors and persons in whose names memorial contributions have been made will be engraved on a plaque to be hung in the Visitor Center by the first of May. The plaque itself was donated by the Vigil family, who also made a contribution in memory of their daughter, Mia Lynn Vigil (1965-84), for whom Torrey Pines was a favorite spot.

### DOCENT SOCIETY REQUESTS MEETING WITH PARK REPRESENTATIVES

At the general meeting in April, docents voted unanimously to send a letter, which was read to the group by Bob Margulies, to Ken Jones, Director of the Southern Regional District, California State Department of Parks and Recreation, requesting representatives from the department to meet with the Docent Society to present information concerning the dismissal of Hank Nicol, former TPSR naturalist. The letter notes that Hank was released from service without inviting testimony from any docents, many of whom knew him well. The letter asks for an explanation of the manner in which the department reached its conclusions in this case.

(Ed. note: Sentencing for Hank was delayed from April probably to June. Docents who wish to attend should check the schedule with either Hank, or his lawyer, Barton Noone, 231-1027.)

*Eighty percent of the interpretation in California's State Parks is being done by volunteers, according to a recent statewide survey reported by Dick Edwards, Regional Interpretive Specialist, at the TPDS April meeting.*



## *Docent President's Notes* by Michael Fox

The new training class has shown lots of enthusiasm and growth. Twenty-seven people showed up at the first session and 32 at the second, which coincided with the monthly meeting.

Nineteen went on the April 9th nature walk and 21 on the April 16th. I want to thank Marc Gittelsohn and Jane and Bob Talbert for walking with us and keeping yours truly honest. The April 23rd walk was given by Jan Taylor on the Reserve Extension. The April 30th walk was on the Rim Trail and Razor Point (see May schedule, p. 8).

The business meeting was very productive and demonstrated well the means by which we get things done. I want to encourage anyone who would like time to address the meeting at large to please give me a call, and we can plan the agenda for the next meeting accordingly. See you all in May!

Following is the training roster to date:

Marian Antrim	Dorothy Green	Saira Miam
Shelly Bechhoff	Minerva Halverson	Lory Nagem
Norma Boutelle	Jeanne Heller	Joan Nimick
Patricia Bransford	Denise Holcomb	Graham Parnell
Joe Cardenas	John G. Huber	Sharon Richard
Timothy Cheng	Laura Knight	Diane E. Sachs
Marvin Davis	Colleen Lemke	Marilyn Sanderson
Walter Desmond	Carol Lewis	Diana Snodgrass
Kathy Estey	Sheri Lindelsee	Brent Tavernelli
Ruth Garsia	Sharon Liu	Shelley Vig
Barbara Green	Gale W. Lutz	

NOTE TO ALL TRAINEES: REMEMBER YOU HAVE A 4-CLASS MANDATORY ATTENDANCE!  
SHOW UP, SIGN UP, AND ENJOY! WE NEED YOUR HELP.

## *Getting to Know You* by Chris Dittmar

As one who has led a semi-nomadic adult life, I am happy to finally call San Diego my home (as of July, 1984). I was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida. I attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where I earned a degree in psychology, majoring in social psychology and animal behavior and minoring in biology. After graduation, I made a couple of moves between Florida and Georgia and went into retail sales management (definitely a world removed from the natural sciences). I have remained in sales ever since and, after relocating to Boston, even managed a Chinese grocery. I am now in sales and marketing with General Instrument Corporation.

It was while I was in Boston that I became a wildflower enthusiast. There is a beautiful wildflower reservation there maintained by the New England Wildflower Society. It is called "Garden in the Woods" and is in Framingham, right outside of Boston. It is open to the public with a small entrance fee. It is one of the few places where in the spring you can find the rare/endangered pink lady's slipper and mayflower.

Torrey Pines was the first place I visited in San Diego, and I was so struck by its spectacular wildflowers and Park Rangers in shorts, I knew I'd love living here. In addition to my docent work at Torrey, I am the Demonstration Coordinator for the Natural History Museum, where I arrange for weekend demonstrations featuring anything from bats to bonsai with a "please touch" policy. (I think one of our most memorable demos was when a runaway five-foot long green iguana attempted an unassisted vertical climb up the allosaurus skeleton.) Thanks to Elberta Fleming, a fellow docent, I have also become interested in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and serve as membership chair on its Friends' Board of Directors. My volunteer involvements complement each other, and I hope will enable me to serve the docent program here better.

## Editor's Corner



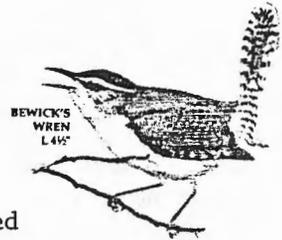
What does the *Encyclopedia Britannica* have to say about the Torrey pine? Dick Edwards wondered aloud about this during his talk to the docents in April. Confessed he'd never looked it up. We hadn't either, so we went right home and did that. Very disappointing. Nothing under "trees," but under "pines" there is this brief reference: "The rare Torrey pine (*P. torreyana*), confined to the California coast, is a five-needle pine, a condition rare among the yellow pines." Under "Torrey" there is a paragraph about John Torrey. It doesn't mention the pine named for him either. However, it does give a brief biography as follows:

Torrey, John (1796-1873), U.S. Botanist and chemist, originator of the monumental *Flora of North America*, was born in New York City, Aug. 15, 1796. He graduated (M.D.) in 1818 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York but practised medicine only a short time. While he was a student he joined with several colleagues in founding the Lyceum of Natural History (established in 1817), forerunner of the New York Academy of Sciences. After holding various professorships (chemistry, geology, mineralogy, and natural history), in 1836 he became New York State botanist. Torrey's *Flora of the State of New York* was produced in 1843, and from 1838 to 1843 he collaborated with his pupil Asa Gray (q.v.) on the earlier portions of *Flora of North America*. . . In or about 1860 he gave his valuable herbarium and botanical library to Columbia College. A tribute to Torrey was the founding, during his lifetime, of the Torrey Botanical Club. Torrey continued to take an interest in botanical teaching until his death at New York City on March 10, 1873.

These quotes are from our 1967 edition of the *Encyclopedia*. The public library's 1987 edition adds a few details, among them: "Torrey's name is commemorated in Torreys [sic] Peak in Colorado." We suggest that someone write to the *Encyclopedia* editors telling them how else his name is commemorated.

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### THE WREN



Why is the cuckoo's melody preferred  
 And nightingale's rich songs so madly praised  
 In poet's rhymes? Is there no other bird  
 Of nature's minstrelsy, that oft hath raised  
 One's heart to ecstasy and mirth as well?  
 I judge not how another's taste is caught,  
 With mine are other birds that bear the bell,  
 Whose song hath crowds of happy memories  
 brought:

Such the wood robin, singing in the dell,  
 And little wren, that many a time hath sought  
 Shelter from showers, in huts where I did dwell  
 In early spring, the tenant of the plain,  
 Tenting my sheep; and still they come to tell  
 The happy stories of the past again.

--John Clare, in *Natural History Verse:  
 An Anthology*



A LETTER FROM HANK. . . .

FRIENDS INDEED

I have always felt that I had some very good friends, but never very many. In grammar school there was Joe Herrera. His family moved to town and he went to Shafter High School. I went to Wasco. We only met once again, and that was many years later. Bob Anderson was my chum in the Boy Scouts. He remained my friend until several years after he became a crop duster. . . it's a dangerous trade. In high school it was Bill Slivkoff. Later we even shared an apartment, but we, too, have drifted apart. In the army my best buddy was Paul Benko. He was a Transylvanian Jew who, through a little luck and a lot of guts, had escaped from a death camp in Austria. I met an Irishman, Danny O'Sullivan, while on my way to New Zealand. We went on to Australia together. He stayed. I left. I've never heard from, or of, him since. Contrary to the cliché, it's still a pretty large world. In the Peace Corps it was Art Stillman. He became one of the two best men at my wedding. Yes, in Thailand there are two--two maids of honor, too. Art fell victim to a Pathet Lao rocket. There were others, and they weren't all male. But in the last few years I've felt that I didn't really have a friend, except for my son, Surat, who goes to Sockers games with me and who, sometimes, talks with me late into the night. . . and perhaps Ranger Bob who, sometimes, talked with me large parts of the day.

A lot of bad things have happened to me in the past year. It doesn't seem as though the trend is going to change any time soon. The story of my troubles got into *The Reader*. One of the people I work with read it. His comment: "You sure have a lot of friends." I do? Perhaps my idea of friendship was too narrow. I looked up "friend" in three dictionaries. Two had five definitions. The other had six. All the definitions except one fit the members of the Torrey Pines Docent Society. If one or two of you are Quakers, the other one fits, too. A friend is a person whom one knows, likes, and trusts. A friend is a favored companion. A friend is one with whom one is aligned in a struggle, one who supports a cause. A friend is one who is warm and comforting--and more.

Out of my troubles one good thing has happened. I've found out how many friends I have. Many of you wanted to testify in my defense. Only one was allowed. Most of you wrote letters on my behalf. Many of you called me, and others came to visit me at work or at home. There were others: park people who swam against the tides, some members of the Torrey Pines Association, and casual visitors I had met along the trails. Two people even sent me money. I thanked them. I sent it back. All of you have been my friends. I hope I can be as good a friend to someone else in need.

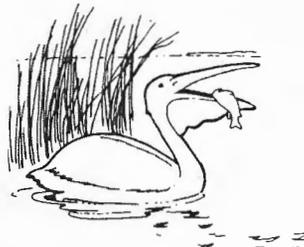
And I am most sincerely your friend,

HANK

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*A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. . . .*

--The Wilderness Act, September 3, 1964



## WHAT HAPPENS TO ANIMALS AFTER A CONTROL BURN?

About 3:00 P.M. Sunday, April 2, on the Torrey Pines State Reserve mesa adjacent to the golf course, the temperature was 75°F, the relative humidity 71%, the wind was due southwest at 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 40 mph, and it was sunny. This fair weather was carefully recorded in a notebook by Debra Staudhammer, who was not working for the Chamber of Commerce but participating in a research project being conducted by the University of San Diego. In one and one half hours Debra had worked through an area marked by rows of red tags on bushes tabulating the presence of various creatures: a covey of quail, a California thrasher, several Anna's hummingbirds, a brown towhee, a kestrel, a swift, a hawk (probably Cooper's), wrentits (heard but not seen), and a Western fence lizard.

The red tags on the bushes mark lines for about 84 animal traps, some of which were first set out in June, 1987, after a control burn, and others a year or so later in anticipation of a second burn. The traps are part of a study on the recovery of vertebrate animals in control burn areas that is directed by Dr. Ross Dingman and Dr. Marie Simovich of USD's Department of Biology. They are assisted by several undergraduate students and Debra, who is a graduate student. The number of animals in the pre-burn area will be checked with the number there after the next burn, which will take place when the weather cooperates.

During the past year the study has shown that many animals move back into the burned areas because of the succulent vegetation that develops. The researchers have been making checks about every two weeks except during the cold months, setting out traps Friday nights and returning at 6 A.M. Saturday mornings to count the catch and release the animals, whose ears are tagged to distinguish them as part of the study. They are also weighed, a tricky job with wood rats, whose defense against handling is to bite. (A healthy wood rat can weigh a pound or more.)



Currently lots of baby animals have been seen. Besides wood rats, several kinds of mice, rabbits, western fence and side blotched lizards have been recorded, as well as reptiles and birds, which are observed but not trapped.

The luxuriant regrowth on April 2 included yerba santa, profusely abloom with lavender flowers; waist-high pearly everlasting looking as though it had been overfertilized; bushrue teeming with berries; scarlet monkey flower trying to outdo the corn in *Oklahoma!*; healthy clumps of rock rose; and a multitude of yarrow ready to burst with yellow. Chamise and lemonadeberry, many of which still had blackened bare branches, were showing dense green re-growth near the ground.

Results of the study will be reported to the County Wildlife Commission, which partially funded the work, as well as to the State. (A survey of vegetation in the control burn area is also being made and will be reported in a later *Torreyana*.)



*What is so sweet and dear  
As a prosperous morn in May,  
The confident prime of the day,  
And the dauntless youth of the year,  
When nothing that asks for bliss,  
Asking aright, is denied,  
And half of the world a bridegroom is,  
And half of the world a bride.*

--William Watson, *Ode in May*

DEDICATION CEREMONY TO MARK PARKLAND ACQUISITION

After more than five years of effort by various civic groups, an area of 20.3 acres adjacent to Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension will be officially accepted by Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation at a dedication ceremony Saturday, June 3, at 3:00 P.M. Invitations giving the location and other details of the ceremony will shortly be sent to members of the Foundation, the Torrey Pines Association, and Torrey Pines Docent Society, among others.

City officials and representatives of the organizations involved in the effort to secure this additional open space, known as the "Sierra del Mar Open Space Easement" will speak at the ceremony, and refreshments will be available. The new parkland extends west from Point del Mar (the pink houses on the hill) to a point adjacent to the Reserve Extension slightly west of Portofino Drive. The complicated negotiations which have resulted in Home Capital Company transferring the land to the Foundation were initiated in 1983 by Torrey Pines Association and the Torrey Pines Planning Group. Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation is accepting the responsibility for maintaining the property.

For further information about the ceremony, call Lynn Robinson, Executive Secretary of the Foundation at 697-1459.

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Note: Docents on interpretive trail patrol are asked to be "highly identifiable" by wearing a TPDS patch and name plate. Docents unable to keep their sign-up time should try to trade with someone else before calling the duty coordinator. Lodge duty takes precedence over other types in case you happen to be the only docent on the premises on any shift.

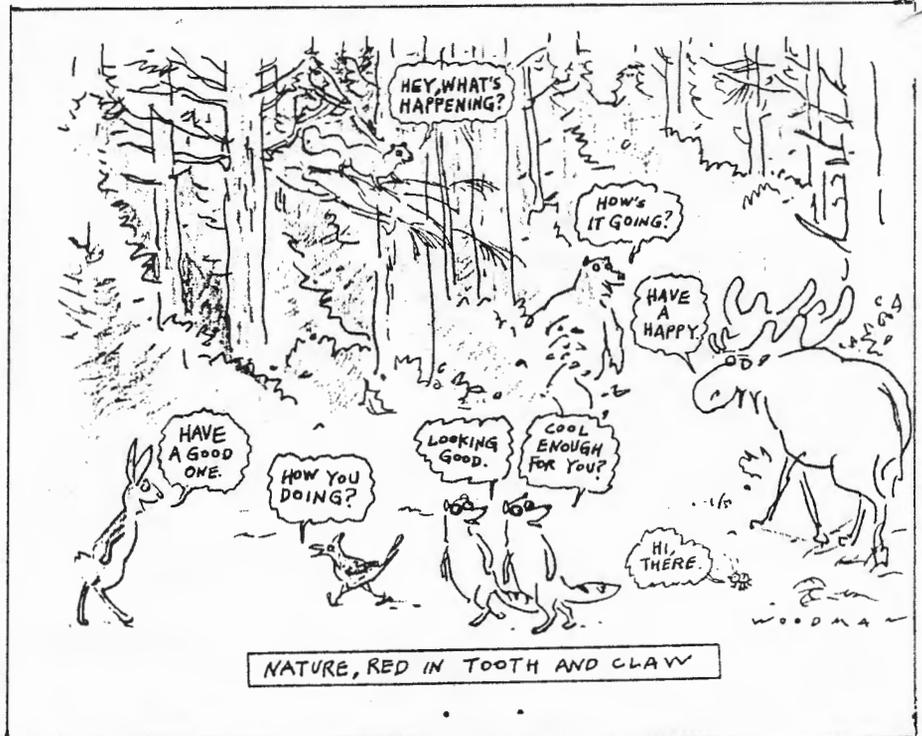
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\* MAY SUNDAY WALK SCHEDULE \*  
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 \* May 7 : Beach Trail \*  
 \* May 14: Broken Hill Trail \*  
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