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Next Docent Society Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 9:00 A.M. AT THE VISITOR CENTER

You can brush up on your Indian lore at this meeting. The speaker will be Steve Crouthamel of the American Indian Studies Department at Palomar College, where he is a lecturer for the class, "The Original Californians." He will tell us particularly about the lifestyles and customs of the Indians of Torrey Pines. The lecture will be preceded by a business meeting and followed by refreshments.

BEACH PARTY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Save this date for our annual beach party, which is scheduled for the North Beach parking lot. It will be a pot luck affair and will include a nature walk in the lagoon area. It will probably start later than our regular meetings. Details will be announced in a special notice to be mailed along with the duty calendar about the first of August, since there is no *Torreyana* that month.



Docent President's Notes by Michael Fox

As of this writing, we have had three trainees from the class of '89 who have made full docent. I am confident that we will have a large group to announce in the fall. Until then, remember that I am always ready and willing to help any trainee on a problem. My number is 226-4676--you'll get either me or my machine.

We are still lacking a qualified volunteer to relieve Grace Martin as duty coordinator. The job is one of our most important positions and carries a vote on the Board of Directors. You need to be a full docent with six months of

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HAVE A HAPPY



FOURTH OF JULY!

Docent Doings

MEMBERSHIP LIST IN NEW FORM

Glenn Dunham has put his computer to work preparing a Docent Society membership list in the form of a pocket-size booklet (3½" x 6½"), which will be distributed at the July meeting. Now you can have the list with you at all times--and keep in touch from your car phone if there's an emergency.

CHANGE IN DOCENT CAR STICKERS

Next year the stickers used to identify docents' cars will look a little different. The Torrey pine tree in the center will be replaced by the year date. The stickers will be distributed annually, and the date will make it possible to keep track of current members. The change was approved by the TPDS Executive Board at its June meeting.

DOCENT TRAINING HANDBOOK

President Michael Fox announced at the June docent meeting that the weekly handouts which have been used in training sessions up to now will be replaced next year by a spiral-bound handbook. Trainees will be asked to pay a minimal price to cover the cost, probably between five and six dollars.

PHONE MESSAGE RECORDER FOR DUTY COORDINATOR

As a lure to entice someone to volunteer as duty coordinator for the rest of this year, a phone message tape recorder will be provided, thus enabling someone who works during the day to take on this task. JoAnn and Jack Cannon have offered \$100 toward the purchase of the recorder. Now all that's needed is the volunteer. (Call Michael Fox, 226-4676.)

TPDS MEETINGS OUTSTANDING

At the June meeting of the docent society, Bob Amann, who is also a docent at San Jacinto and Cuyamaca, complimented the members on their high level of meeting attendance and participation in the society. . . . Perhaps one reason members turn out in such numbers for meetings is the input from members such as Bob, who had brought along a de-barked section from a pine tree, showing the maze of trails of the insidious bark beetle; the mud nest of a trap-door spider he discovered in a park drain while doing trail maintenance work; and a little magnet which illustrated the high iron content of those treacherous "ball-bearing" concretions found in several areas of the park. Another reason for high attendance is no doubt the excellence of our lecturers, such as Sam Hinton, who charmed his audience in June as he scattered appropriate anecdotes throughout his informative talk on the nomenclature of various local sea creatures.

BIRD LISTS STILL CHEEP

The price of the little brown pamphlet listing the avian residents of Torrey Pines State Reserve has been raised from 50¢ to 75¢ with the addition of a new supply. It's still a bargain. The lists were prepared by former Park Aide Jim Bittner, whose expertise in ornithology also provided seven *Torreyana* "bird-of-the-month" articles in 1986 and 1987. Docents who have joined since that time might want to glance through the newsletter files to benefit from Jim's information. (The *Torreyana* plans to continue the bird-of-the-month articles in the coming year and encourages anyone who has a favorite bird here to do an article on it. Check with the editor first to see if your bird has already been covered.)



DOCENT PRESIDENT'S NOTES (continued from p. 1)

membership completed and be reasonably available by phone (we'll even provide the answering machine if needed). Surely there is someone out there besides Grace? Give me a call and we'll discuss it!

If anyone has a suggestion for another off-reserve outing, please write it down and submit it to me at the July meeting. We should consider only easy one-day affairs, either driving individually or taking a bus. Naturally, we will do lunch as well.

Lastly, please check your personal schedules to see that you are at least trying to get in the measly six hours of required volunteer duty every month. The Docent Society provides a lodge attendant for every day of the year, three hours a day Monday through Friday and six hours on Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the lodge staff, we provide six hours of trail guide activity on weekends and holidays. A typical 31-day month would require 23 days of 3-hour duties and 8 days of 12-hour duty. That's 165 hours of volunteer work to fully staff our current requirements. This does not take into consideration the considerable additional time worked by board members. Now with 47 full docents in the "labor pool," there is a total of 282 volunteer hours available. Yet we are consistently falling desperately short every month. It will be nice when we have 400 docents to work with, but until then--we must all do our obligatory service.

See you at the July meeting!

Getting to Know You by James (Jim) Jackson

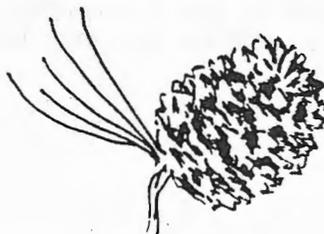
You can tell that nature is one of my prime interests from the organizations I belong to: Torrey Pines Association (life member), Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Scripps Aquarium and, of course, since 1988, Torrey Pines Docent Society. I may be a stranger to many of you since I've been in San Carlos, Mexico, for the last eight months. Actually, I will be dividing my time in the future between my home in Olivenhain and Mexico.

My career has been in geology, after graduating from USC in petroleum engineering and geology. For 30 years I worked in the U.S. and Europe for Shell Oil Company, living in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Oxnard, Salinas, Seal Beach, Hollywood Hills, Houston, Manhattan and the Netherlands. When I retired in 1980, I moved to Del Mar with my wife, Virginia. Outside of my organization activities, I keep busy with my family, which includes two adult children and four grandchildren.

News and Notes

OUR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

One reason it's fun to be a docent: you meet people from all over the world. In a mere 30-day period from mid-May to mid-June, Torrey Pines State Reserve was visited by people from 16 countries as well as people from far away places in the United States (such as Alaska). The other countries were: Australia, Canada, England (seven separate locations), Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany, and Yugoslavia.





Report from the Ranger

CONTROL BURN

It takes a lot of people, as well as cooperative weather, to manage a control burn. Wednesday, May 31, a crew of about 40 (all females from an honor camp) joined six from the regional ranger staff and firefighters from the San Diego City Fire Department to oversee a control burn in an area near the golf course and adjacent to a previous burn. The crew worked three hours but could complete only one-quarter of an acre because a wind sprang up and carried sparks that created hot spots outside the designated control area. The spots flared up again the following Sunday, causing smoke--and concern among some onlookers. Because of the extremely dry conditions this year, no further control burning will be attempted before November.

SUMMER PARK AIDES

To help take care of the seasonal onslaught of visitors, three new park aides are on duty, in addition to two who are continuing. The new aides are: Ivan Olsen (who is the son of "Uncle" Ivan, former head of Torrey Pines Day Camp); Allison Smith (UCSD student); and Adele D'Imperio (who also works with the Balboa Park fifth grade program). Continuing aides are: Jim Serpa (who also works at the Price Club and has recently been visiting the Virgin Islands); and Lynn Holland (just returned from a nine-month stay in Nepal).

THERE'S A WHAT ON THE BEACH?

An amphibious landing craft came ashore at Tower One on Friday, June 9, enroute (believe it or not) from Camp Pendleton to Miramar Mall. Such vehicles aren't allowed on the freeway, so they planned to go by Carmel Valley Road at 2:00 A.M. when the traffic is reasonably light. However, they couldn't make it through the kiosk opening and had to go back in the surf and splash their way down to La Jolla Shores boat ramp. Fortunately, cool, cloudy weather had reduced the beach population to a minimum so few people were terrorized by the sight of such a warlike vehicle.

TPA Topics

"SUNSET DEL MAR" UPDATE by Sally Spiess (*recent president of Torrey Pines Association*)

Funds for the purchase of 2.15 acres southeast of the intersection of old Highway 101 and Carmel Valley Road have been included in the budget package that will be sent to the governor for his signature. That is the area Lance Alworth wanted to use for a combination office space and restaurant development which he called "Sunset Del Mar." It is also the last undeveloped private parcel located in the immediate viewshed of Peñasquitos Marsh Natural Preserve.

Senator William Craven's office requests that individuals write immediately to the Governor asking him to sign and approve the purchase for \$1,180,000, which is the amount reviewed and approved by the Department of General Services. (Please refer to the following item number in your letter: 3790-301-036.)

Editor's Corner

Docents who were present in court Wednesday, June 21, when former TPSR naturalist Hank Nicol was sentenced were disappointed by the penalties handed down by Judge Arreola. They included probation for three years, counseling, a \$200 fine, and 80 hours of volunteer work. No custody was mandated. The judge indicated on this occasion, as he had on the previous date when sentencing was delayed, that he was impressed by the massive support shown for Hank, chiefly in the form of letters testifying to his irreproachable character and his years of impeccable performance leading groups, including juveniles, on nature walks. However, the judge seemed to dilute this support with the fact that none of the docents had heard the testimony presented by the children represented by the prosecution. It is unfortunate that none of us realized that our presence on those occasions might have been helpful. We would all like to have been able to be influential in bringing about a more just conclusion to this bizarre incident, which has not only unfairly punished one man but has deprived thousands of others of the skill and knowledge that he possesses.



DUTY CALENDAR

JULY 1989



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CALL IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP OR HAVE TO MAKE A CHANGE. Grace Martin 452-1176			<u>DUTY HOURS</u> Weekdays: LODGE 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Weekends: LODGE 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM WALK 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM			1 L - W - ROBERTS L - W -
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*To him who in the love of nature holds
communion with her visible forms she speaks
a various language.* --Bryant

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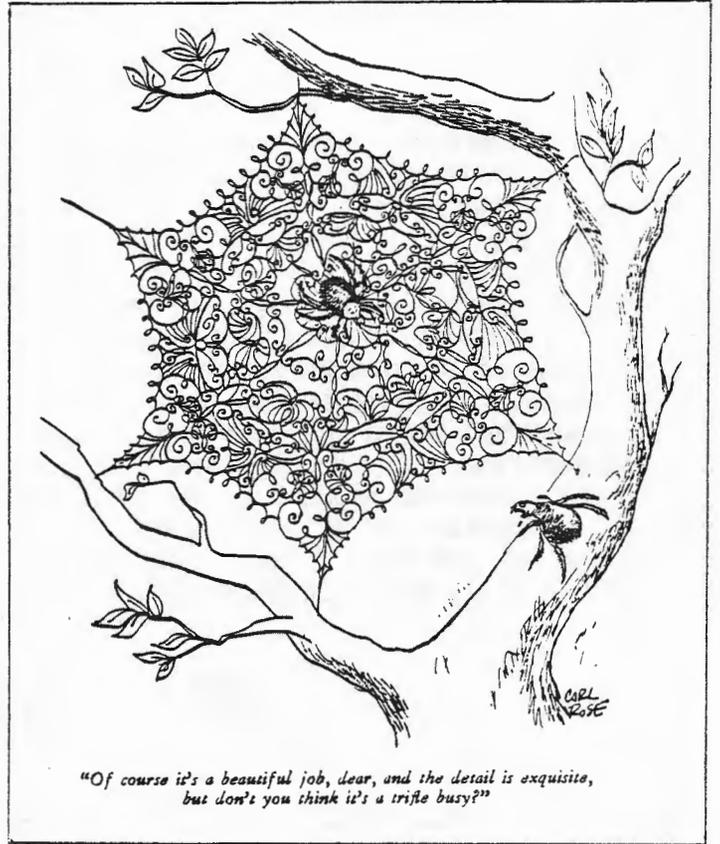
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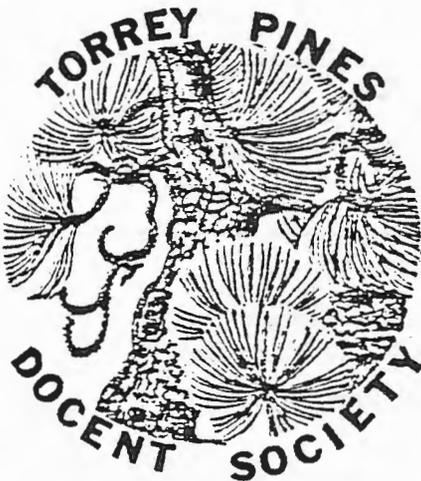
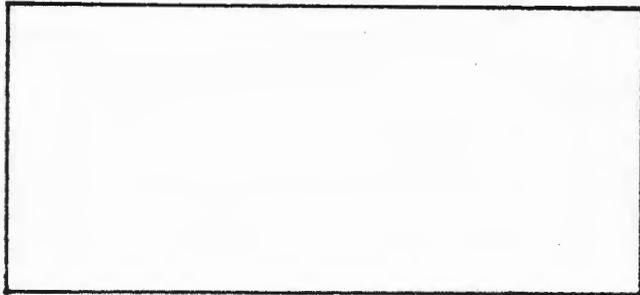
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FOR



TORREY PINES DOCENT SOCIETY

August, 1989

BEACH PARTY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 11:00 A.M. AT NORTH BEACH PARKING LOT

Come with your sun screen, hats, and other beach supplies--including contributions to a pot-luck picnic (see list below)--to the Torrey Pines North Beach parking lot at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, August 19. Look for tables being secured by dedicated docents, who will arrive early to get a choice spot. After lunch, perhaps a swim, and an entirely business-free period of socializing, there will be a walk in the lagoon at 1:00 P.M. led by naturalist Barbara Moore (who was not available for an earlier time).



Bring a dish that will serve 8, either your own favorite concoction or a selection from the following list:

- A - E: Casserole
- F - L: Salad
- M - R: Dessert
- S - Z: Rolls, chips, etc.

The Docent Society will provide beverages and ice.

FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

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