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CELEBRATE TORREY PINES SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 9:00 A.M. TO SUNSET



Marking the 40th anniversary of Torrey Pines Association, a day-long celebration at the Reserve on Saturday, April 21, is expected to bring hundreds of local and out-of-town visitors to share memories and participate in special activities. The occasion is also the 140th anniversary of the naming of our rare *Pinus torreyana* and coincides with the beginning of Earth Day festivities across the nation. It is intended to honor all those--volunteers, agencies, and staff--whose efforts over the years have contributed so much to the park.

The celebration replaces the Docent Society's regular meeting this month. All docents are invited to attend the special programs. During the day informative walks will be led by members of the Docent Society (see schedule, p.9). The latest news on bark beetles, lagoon conditions, and the effects of the drought will be supplied, along with identification of plants then blooming and birds then flying.

Among those invited to speak are Henry Agonia, director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, from Sacramento, and Ed Butler, former city attorney and chair of the Torrey Pines Extension Campaign in the early sixties. The program begins at 11:00 A.M. in front of the Lodge with music by local folk-singer, Sam Hinton.

Areas have been designated where picnics will be permitted that day, and a catered Mexican buffet will be available for those who have made reservations (forms included on the invitations). A shuttle bus will transport visitors from beach parking areas, where parking is free for the occasion.

The hard-working TPA committee which planned this event is headed by John Fleming, son of Guy Fleming. Committee members are Jeffrey Frautschy (TPA president), Sally Spiess, Margie Langsdorf, and Maurie Brown.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, TORREY PINES ASSOCIATION!



Docent Doings

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANUP APRIL 18



Carol Lewis has volunteered to organize a cleaning crew to make the Lodge spic and span for the celebration April 21. Cleanup day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, at 1:00 P.M. Volunteers are asked to call Carol at 755-5771 by April 12. All you need to bring is elbow grease and cleaning rags. A vacuum and other supplies will be available.

EXPENDITURES APPROVED BY TPDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

At its March meeting, the Executive Board of the Docent Society authorized the following expenditures:

- \$100 for new single-showing tapes of all the slides programs and for a wet-system cleaner.
- \$200 for repairs to the tape recorder
- \$100 for refreshments for the visiting docents from Anza-Borrego April 24
- \$140 for refreshments for docent training seminars
- \$500 for three portable walkie-talkies and a base station at the Lodge. This expenditure grew out of a discussion at the preceding general meeting concerning the need for docents on patrol or leading walks to get in touch with someone in the Lodge when they encountered problems.

DOCENTS TO GUIDE WALKS IN EXTENSION

Two guided walks in Torrey Pines Extension were approved for May at the March Executive Board meeting of the Docent Society. The walks were tentatively scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27, leaving from the end of Del Mar Scenic Parkway adjacent to the extension park. The walks will be publicized in various local publications, and docents are asked to volunteer as leaders. The present plan is to assign leaders to small groups as they gather. These walks are intended as an experiment. If they are successful, more will be scheduled.

DOCENT TRAINING MANUAL AVAILABLE AT \$10

Grace Martin, chair of the Docent Training Manual Committee, announced at the March TPDS meeting that the new manual was completed and available to all members of the docent society and trainees. It is not to be sold to the public. The cost is \$10 per copy, which covers most of the expense involved. Complimentary copies will be given as a gesture of thanks to guest speakers at Docent Society meetings.

Manuals are available in the rangers' office for docents who did not get their copies at the March meeting. (Leave money and your name in an envelope in the box containing the manuals.)

Grace noted that additions, such as notes from professional lecturers at our meetings, could be typed up and added to the manuals, while other materials could go in the pockets of the binders. Comments on the manual are invited from all docents.

News and Notes

ANZA-BORREGO DOCENTS TO VISIT TORREY PINES

Docents from the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, led by Guy Green, will visit Torrey Pines State Reserve Tuesday, April 24. Supervising Ranger Bob Wohl will address the group and lead a trail walk, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Barbara Green will be in charge of refreshments. About 25 guests are expected. TPDS docents are urged to reciprocate for the hospitality provided to them last year at Anza-Borrego by coming to welcome the visitors.

FRAMED POEM ON PINE GIVEN TO LODGE

A framed poem extolling the beauty and significance of the Torrey pine and illustrated with a picture of the tree and the early Lodge was presented to the Lodge recently by Merle Hamilton. The poem was written in 1922 by Clifford Stout, a San Diego city auditor, who dedicated it to another auditor named G. F. Waterbury. The picture will be hung in the Lodge along with other memorabilia before the April 21 celebration.

Docent Doings

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN DOCENT SOCIETY

The following appointments to positions in the Torrey Pines Docent Society were announced in March:

- Del Roberts, Assistant Editor of the *Torreyana*
- Walter Desmond, trail maintenance coordinator, to work with Bob Wohl in identifying areas in the park where work is needed. (Further information about this project will be given at the May meeting.)
- Barbara Green, publicity director.
- Pat Foster, Bob Amann, Judy Schulman, and Bob Wohl as members of a committee to develop a standardized logo for Docent Society use.

DOCENT BADGES

Badges were given to the following three new full docents at the March 17 meeting of the Docent Society: Marion Antrim, Laura Knight, and Marilyn Sanderson. Congratulations, and welcome to the ranks!

EXOTIC PLANT REMOVAL SCHEDULE

The exotic plant removal will continue at the following times in April (volunteers please meet at the Lodge):

- Saturday, April 7, 8:30 A.M.
- Monday, April 16, 9:00 A.M.



IN THE GOOD OLDE DAYS

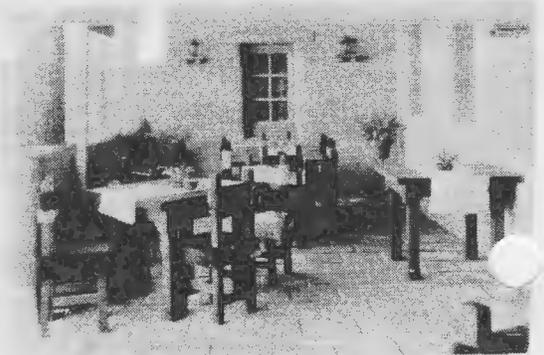


PICNIC GROUNDS TORREY PINES PARK, CALIF.

Picnic grounds on east bluff and elsewhere were abolished in 1974 under new park restrictions.



Guy Fleming residence ca. 1923. After falling into disrepair, it was restored by Torrey Pines Association.



A corner of the porch when the Lodge was a popular dining spot.



These San Diego ladies--Kate Patterson, r., and Isabel Brown, l., would be off-trail now but not in the twenties. Recently built Lodge in background. (From the San Diego Historical Society--Ticor collection.)



UP THE TORREY PINE GRADE. SAN DIEGO, CAL.



Another view of porch set up for dining with awning. The address was "Coast Highway."

Car climbs up grade ca. 1923. (Small pictures on this page are all from Judy Schulman's postcard collection.)

GENEALOGY OF TORREY PINES ASSOCIATION by Sally Spiess



(The author is a former president and current secretary of the association.)

There would not have been an area to preserve and protect if George Marston, grandfather of incoming Torrey Pines Association president George Beardsley, had not convinced the city and the members of the Natural History Society and the Floral Association to work together to set aside land for a city park on the Torrey pines mesa. That was in 1899, and the area was 369 acres. In 1950 when the first counsellors of TPA gathered "to associate together for the protection and preservation of the rare Torrey pines and their associated flora and fauna within the unique geological area officially dedicated and known as 'Torrey Pines Park' in the County of San Diego", they were called "conservationists." Today it is their children, grandchildren, and even great grandchildren who are following their lead and are called "environmentalists."

The original founders were: Guy L. Fleming, president, whose son John will be chairman of the association's birthday party April 21 and whose late daughter Margaret Fleming Allen was for many years secretary of the association; Dr. Gifford Ewing, whose daughter Eve serves today as a counsellor; Henry W. Shelton, whose son John has served for many years as treasurer; Mrs. Nacky S. Meanly and W. S. Kellogg, both of whom served for many years as counsellors; as well as W. Templeton Johnson, Mrs. Isabel Crosby, Karl Kenyon, Dr. Joshua Baily, Jr., Lester G. Bradley, Mrs. W. C. Crandall, Judge Charles C. Hines, Dean Palmer, John Scripps, Dr. John A. Comstock, Mrs. L. B. Dixon, Col. Arthur F. Fischer, Dr. Robert Harwood, Dr. Roger Revelle, Tudor Scripps, and Harry L. Smithton. Jacob Harper, who was the attorney for E. B. and E. W. Scripps, surely had a great deal to do with their gifts of land to the city as additions to the park. His great-grandson, Jim Hudnall, has recently been elected a counsellor.

No doubt there are many other family connections and perhaps some corrections to the above. It is hoped that this list may spur readers to increase our knowledge of the past.

Over the years the founding counsellors continued their efforts to protect and preserve--to be watchdogs. When the state decided that the original residence built by Guy Fleming (with help from his father and using lumber from one of the buildings for the fair in Balboa Park) was too decrepit for continued use and should be abolished, it was the association which offered funds and pressure to assure its restoration and permit it to be re-used as a residence. Ranger Bob Wohl and his family live there today.

It was the association that spearheaded the Extension Campaign and encouraged school children to collect pennies and to plant pine seeds in cartons and care for them so they could later be planted in the park. (I'm not sure whether that plan was successful.) The association sponsored a "Walk for the Pines" long before local marathons were a common event, and many local citizens collected contributions as they walked from Del Mar to La Jolla Cove. More recently, Counsellor Sidney Barth has arranged seminars and workshops for local elementary teachers so that yet another generation of San Diegans will understand the importance of the State Reserve and prepare to follow in the footsteps of the conservationists of years ago.

Many of us might recall the comment by Peggy Fleming, wife of Guy. Reflecting on the past and the park, she said, "One person after another took up the cudgel for a time and then faded away. I was what might be called the 'poker.' When the fires burned down, I would poke around and get someone else." Jeff Frautschy, present president, and I are proud to have been neighbors of the Flemings and of Tom Whitaker, and among the many who were "poked."

NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS by Marc Gittelsohn

The following books have just been added to the Docent Society library and are available for your use:

Abbott, Patrick V., ed. *Geologic hazards in San Diego: earthquakes, landslides and floods* (1977)



A.I.A guide to San Diego (1977). (Note: added because it shows other buildings by San Diego architect Richard Requa, who designed the Lodge.)

Bakker, Elna S., *An island called California*. Second ed. rev. (1984)

Beauchamp, R. Mitchel, *Flora of San Diego County, California* (1986)

Bittner, James E., *A checklist of the birds of Torrey Pines State Reserve* (1984)

Brown, Vinson, *Rocks and minerals of California*. Third Rev. ed. (1987)

Carrico, Richard L., *Strangers in a stolen land; American Indians in San Diego 1850-1880* (1986)

Collins, Barbara J., *Keys to coastal and chaparral flowering plants of Southern California*. Second ed. (1987)

Hewitt, Lonnie B. and Barbara Moore, *Walking San Diego* (1989)

Hinton, Sam, *Seashore life of Southern California*. Rev. ed. (1987)

McAuley, Milt, *Wildflowers of the Santa Monica Mountains* (1985)

Nicol, Hank, *Torrey Pines: beyond the trees* (1985)

Niehaus, Theodore F., *A field guide to Pacific States wildflowers* (1976)

Peterson, Peter Victor, *Native trees of Southern California* (1966)

Schad, Jerry, *Afoot and afield in San Diego County* (1986)

Stebbins, Robert C., *A field guide to western reptiles and amphibians*. Second ed. (1985)

Witham, Helen, *Ferns of San Diego County* (1972)

These 17 titles are some of the 31 in-print works listed in the Selective Bibliography (Sec. VII) of the new *Docent Training Manual* that were not then in the docent library. The society's executive board recently voted to fund acquisition of the 31. The above additions reflect Rowdy James' first efforts at obtaining them. More will be added as Rowdy gets them from the publishers. (Thanks, Rowdy.) Manual holders should annotate pages VII (3-7) with an asterisk (*) showing that these volumes are now held in the library.

You are encouraged to become even better docents by getting to know our library and its resources. Please make its holdings easily accessible to all by remembering (1) to bring back items checked out on time (i.e., within two weeks of day taken), and (2) to take only one item at a time.



DOCENT SERVICE by Elizabeth Nicoloff

(Note: Elizabeth was appointed record keeper for docent duty hours last year.)

During the six months from July to December, 1989, twelve docents gave more than 50 hours of volunteer service. Nine gave over 60 hours, eight over 70 hours, six over 80 hours, and four over 100 hours. The top twelve are listed below:



Marion Dixon	175
Judy Schulman	119
Rowdy James	117
Michael Fox	106
Grace Martin	87
Pat Foster	86
Parker Foster	74
Bob Amann	74
Wolfgang Koessler	69
Maurie Brown	59
Glenn Dunham	58
Del Roberts	56

 TORREY PINES STATE RESERVE

Between suburbia and the sea
 There isn't much left that's wild and free.
 Very few places look the same
 As they did before the developers came.

Between here and Los Angeles, there's hardly a spot
 That hasn't turned into a parking lot.
 Barely a trace is left of the past,
 And what little there is, is fading quite fast.

Yet there is one place where you still can see
 Some space that looks like it used to be--
 Not far from the freeway, overlooking the ocean,
 An oasis of sorts, amidst all the commotion.

It's almost an island, apart from the fray,
 Where things seem much clearer, from farther away.
 A true sanctuary, both quiet and holy,
 Where time hasn't stopped, but it moves much more slowly.

We went there a lot when I was a kid,
 And today it still looks pretty much as it did.
 It seemed no big deal, a hill quite like the rest,
 None of us dreamed there'd be North City West.

But today, looking back, it's a good thing they saved
 Those few acres of trees before they got paved.
 Because once it's gone, there's no way to borrow
 A bit of the past to keep for tomorrow.



--Morgen Spiess
 L. J. High School, Class of '69

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APRIL-MAY TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR NEW DOCENTS

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Training sessions for new docents for Torrey Pines Docent Society began Saturday, March 24, with introductory information from President Michael Fox and Supervising Ranger Bob Wohl. Sessions will continue weekly on Saturdays to May 5 with the exception of April 21, day of the Torrey Pines Association anniversary celebration, to which all docents are invited.

All sessions will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the Visitor Center, with walks following the lectures. There will be a refreshment break each session. Michael Fox plans to offer his Sunday training walks again also, and details about these, as well as any program additions or changes, will be announced at the meetings.

- MARCH 31 Bill Brothers, docent--plants
- APRIL 7 Judy Schulman, docent--history of the Reserve and native Americans
- APRIL 14 Dr. David Faulkner, San Diego Museum of Natural History--entomology (includes slide show)
- APRIL 28 Dr. Richard Phillips, University of San Diego--geology
- MAY 5 Dick Edwards, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation--interpretation
Presentations by docents on their walk-and-talk methods
Wrap-up
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MAKING THE RESERVE "MEAN SOMETHING"

Docents Bob and Jane Talbert recently received the following thank-you note which includes the society as a whole:

Dear Bob and Jane,

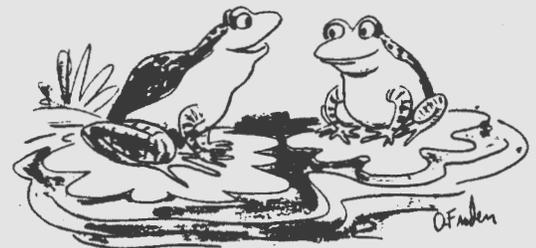
What a treat for us women from Welcome Wagon to have you lead us on such an interesting walk! All of us thoroughly enjoyed it and came away with a new awareness of nature. As one of our group expressed it, "I moved here from a lush, green part of the country and thought all this was just a pile of sticks. Now it means something to me." Thanks for a delightful and enlightening experience.

Please thank the whole docent society for the wonderful service you all provide.

*Sincerely,
Hilde Whittlesey, Hiking Chairman
Welcome Wagon Club*

FREE TREE FROGS

Want a friendly little creature that goes "crick" in the night? You can grow your own tree frog from tadpoles available from Diana Snodgrass. These little amphibians need a moist spot in your yard. Call 481-2154.



"Jaspers creepers, where'd you get those peepers?"

DOCENTS ON DUTY SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Maurie Brown reports an enthusiastic response to her call for docent volunteers to assist with the Torrey Pines Association celebration Saturday, April 21, in the Reserve.

Everyone assisting is asked to wear a green top and a Docent Society name badge in order to be readily visible to visitors--and identifiable as docents.



All walks begin at the Lodge, where TPA plans to man a table at the entrance so that visitors can sign up for various events of that day.

At the time the newsletter went to "press," the following walk schedule was planned:

- 9:15 A.M. Walk to Razor Point, with focus on information about bark beetles and drought. Elizabeth Nicoloff and others.
- 10:00 A.M. Bird walk on Guy Fleming Trail. Joan Nimick and Marion Dixon.
- 10:30 A.M. Walk to High Point with park and lagoon update from that perspective. Maurie Brown.
- 1:30 P.M. Location of walk subject to demand. Barbara Moore.
- 2:30 P.M. Location of walk subject to demand. Diana Snodgrass and Maurie Brown.

In addition, Grace Martin and Judy Schulman will be on duty at the Lodge in the morning, Millie Horger and Ruth Cheney in the afternoon. Bob Margulies and Laura Knight will share bus shuttle duty, welcoming visitors and providing information on the shuttle. "Floating" docents who will help visitors in any way asked will be Del Roberts and Julie Marin during lunch, Jan Taylor and Graham Parnell at other times. President Michael Fox and Vice President Diana Snodgrass have offered their assistance in any way needed. It is anticipated that other docents will also be signed up for general assistance before the celebration day.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL DOCENTS

from Jeanne Heller

During weekends an additional docent will be on duty at the Lodge for the morning and afternoon shifts, commencing April 1. Also, on Mondays and Fridays we will have two shifts in the Lodge. Please note the Docent Duty Calendar on the last page of the newsletter for times and dates available and PLEASE SIGN UP!

Remember Arbor Day Friday, April 27, and plant a tree!



DUTY CALENDAR - APRIL 1990

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 L - HELLER L - W - MASSEY L - MORROW, J L - W - MORROW, C	2 10-1:00 JAMES 1-4:00 HUBER	3 MARTIN	4 SACHS	5 BOUTELLE	6 10-1:00 NICOLOFF 1-4:00	7 L - LEWIS L - W - MASSEY L - DIXON L - W - GREENE, B
8 L - BRANSFORD L - W - L - DUNHAM L - BRANSFORD W - DUNHAM	9 10-1:00 JAMES 1-4:00 SACHS	10 AMANN, B&M	11 MARGULIES	12 BOUTELLE	13 10-1:00 GITTELSON 1-4:00 SACHS	14 L - HOLCOMBE L - W - GREENE, B L - CHENEY L - W - KNIGHT
15 L - SCHULMAN L - W - MORGER L - SCHULMAN L - W -	16 10-1:00 TALBERT, B&J 1-4:00	17 MARTIN	18 PARNELL SNOGRASS	19 FOSTER, PV	20 10-1:00 NICOLOFF 1-4:00	21 TPSR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
22 L - LEWIS L - W - ROBERTS L - LIU L - W - DIXON	23 10-1:00 TALBERT, B&J JAMES 1-4:00	24 ESTEY GREEN, O	25 MARGULIES MARINE	26 BUECHLER	27 10-1:00 GITTELSON 1-4:00	28 L - KNIGHT L - W - KOOYMAN L - MORROW, J L - W - MORROW, C
29 L - DUNHAM L - W - DUNHAM L - CHENEY L - W - LIU	30 10-1:00 JAMES 1-4:00 HUBER	PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP OR HAVE TO MAKE A CHANGE. JEANNE HELLER 587-6713		DUTY HOURS: MONDAY & FRIDAY 10:00 - 1:00 1:00 - 4:00 TUES., WED., & THURS. 11:00 - 2:00	WEEKEND Lodge: 10:30 - 1:30 1:30 - 4:30 Walk: 11:00 - 2:00 1:00 - 4:00	

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