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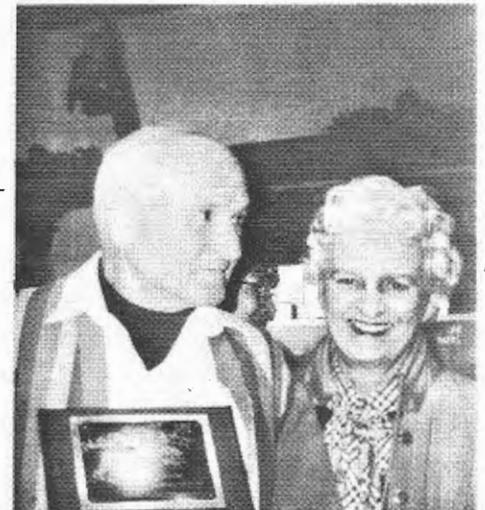
Next Docent Society Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 9:00 A.M. AT THE VISITOR CENTER

The Docent Society will offer its own version of a "whodunit" in January, more appropriately called a "whowilldoit." Diana Snodgrass, program chair, was unable to confirm a speaker before the newsletter went to press, but we'll give you a couple of clues: it could have something to do with the desert--or with tidepools. If you need to have the answer before the meeting, it will be posted up at the Lodge as soon as it's available. Or if you're not in that vicinity and you simply have to know before the meeting, call Diana (481-2354). The rest of the meeting is no mystery: business and refreshments before the speaker, whoever that person may be.

MARGE AND BOB AMANN NAMED DOCENTS OF THE YEAR

The Docent Society's "Docent of the Year" award was shared this year by the husband-and-wife team of Marge and Bob Amann, who became members eight years ago. Since that time they have made major contributions in many ways; trail maintenance is one of their specialties, and the park has benefited from such endeavors as installation of dams in some of the old Army roads, now part of the Broken Hills trail, which are subject to erosion in rainy periods; replacement of a bridge near the bottom of the Beach Trail; and additional work such as cleaning up brush in the Extension as well as in front of the Lodge. They will also be participating in the clean-up of the nature trail from the Del Mar Heights School, which goes over some Indian sites of archeological importance.



Their efforts are not limited to maintenance. They are often out on trail patrol, reporting illegal occurrences such as off-trail hikers and on-trail bikers. As they perform their outdoors duties they are alert for interesting "show-and-tell" items to bring to meetings, like the trap-door spider and the piece of pine bark showing evidence of bark beetle trails.

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H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

Docent Doings

OFFICERS' SLATE FOR COMING YEAR

The Nominating Committee of the Docent Society, headed by Herb Swanson, has selected the following candidates for office for the year which begins March 1991:

President: Diana Snodgrass
 Vice President for Training: Joan Nimick
 Vice President for Programs: Del Roberts
 Secretary: Bob Talbert
 Treasurer: Glenn Dunham
 Duty Coordinator: Kathy Estey
 Newsletter Editor: Marion Dixon

These officers will be voted on at the annual meeting February 16. The change from one vice president to two was approved by the Executive Board in order to halve the duties which had become too onerous for one person.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting, but candidates nominated must have given their approval beforehand.

HAPPY HOLIDAY PARTY

Over 60 docents, friends, and families squeezed into a Lodge gay with seasonal greens and red berries for the Docent Society's annual holiday party. A little fir tree that had been donated by a commercial lot was trimmed with straw figures, cinnamon sticks, and other ornaments, some of which go back a few years and included hand-fashioned contributions from Judy Carlstrom's Brownie troop. Nicest touch was the little straw angel at the top with her sea-shell wings. Delectable food included such exotic items as brandied bananas, saffron coffee cake, and nut roast, plus the ever-popular hot bean casseroles and scrambled egg dishes, fruit, cookie, vegetables and dip, cheese and crackers.

Chairman of the party John Green was assisted in the preparations by: Barbara Raker, Jean Hulme, Denise Holcomb, Dick Lighthall, Dorothy Green, Kathy Watson, Charles and Judy Morrow, John Huber, Jan Taylor, Jane and Bob Talbert, and Eva Armi. Herb Swanson provided carols on tapes and later Judy Carlstrom gave her usual professional performance on the dulcimer.

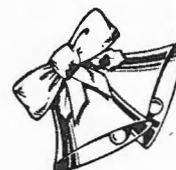


GIFT TO DOCENT SOCIETY

Docent Judy Morrow presented a gift of \$200 to the Docent Society at the annual holiday party. This was money earned from sales at the park of her original little wooden carvings of animals, made into pins. Judy expressed the hope that the money might be used for the purchase of an additional animal exhibit for the Lodge.

SO, WHAT DID THE DOCENTS DO IN 1990?

Ring out the old, ring in the new;
But first let's have a quick review.
TPDS with Michael Fox in the lead
Provided trainees with a manual to read,
An intercom phone to report problems on trail,
Guided walks in the Extension--these surely won't fail.



Our V.P. Diana lined up programs with class
That taught all those docents who came out en masse
About bats, monarchs, and Baja, reptiles and sharks,
Plus a project for wildlife that gets very high marks.

Kathy and her group yanked out non-native plants
Like the Hottentot fig that's making a frightful advance.



Bob Wohl brought us news, both good and bad;
The increase in fees most thought was sad.
The improved parking lot now on its way
Will make us merrier when it's done in May.

Greg Hackett trained docents to guide and to talk
To school groups, Brownies and others who come for a walk.
Greg also reported on that "other" Torrey pine;
Unlike some of ours, it's doing just fine.

The staff gave a party where docents were treated;
And everyone hopes this affair is repeated.



The exhibits were enlarged by a tern and a fox,
A rattler, a flicker, and butterflies in a box.

Pat Foster completed a design for a patch,
A stamp, and a stencil; now they all match.

Marc expanded the library; it's getting quite big.
In fact, there's need for new shelves in the docents' wee dig.

Patricia Bransford worked like a trouper
To see that our snacks were really quite super.

Marge and Bob Amann got their names on a plaque
For outstanding park efforts that go many years back.



And to top it all off at the end of the year
Michael made an announcement that brought us all cheer:
He and Cindy Millsap will wed in the park
On a Sunday in January before it gets dark.
The docents and rangers all wish them the best,
And we'll join in a toast as the sun sets in the west.

(Many others pitched in to help us learn and have fun;
We hope all will continue throughout ninety-one.)

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TEN YEAR DOCENT AWARD

A specially inscribed paperweight was presented to Docent Elizabeth Nicoloff at the December Docent Society meeting in recognition of her ten years of service. During this time Elizabeth has served as treasurer of the organization for several years and is currently the recorder of volunteer hours. She has also participated in the program for new trainees by explaining the collection of auxiliary items she carries along on nature walks to help with her interpretation. Her expertise as a nature guide has made her a popular assistant in trail training for new docents.

Before coming to the Docent Society, Elizabeth was active with the "Canyoneers" at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Among the current organizations of which she is a member is the California Native Plant Society.

DOCENTS OF THE YEAR (continued from p. 1)

Actually, the Amanns are shining examples of park volunteers. Not only do they make an outstanding effort on behalf of Torrey Pines State Reserve, they are also docents in two other State Parks, Cuyamaca and San Jacinto. Doing work at all three visitor centers and on their trails keeps them involved in the environment at three different altitudes: sea level, 4,000 feet, and 9,000 feet. They don't limit themselves to state organizations, either. As members of Heise County Park, which is west of Julian, they work on their wilderness trail. Part of their contribution has been to locate specific plants and order labels for them. At the Cleveland National Forest in the Lagunas, they are part of the original group of volunteers. There they do a somewhat different type of work, redirecting sport shooters to permitted areas, snow patrolling, assisting archeological workers in finding new sites, and spotting trees for removal. As members of the Sierra Club, they are sometimes hosts at the Lodge in the Lagunas. And they keep up with botanical information as members of the California Native Plant Society.

So Torrey Pines Docent Society is lucky that these thoroughgoing professional park volunteers have time to give us a piece of their action.

Congratulations, Marge and Bob.

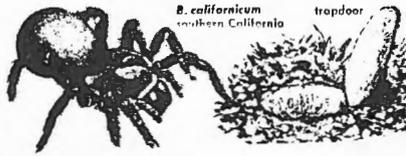
News and NotesSPECIAL TOUR AT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

At 9:00 A.M. Saturday, January 12, a tour of the San Diego Natural History Museum's botanical research collection will be conducted. Their herbarium contains over 130,000 specimens, the largest portion of which are from San Diego County and Baja California. Of particular note will be the display of 1,000 Valentin watercolors of San Diego County wildflowers and herbaceous plants, renowned for both their beauty and their scientific accuracy.

GREY WHALE FESTIVAL

On January 19 and 20, a grey whale festival is being held at Cabrillo State Park. Sea World will have a display on the grey whale, and there will be speakers every hour on associated topics. Who knows—maybe some real grey whales will swim by for the occasion!

OH NO! INSECTS AND SPIDERS IN THE LIBRARY by Marc Gittelsohn



This will be the first of a series of topical lists of books in our small Torrey Pines Docents Society library. We shall continue to add good new books, chiefly field guides and identification manuals (as authorized by the Executive Board), that will enhance our efforts as docents. These subject lists may also help to familiarize us with what is now available. Areas to be covered in future months will include, among others, sea mammals, reptiles and amphibians, plant identification, ethnobotany, geology and paleontology, climate, and Native Americans. We encourage docents and staff to use the library.

Please remember that books are arranged alphabetically by author. Books may be used in the Lodge or checked out for a maximum of two weeks--one book at a time per reader.

Borror, Donald J., *A field guide to the insects of America north of Mexico* (Houghton Mifflin, Peterson field guide no. 11, 1970).

Dodge, Natt N., *Poisonous dwellers of the desert* (Southwest Parks & Monuments Association, 1976).

Edwards, J. Gordon, *Insects* (Chevron, Western Outdoor Environmental Guide, 1971).

Emmel, Thomas C., *The butterflies of Southern California* (Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 1973).

Hawks, Ellison, *Bees shown to the children* (T. C. Jack, 1912).

Hogue, Charles L., *The insects of the Los Angeles basin* (Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, 1974).

Levi, Herbert W., *A guide to spiders and their kin* (Golden Press, Golden Nature Guide Series, 1968).



California Harvester Ant.

Powell, Jerry A. and Hogue, Charles L., *California Insects* (U.C. Press, California Natural History Guide no. 44, 1979).

Russo, Ronald A., *Plant galls of the California region* (Boxwood Press, 1979).

Teale, Edwin Way, *Near horizons; the story of an insect garden* (Pyramid Books, 1966).

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, *Insects; the yearbook of agriculture for 1952*.

Westcott, Cynthia, *The gardener's bug book* (1973).



The beauty of a butterfly's wing,
the beauty of all things, is not a slave
to purpose, a drudge sold to futurity.
It is excrescence, superabundance, ran-
dom ebullience, and sheer delightful
waste to be enjoyed in its own high
right.

--Donald Culross Peattie

"I don't believe it. That's my ex-wife."



TPA Topics

1990 A BIG YEAR FOR TORREY PINES ASSOCIATION

Torrey Pines Association celebrated its fortieth anniversary April 21 at the Reserve with over 200 members, friends, and supporters attending a successful day of celebrity speakers, luncheon, and nature walks. In time for the occasion a new illustrated brochure describing the purpose and activities of the Association was issued. Many new members came into the group shortly after this event. . . . George Beardsley took over as president, and the group continued its active opposition to the development of a controversial research center on Torrey Pines Mesa. In this endeavor, they were ultimately unsuccessful but promised to keep a close watch on future developmental activities. . . . A gift of \$18,000 from the Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation was received to assist in the publication of a "coffee table" book on Torrey Pines park. . . . Work was started on a revision of the official Reserve booklet, to be finished by June 1991.

Report from the Ranger

WHITEBOARD REPORT ON OUR DROUGHT

Take five minutes on your next visit to the Reserve to look over Ranger Allyn Kaye's excellent summary on the drought that's affecting this locality. It's on the whiteboard outside the Ranger's office. It's both bright and factual and reminds us all of some figures we forget too easily--such as, that in 1850 there were only 200 pines in the park. This puts the current loss of 300 from drought and bark beetle infestation into a somewhat less dismal perspective. Allyn also notes that the trees can't be watered or sprayed because park rules require that nature must be allowed to take its course--which answers a question frequently posed by visitors.

RANGER ACTIVITIES

Greg Hackett will be missing from the Reserve staff for several months while he does duty at San Elijo and South Carlsbad. In this position he is receiving a "Limited Term Upgrade." His place at TPSR will not be filled this time as it has in the past, which leaves a minimal staff at the Reserve. The Rangers have been assisted since last September by Park Aide Kelly McCague, and it is hoped that she will be able to continue. . . . Chris Platis was busy during the week of December 16 through 21, first in fire safety training in Santa Monica, then working on a prescribed burn of about 1,000 acres at Lake Perris. He has also completed a refresher course as a defensive tactic instructor at the Monterey Pacific Training Center. . . . That the fire training is necessary was underlined recently by a small fire in the East Grove started by a transient's campfire. Maintenance worker Fran Smith helped douse the blaze, which was then completely extinguished by the fire department before causing significant damage.

Simplicity in all things is the secret of the wilderness and one of its most valuable lessons. . . . When in the wilds, we must not carry our problems with us or the joy is lost.

--Sigurd Olson

NEW REGIONAL PARK ON THE WAY

The first step in establishing a 55-mile-long wildlife and park corridor from Del Mar to the foothills of Julian was taken late in December with the purchase of 89 acres of wetlands near the fairgrounds. Establishment of the park is the main focus of a group called the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park joint-powers authority, headed by Diane Coombs as executive director. The property in Del Mar, which was once proposed as the site of a commercial resort complex, will be preserved as wetlands, which are the home of four endangered species: the belding Savannah sparrow, the light-footed clapper, the brown pelican, and the least tern.

Financial arrangements are expected to be completed in January. The city of San Diego's wetlands acquisition fund will contribute \$1.3 million and the state open-space bond funds \$700,000.

The park agency is looking at the purchase of several hundred acres along Via de la Valle between El Camino Real and I-5, and the 1,500 acre Boden Canyon near Ramona.

FOR MY OWN SAKE

*The waves rush in, green, wild and high
saying something to the shore.
The rising cliffs address the sky
and make the blue mean something more*

*The sandy beaches stretch to touch
the jagged rocks with how they feel.
In clouds and wind there is so much
intent, struggling to reveal*

*Themselves, and to be understood.
I used to come here, and to take
all the wisdom that I could
from what I saw, for my own sake,*

*Who felt, within, emotions form
opinions make tremendous growth,
preparing to break out in storm
or stand against a storm, or both.*

--Helen Harrington



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Docents --
Please heed the call to duty!
Lots of time slots open!



DUTY HOURS:
MONDAY & FRIDAY
 10:00 - 1:00
 11:00 - 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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