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Next Docent Society Meeting

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

Following the Annual Meeting of the Docent Society at 9:00 A.M. (see Nominating Committee's report below), refreshments will be served as usual and then the group will go on a tidepool walk. Linda Tway, Ph.D., author of the recently published Tidepools of Southern California, will guide us through the wonders of tidepooling at Flat Rock during one of the lowest tides of the year-- -1.4, according to the 1992 Tide Calendar . Those who wish to continue with Linda along the beach south of Flat Rock to seek more animal life are invited to pack a lunch and wear heavy-tread sneakers which can get wet.

Note: The new Executive Board members will bring their refreshments down to the docents' room and attempt to finish business in time to go on the walk.

TPDS OFFICERS' SLATE FOR 1992

The Docent Society Nominating Committee of Bob Margulies, Jan Taylor, and John Huber presented the following slate of officers at the January meeting. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in February.

President: Diana Snodgrass
Vice President for Programs: Jim Cassell
Vice President for Training: Joan Nimick
Treasurer: June Brickelmaier
Secretary: Bob Talbert
Duty Coordinator: Joy Cooper
Newsletter Editor: Marion Dixon

Other nominations may be made from the floor with the permission of the nominee.

The following persons have agreed to serve in other capacities for the Society in the coming year: Kathy Watson, John Huber, Julie Marine, and Dick Lightfoot on the Social Committee; Mary Lou Wasden as membership chair; and Jan Taylor, continuing as publicity chair.

DOCENT TRAINING DATES

Tell your friends and interested visitors to the Reserve that this year's training classes for docents will be held on the following dates (all Saturdays): March 28; April 4, 11, and 25; May 2 and 9. Note that April 18 is omitted because that is the Easter holiday weekend. More details about the training program, which will again be under the leadership of Joan Nimick, will be published in the March newsletter.

DID YOU REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES?

Dues for the Docent Society should have been paid at the January meeting. However, if you missed that meeting, please pay promptly--by the February 15 meeting at the latest. Membership Chair Carol Lewis will still be collecting dues at that time. Active members, \$10; supporting members, \$25. Parking passes are issued when dues are paid. Any questions? Call Carol at 755-5771.

PINK PARKING PLACARDS

When you've paid your dues and received your pink parking placard, you are requested to print your last name in letters large enough to be clearly visible through the windshield. You also need to include your license plate number and may include one for a second family vehicle if you will be using it to come to the Reserve. **Please do not transfer these parking passes to friends.** (Passes may be picked up at the Lodge office between meetings if your dues are paid.)

TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER EXPENSES AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

It's that time of year again. As you make out your tax forms, remember that expenses involved in performing your volunteer duties are legally deductible. These may include mileage, docent T-shirts, required books. You should keep records and receipts on file in case of questions by the IRS at any time. . . . Also, the California Native Plant Society reminds you that on Line 50 of Form 540 you can include a contribution for "Endangered Species" which is 100% deductible.

FREE BROCHURES

Bob Amann has provided additional copies of the "Coloring and Game Book" from the Department of Animal Control, San Diego County, and of "California Rattlesnakes," from the Division of Agricultural Sciences, University of California. These are at the Lodge desk for general distribution.

Also at the desk are a few copies of "Welcome to the Wetlands," an attractive, well-illustrated educational pamphlet from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Bob suggests that this publication be given out only to teachers. For additional copies for their students, teachers can either write to the EPA or make photocopies.

NEW TV FOR SLIDE SHOWS

A new Sony TV set may be installed in the Lodge "show" room by the time you read this. Some adjustments are required to accommodate the larger set, which will also be angled to provide better viewing. Purchase of the set was authorized by the Executive Board of the Docent Society.

TPDS PHOTOS

Many docents are handy with a camera and have captured memorable scenes from various society events, such as the beach party, the rangers' appreciation dinner, and the holiday party. To keep these snaps where present and future docents can enjoy them, President Diana Snodgrass has provided a photo album. If you have pictures you'd like to share, bring them to the Lodge for inclusion in the album, which is currently being kept in the docents' room. Perhaps on quiet days in the Lodge, the docent on duty at the desk can help to bring the album up to date if necessary.

SIGHTINGS ON SEA AND LAND

Docents report seeing a gam of whales from the Reserve on January 17 (yes, "gam" is the official term). There were nine in this group....And another deer was sig[?] this time off Broken Hills Trail near the golf course.

DIPPING IN THE LIBRARY'S TIDEPOOLS (Library Subject List #11)

by Marc Gittelsohn

(Many of the volumes on seashore life and tidepools in the docent library are cited below. Upcoming subjects in our continuing series will be paleontology, oceanography, and interpretation of nature for children.)

Berger, Wolf H., *Walk along the ocean; a guide for beach walkers* (Beach Walk, 1979).

Carson, Rachel, *The edge of the sea* (New American Library, 1963).

Dawson, E. Yale, *How to know the seaweeds* (Brown, Picture Key Nature Series, 1956).

Hedgpeth, Joel W., *Common seashore life of Southern California* (Naturegraph, 1961).

Hinton, Sam, *Seashore life of Southern California; an introduction to the animal life of California beaches south of Santa Barbara*. Rev. ed. (Univ. of Ca. Press, 1987, Calif. Natural History Guide #26).

Miner, Ray Waldo, *Field book of seashore life* (Putnam's, 1950).

Silverberg, Robert, *The world within the tidepool* (Weybright & Talley, 1972).

Tway, Linda E., *Tidepools Southern California; an illustrated guide to 100 locations from Point Conception to Mexico* (Capra Press, 1991).

Vessel, Matthew F., *Tidepools* (Chevron, Western Outdoor Environmental Guide, 1971).

DOCENT SERVICE IN 1991 by Elizabeth Nicoloff

Sixty-six active members of the Docent Society donated 5,405 volunteer hours during 1991. Besides regular duty at the visitor desk in the Lodge, leading nature walks on the trails, and handling the affairs of the Society, docents participated in special projects, such as maintenance work on trails and in the Lodge, eradication of exotic plants, art work for the library, and the reissue of Hank Nicol's book, Notes from the Naturalist. I am posting on the docent bulletin board a tabulation of each docent's hours for the year. Below is a list of the 22 who gave over 100 hours, divided into two groups: those with and those without official duties to perform.

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THE OLDEN DAYS—WERE THEY SO GOOD?



As you slept in your canopied bed, a thump on the canopy might signal a rat or mouse falling from the rushes in the ceiling. Better there than in your mouth.

Or maybe some girls and boys were caught playing together in the school yard. A serious number of lashes for each of them.

And did the meat have a funny taste? Possible. It may have been just a little rotten. Of course, you couldn't smell it because the garden herbs covered up that bad odor, along with a lot of others.

Such things might have happened in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in the little village of San Diego, now known as "Old Town." The "good old days" there were brought to life by volunteer Lynn Proffer for 33 docents Saturday on their January 18th field trip. Lynn appeared as "Maria," a girl who had come up from Mexico about 1763, hoping for a soldier husband from the fort here, but instead ending up as a servant. Maria described some of the activities that preceded our present-day violence-full recreations such as football and TV. For example, a bull and a bear were tied together by their back legs, and a fight to the finish would take place, with the onlookers betting on the outcome. Enough to drive a poor servant girl (and others) to drink. Maria's knitting basket held a little flask as well as a pipe--and her knitting.

Maria worked for the wealthiest family in town, the Estudillos, whose money came largely from cattle and silver. The docents were escorted through their partially restored 12-room ranch, where they examined the fireplace in the sala where olive pits were burned to help get rid of the fleas(better than sagebrush?); peeked at the banker's coat sewn with a "forbidden" stitch, so-called because it caused seamstresses to go blind; and considered the scheduling for the big "orno" in the garden (much like the one behind the TPSR Lodge), which the Estudillos let all the townspeople share.

By contrast with the roomy Estudillo ranch, Maria showed the group the Stewart-Machado house, where 17 people in the family shared two rooms. There they saw ropes dangling from the ceiling, not to hang miscreants, but rather to hang up food to protect it from mice and rats, who apparently have never learned to climb ropes. The floors, now covered with clay tiles, were originally dirt, which was kept from creating a dust hazard by being sprinkled with cattle blood, followed by a layer of tallow, which hardened into a suitable surface to allow breathing as well as sweeping.

The docents also visited the first American schoolhouse in the area, built in 1865. There our guide took on the persona of the schoolteacher, a schoolmarm from Boston, who lost her job because she was seen sitting at a lunch table with a black lady, someone she had become friends with on her trip out here.

In some ways, Maria showed us that the human condition today doesn't look so bad when examined in the light of that 100 or 200 years ago. Just maybe.

*And in green underwood and cover
Blossom by blossom the spring begins.*

A. C. Swinburne



Report from the Ranger

MISSION STATEMENT OF CALIFORNIA PARKS

The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) is "to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by preserving the state's most valued natural and cultural resources and by providing opportunities for high quality recreational experiences." The motto of CDPR is "California State Parks--the Best of California Forever."

Reminders of the mission, the motto, and the parks' objectives were recently issued by the new director of parks, Donald W. Murphy, to the "Phoenix Committee," a body appointed to consider priorities for the parks for the future. The committee is representative of the broad spectrum of park interests and includes two resource ecologists--a hopeful sign.

HOW INDIVIDUALS CAN HELP SAVE THE PARKS

A message from the California State Parks Foundation, which acts as a conduit through which private support can go to the 258 government-controlled state parks, urges Californians to invest in their parks and earn income at the same time.

To explore the substantial tax and income benefits of a charitable life income plan through the Foundation, interested persons should call its charitable trust specialist, Phil Murphy, at (415) 457-7482, or write:

Director of Development
California State Parks Foundation
800 College Avenue
P.O. Box 548
Kentfield, CA 94914

PARRY GROVE TRAIL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

A control burn was scheduled for the Parry Grove Trail for January 28 or the week following, depending on weather conditions. If neither of these periods proved possible, the burn will be scheduled for June 30. After the burn, native seeds stored by the Institute of Forest Genetics will be planted to aid in the area's recovery. If the pattern of regrowth observed in other control burn areas is repeated, many native plants will return healthier than ever.

The trail has been officially closed to visitors in preparation for the burn. Honor camp inmates cleared brush for ten feet on either side of the trail and removed some hazardous trees.

Docents who wish to go into the area without visitors should check with the office before doing so.

STAFF CHANGES

Ranger Allyn Kaye leaves the Reserve February 1 for the San Elijo-South Carlsbad park for rotation duty. Ranger Carol Provost will replace Allyn during February and March.

Currently assisting the Ranger staff are Julianne Ward, a UCSD student in urban planning doing an internship here; and two other students, Karen Fehr and Joe Zilner, who are doing volunteer work related to their studies.

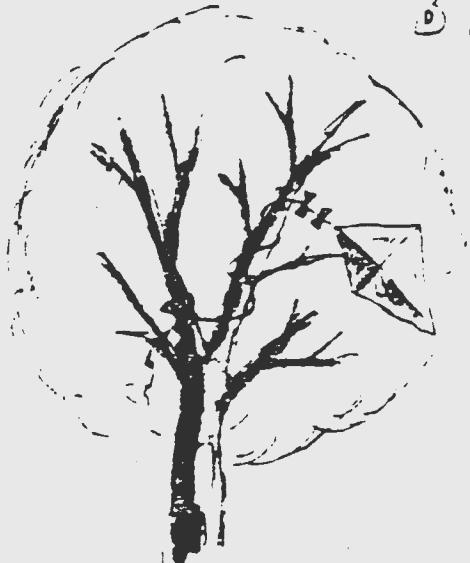
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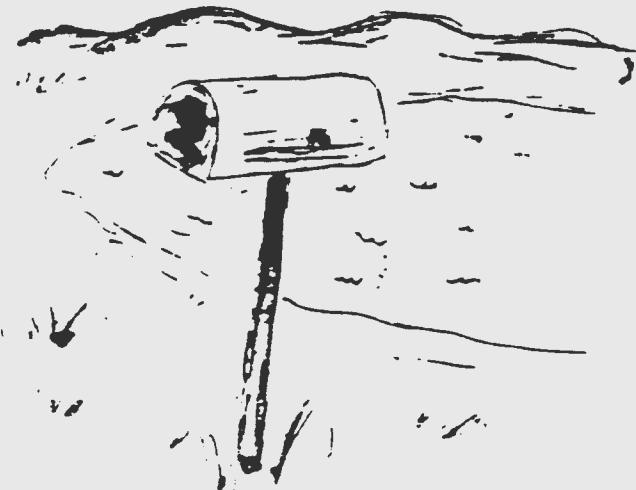
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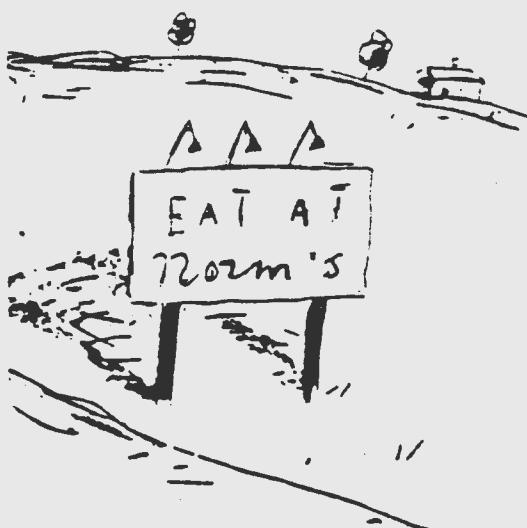
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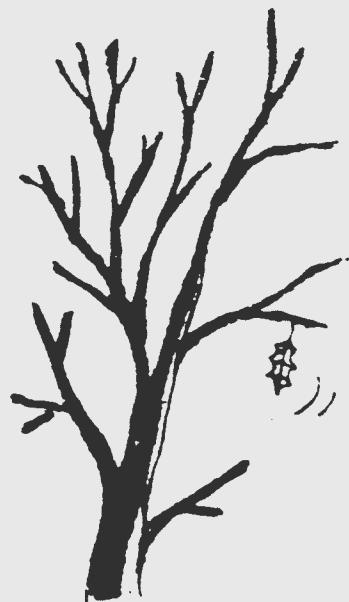
Nearly positive it's a heron.



Chances are it's a
flock of finches.



Woodpecker in a tree,
most likely.



Instincts say it's
somebody's escaped parakeet.

R. Chat

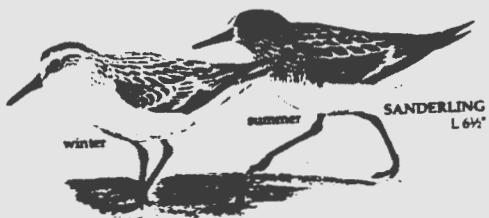
VOLUNTEER JOB OPPORTUNITY

 A serious search is on for an Assistant Editor for the Torreyana. On-the-job training will be provided, and the person appointed should expect to take on the job of editor (or at least co-editor) in the future--by next year if possible. Typing or word-processing skills will be necessary for the editor, plus some background in writing, editing, or newsletter production. The time required for training will vary from two to three hours per month, on one of the last days of the month. The schedule varies with where the end of the month falls with relation to the deadline and copy shop hours.

If interested, please contact Marion Dixon at 454-5511. (Please note: The job of Assistant Editor does not include handling circulation, for which persons are being trained by Parker Foster, who has been in charge of that end of production for some time.)

ENCOUNTER

*Swift sanderlings scurry for food,
metronomes in time with the tide,
gulls and terns sweep across whitecaps
rolling toward a receptive shore
where pliant sand slips away like
thoughts carried aloft by the wind.
Here poet and fisherman meet
to probe the depths, to seek their catch
in the sonorous surge of life
the ocean and heavens afford
to those who can taste a sunset,
feel the pulse of a vibrant sea.*



Neil C. Fitzgerald

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Editor's Corner

As some of you may have noticed, this month's newsletter has some new typographical features as well as inconsistencies. Please bear with us while we try to master the intricacies of our new, somewhat fancy, typewriter.

Change of address:

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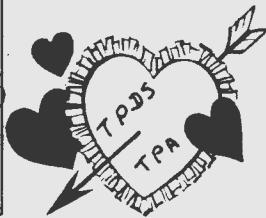
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2 L. HELLER L. W. FERGUSON L. MORROW L. W. DIXON	3 10-1 PARNELL COOPER	4 MARTIN	5 MARGULIES	6 STIEGLER	7 10-1 GITTLESOHN BURSEN	8 L. BRAZENDORF L. DUNHAM L. BRICKEMORE L. W. DUNHAM
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23 LEWIS DIXON OSISER COOPER	24 10-1 HUBER GREEN	25 TALBERTS	26 MOREN	27 MARINE	28 10-1 MORAN BURSON	29 L. SCHULMAN L. W. MASSEY L. STONE L. W. FARMER



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