



TORREYANA

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Torrey Pines State Reserve*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow docents:

I should like to thank you all for your support in the last few years whilst I have been completing my studies at UCSD. I was quite taken by surprise when Jim Cassell presented me with a graduation gift on behalf of the group. It feels good to be appreciated by such talented people as the Torrey Pines Docents.

I hope those of you who can be there enjoy yet another summer beach party on August 20th. I shall be away in Wales, hopefully on a not too rainy beach. I look forward to our next meeting in September. I would like to thank Walter Desmond for kindly stepping in at the last minute to take over the place of Seth Slater as our Vice-President for programming. Seth has moved up to Yosemite, where we wish him the best of luck in his wilderness exploits.

The children's education group is already hard at work planning activities for the new school year. If you would like to get involved please contact Joan Nimick or Barbara Wallach about the general programs, Margaret Bardwick about the Native American program and Mary Weir about the Whale program. Of course you are welcome to participate in each and every one of these great opportunities for awakening an interest in nature in our local school children.

The flower brochure has proven to be such a great success that we are going to aim at publishing a shrub brochure in the near future. Joan Nimick has offered to coordinate this (does she ever sit still?). Photographs may include a close up of the leaf shape, the flower, fruit or berry stages of the shrubs. Photographs should be submitted to Joan via the docent mail box. A committee will eventually select the most representative of these to be included in a brochure. Please note that your photographs are considered a donation to the docent society and, following our past practice with the wildflower brochure, we will not be reimbursing cost of film and/or development.

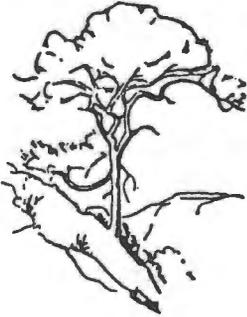
Whilst you are out photographing on the trails be sure to capture on film any bobcat, rattlesnake or other exciting sighting, as an animal brochure is also being considered! Good luck in your endeavors and see you at the September docent appreciation party.

Diana

JULY MEETING

The beach party will start at 10:00 am on Saturday August 20 at south beach below the picnic benches on the cliff. It is pot luck. Bring shade, sun screen, beach chair. Plan to eat up and have fun.

TPA NEWS



A partial mock-up of the Torrey Pines Association's forthcoming book Torrey Pines, Landscape and Legacy by Bill Evarts was shared with the docents at the July meeting. Begun in 1987, the project is now near completion, with the book being printed now in Hong Kong. Sales will be launched at an affair at the Lodge in October, followed by book signing events and an exhibition of Bill Evarts photographs at the Natural History Museum. The price of hard-cover copies will be \$27.95 and soft-cover \$17.95.

THE MISSION

The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the State's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources and creating opportunities for high quality outdoor recreation.

DOCENT DOINGS

DOCENT OF THE MONTH

Marty Blake Jacobson is to be congratulated for taking on the task of revising and updating our plant list. A preliminary version of the new plant list is available at the lodge in the docent's room. Marty asks that we please look it over, mark the typos and other mistakes, and write your comments on it. In case she has questions about our comments, please write your name on the cover sheet. She will be doing the final version the last week in August.

NEW DOCENTS

Jim Cassell announced recent new docents: Bill Kent, Selma Myers, Peggy Roberts, Sid Stein. Eleven of the thirty-one going through training have completed the program. Others have been given three months more to finish up.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR DOCENTS

Marty Black Jacobson grew up in Michigan and acquired an early love of plants from her mother, who was and still is an avid gardener. After a Master's degree in botany, she detoured into programming and teaching about computers, but kept in touch with botany via classes and gardening. When she arrived in San Diego 15 years ago, her work was computer-related but in the ecology discipline; eventually she was able to maneuver the job into field work. For a few years she surveyed for an environmental firm--somebody paid her to hike, map plant communities, search for rare plant species, and key out plants!

Currently, in addition to being the mother of a lively daughter and being a docent with what she calls "a wonderful group of people at Torrey Pines" she leads a Brownie Troop and compiles her family's genealogy and history. Once in a while she finds time to put another drought-tolerant plant into her garden. She recently revised the Torrey Pines plant list. (See Docent of the Month) While awaiting comments on it, she'll be with her husband and daughter on their annual camping trip, this year in Wyoming.

CAMP CALLAN

Judy Schulman's article about Camp Callan, published several years ago, was republished in "Traditions of San Diego's Military Heritage". Judy is recognized as a leading authority about this camp, once located in the current Torrey Pines Golf Course area. Rowdy James provided an early picture of the camp to accompany the article.

BASKET WEAVING CLASS

The date for the basket weaving class is August 28 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Lodge. Pat MacGillis is the instructor. Class fee is \$15.00. To enroll call Judy Schulman at 452-7683. Reservations are required and the class is limited to 12 enrollees.

WEEDS AND WINE

The call was out for weed/exotic plant removal in a new format. Instead of Thursday morning, docents were asked to come on July 21 at 5:30 pm. John Carson, Dorothy and John Green, David Economou, Barbara Anderson, Nelson Brav, Diana Snodgrass, Linda Wolfe, Jan Taylor, Elsie Shrawder and her friend Joan McIntyre eradicated weeds and then enjoyed wine and snacks provided by the Docent Society. Thanks for the novel idea go to Diana Snodgrass and Kathy Estey. Norbert Ruhmke is also to be thanked for hauling two truckloads to the dumpster. The venture was so successful that a repeat performance is scheduled for Thursday, August 4th, same place same time. Some people brought snacks and that is acceptable too.

REPORT FROM THE RANGER

The low bridge at the mouth of the lagoon and the high bridge over the railroad tracks are soon scheduled for replacement. The former will be at a cost of \$7,000,000 and the latter at \$12,000,000.

Pump station No. 65 is scheduled for new site construction located a pace or two off the wetlands in Sorrento Valley at a cost of \$12,000,000 with a two year completion date.

Bob Wohl believes that as the surrounding land becomes more encroached, Torrey Pines State Reserve wildlife will be affected. There may be more wildlife, less wildlife, or different kinds of wildlife.

He announced the Tijuana River National Estuary Visitor Center has opened their doors with a new exhibit featuring polaroid film art by Del Mar artist Austine Camarow-Wood.

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Dr. Alan Pepper spoke at the July meeting about biological or wildlife corridors. He is a biological geneticist and is Conservation Chair at the Salk Institute.

Some years ago in San Diego Dr. Michael Soulé' founded conservation biology. He looked at bird species isolated in canyons and found that isolated species come to local extirpation very rapidly because small populations become inbred. The conservation biology group began drawing up area statistics and so began the development of the theory that these corridors help new arrivals of plants and animals. Round reserves are better than long narrow reserves for allowing movement and preserving species. Bridges for access are better than culverts because some animals become prey for larger animals in culverts and other larger animals such as deer choose to cross roads instead of culverts.

Dr. Pepper is a member of the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, which has 300 members, and he reported on some of their activities. Barney Martin and others are surveying and collecting scientific data of animal movements up and down the canyons. The most active corridor to the Torrey Pines Reserve was along Carmel Mountain Road. This is the connection between the back country and the beach for animals.

Brian Swanson, coordinator of exotic plant removal at Torrey Pines State Reserve has helped the Los Penasquitos group remove 95% of the globe artichokes which covered as much as 14 acres and included an estimated 100,000 plants. The wildlife corridors have been opened and riparian habitats are now being restored.

Dr. Pepper also reported that a new plant community proposed by Dave Hogan is being recognized. It is called Southern Maritime Chaparral. It includes six or seven endangered species of some of the rarest plants.

Another interested information bit was shared about canyon plant species. The list formerly numbered 135. Today the list is at 500.

After the Lopez Canyon fire in this area, the first rains produced many flowers. Amole was predominant in one area, bush mallow and pepper plant were next. After the rains the vernal pools dried and the dried bed filled with blue mesa mints. Plant surveys are now made every year with volunteer help in the canyons and mesas.



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AUGUST DUTY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 L Fruebis L Sacks	2 L Martin	3 L Watson	4 L Henrichs	5 L Cooper L Fruebis	6 L Dixon W Brav L Satterfield W Miller
7 L Parnell W Brav L Schroeder W Henrichs	8 L Miller — L Oswalt	9 L Talberts	10 L Margulies	11 L Amanns	12 L Musser L Gittelsohn	13 L Brickelmaier W Ferguson L Ganeless W Farmer
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Tue-Thu 11-2
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