

TORREY LITE, AUGUST (NO SPACE FOR USUAL HEADING)

NEXT DOCENT MEETING - Saturday, August 16, at 9 A.M.

Barbara Moore, Speaking on "What would you do if ... ?"

Docents who do interpretive walks have at one time or another encountered situations which docent training didn't cover. What would you do if the group you're with appears totally unresponsive, or the group has a "know-it-all" who tries to take over the walk, or ...? Come to the August meeting to hear our special friend and honorary member, Barbara Moore, talk about her experiences with interpretive walks and how to handle the unexpected. Barbara wants this to be an interactive discussion, with docents sharing their experiences and comments.

August and September Docent Events - Because of the increasing costs of recent docent appreciation and beach parties (and the relatively low attendance at the latter), the members at the June meeting voted to omit the August beach party, have a regular August meeting, and have a ranger-docent party, probably in September. Plans for the party will be discussed at the August meeting.

Postcards - In order to provide greater variety in the postcards for sale in the Lodge, the Publications Committee and the Board are considering new postcards showing TPSR plant and animal life, possibly using docent photographs. The Board would appreciate member inputs on the guidelines for this. Issues: 1) Should this be open to all docents, just those who have demonstrated professional skill through awards and displays, or only to professional photographers? 2) Should the judging panel include docents or be limited to non-docent naturalists and nature photographers? 3) Would photographer credit on the postcards be acceptable recognition? And 4), should the sale of these cards be limited to the Lodge? If the Society decides to proceed with docent participation, this would be done as an experiment and should not be viewed as a precedent for future sales of docent arts and crafts. Docents are urged to convey their views to Board members prior to the August monthly meeting.

New Projects - Those costing over \$50 will require prior Board approval for reimbursement. Forms for this are in an envelope on the docent bulletin board.

Weekend Walks - Members interested in doing these walks but discouraged by the lack of openings on the schedule are encouraged to come to the Lodge anyway, particularly for the 11:30 A.M. walks. If more than 4 or 5 visitors show up, the visitors can be split into smaller groups depending on the number of docents available. If the extra docents are not needed, they always have the option of doing interpretive trail patrols.

Board Secretary - Kathy Watson accepted a job at Lake Isabella, which may prevent her from attending some of the docent meetings, so Mary Weir will serve as secretary for the remainder of the year. Thanks to Kathy for all her excellent work as secretary the past several years.

Welcome back to Ruth Ganeless - Ruth was up north for a year, and now has come home Nice to have you with us again, Ruth.

Emergency List - We want to compile a new emergency list of docents who can be called on the last minute. Between unplanned illnesses and emergencies, and occasional memory lapses, we sometimes have problems-- not often, but sometimes. Please call Ann Campbell at 755-1934, or Elaine Sacks at 551-0708 to be placed on the list. Thanks.