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Torrey Pines State Reserve*

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Thanks, Docents and Reserve Staff

Docent Society presidents are very fortunate, for their job is made easy by so many talented and experienced members, who are always willing to help no matter what the project or need. This feature and the traditional docent fellowship are the basis for the Society's continued success.

During the past year I was the beneficiary of all this, and I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the docents, Board members, and the Reserve staff for their assistance and support.

Thanks again, everyone.

John Carson

Ed. Note: And thank you John Carson for your excellent leadership and guidance.

Docent Dues Due: For those who have not paid their 1998 docent dues of \$10 for active members and \$25 for supporting, please mail your check, made out to Torrey Pines Docent Society, to TPDS B6x 2414 Del Mar, CA 92014 Attention Shirley Musser, or put your check in Shirley's membership box in the docent room. No cash please. **Parking placards** will be distributed at the January meeting to those who have paid.

TP Docent Society Meeting, February 21st will include a visit to Mission Trails Regional Park to join other volunteer groups to view a slide show on "Forgotten Pollinators" at 1:00 p.m. More information to follow in the Torrey Lite.

Next Docent Society Meeting Saturday, January 17th 9:00 a.m.

Our speaker will be Jack Paxton, a new docent and retired professor of biology from the University of Illinois. He will speak to us about plant disease within Torrey Pines State Reserve.

Congratulations to the new Torrey Pines Docent Society Board Members, and to the incumbents who agreed to serve again.

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Congratulations also to coordinator Ken Baer and his committee of trainees who did such a creative job in decorating the Holiday tree, the Lodge and our animal exhibits.



Lessons from LCSPNO 1997 Annual Meeting
Tools for building and maintaining people skills
— Theo Tanalski

PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES CAN BE

SUMMARIZED: 1) A shared vision, based in reality, with both sides committed, benefiting the park. This has traditionally meant interpretation, education, and preservation of park heritage — perhaps in this day, we need to add fund raising. 2) Frequent open and honest communication is a must. This means more than board meetings; it means informal, verbal communication. Some have found that sharing workspace helps the process. 3) One cannot have a partnership when one partner is controlling. Each partner brings strengths and weaknesses, together they become more than their sum.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION CAN BE

SUMMARIZED: 1) Informally, realize there are three truths in a conflict: my truth, your truth, and THE truth; you need all three to understand the situation. Until you can understand and repeat the opponent's truth, you will not progress to a solution. Often, an outside party's help is needed. Above all, avoid threats and abuse: they prevent the thought process. 2) Conflict Resolution: a process tentatively defined in the February 1997 draft of *Volunteers In Parks Program Manual, Part II, IX:* problem solving. A dispute is written up (avoiding the imprecision of verbal disputes), submitted to the other organization, and responded to in a set length of time. If it is not resolved, the process is repeated at higher levels. An arbitration board (two members appointed by each of two sides, the fifth appointed by a neutral party) may be used, if desired. This process has not yet been tried, and some members desired assurance that conflict resolution could be used without local retaliation. The most telling answer was provided by Don Murphy, Director of DPR: this process is used with concessionaires all the time, and should be used up front, allowing each side to choose arbitrators. It should definitely occur before someone on the staff says "get out of my park." 3) Professional arbitration is also available from a variety of sources; often they require substantial up front funds as a measure of commitment.

John Mott, manager for cooperative associations program, is also available to any co-op desiring intervention, or a clarification of policy decisions. However, he noted that denial is often the first step in problems.

RECOGNITION: There has been a separation of activities of cooperating associations, and those activities performed by volunteers under the direction of DPR, driven by insurance liability considerations. The difference is also important because only DPR activities (200 hours or more) count toward the Volunteer in Parks Pass. So, here is the definition of (DPR or Association) hours: any task owned and managed by (DPR or Association). "Managed" means the right and responsibility to say to the individual "do this" or "don't do this." This defines the owner of the liability for the individual's actions. So, for example, doing insect counts for the research managed by DPR is DPR hours.

For January 1998, a new day use statewide pass is available through the DPR superintendent for co-op board members exceeding one year of service. It is a 4"x 6" format, and no reporting of hours is required. Donna Pozzi, supervisor of the DPR interpretive programs section, states that this pass, like the one for the DPR volunteer work, is given to encourage a broader system view of the volunteer's role. Nothing prevents co-ops from rewarding their volunteers for work done, for example, by purchasing a yearly pass for them.

Finally, under recognition, I want to state loud and often that the best recognition a volunteer can get is the satisfaction of a job well done!

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The Holiday Party Honorees

— Del Roberts

President John Carson produced a heartwarming ending to a gourmet Holiday Party at the Lodge. Not only were docents honored, but old friends of Torrey Pines were recognized. **Jessie La Grange** has been in the forefront of every battle to preserve Torrey Pines and the Peñasquitos Lagoon. She described how, back in the late 60's, she convinced the rangers to allow a few volunteers to start an interpretive center at the Lodge. "They thought we wouldn't last," said Jessie, "but we didn't go away." Under her efficient co-leadership with Muriel Knight, these Lodge Sitters volunteered for three hours on weekends and holidays until the Torrey Pines Docent Society was founded in 1975.

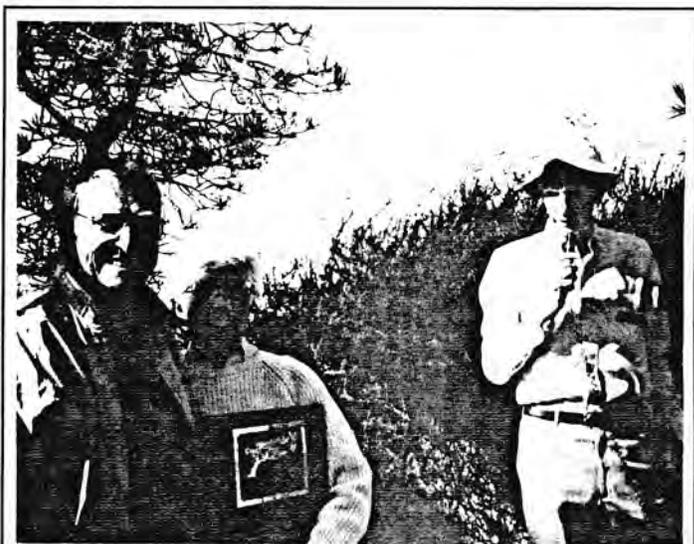
One faithful Lodge Sitter, **Melba Kooyman**, described to us how this informal group operated. "There were no meetings or training. Assignments were given out on greeting cards, and you had to provide your own substitute if you couldn't serve." Melba joined the first Docent Society training class and became a champion volunteer. Now as a supporting member, she has served the longest of any TP docent.

Judy Schulman, our longest active docent received her plaque for 20 years of service as President, Torreyana Editor, member of the Publications Committee, a Native American expert, our historian and a prize winning Torrey Pines basket weaver. Docent Don Miller won one of Judy's unique baskets in our Holiday drawing.



Jessie La Grange and Judy Schulman

Jane and Bob Talbert, chosen as Docents-of-the-Year, were recognized not only for serving as the "hosts with the most" at all our meetings, but for their behind-the-scene work on the new postcard collection, the plant signs for the gardens, and for keeping the Lodge in order. They received a new plaque, designed by Jim Cassell, to take home and the Talberts will be added to the Torrey Pines Lodge honor role.



Jane and Bob Talbert with John Carson

Another form of recognition inaugurated this year was the Honoree Award to be given periodically throughout the year to recognize outstanding performances beyond the call of duty. This replaces the Docent-of-the-Month certificate and will be accompanied by an Honoree Award pin now being designed. One of the two docents so honored this year was **Georgette Camporini** for her sustained commitment to our outreach programs as the representative to San Diego Docent League, and Treasurer of the League of California State Park Non-Profit Organizations. The other recipient was **Don Grine**, honored for his outstanding contribution as a writer and lecturer on geology and birding, enlightening us all on their wonders. He's also a loyal participant in the Children's Walks.

This year's honorees deserve our thanks and appreciation for their past efforts. The Docent Society and Torrey Pines State Reserve are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

Notes from the Archives: Torrey Pines Lodge

— Maryruth Cox

In 1913 Torrey Pines Lodge was only a dream of a few public-spirited citizens. They enlisted Ralph Cornell, landscape architect, to choose a site, and Messrs. Requa and Jackson, architects, to design the building. The San Diego City Park Board set aside \$5000 for the project, but before anything could be done, the needs of the Exposition and World War I intervened. It wasn't till the spring of 1922 that the Common Council of the City of San Diego passed Ordinance No. 8651, which appropriated \$5000 for a "Comfort Station and Lodge" to be built in Torrey Pines Park.

Miss Ellen Browning Scripps, long a benefactor of the park, donated another \$5000, but when the bids came in, it was found that \$10,000 "was altogether inadequate". Miss Scripps gave more money, in excess of \$20,000, and finally, in September, 1922, a contract was let to J. H. Nicholson, and work began.

Years later, Margaret Fleming Allen, Guy Fleming's daughter, wrote: "— during the building of the Torrey Pines Lodge (it was a restaurant and gift shop, not a sleeping lodge), my brother John and I observed all that was going on. We were fascinated watching the Mexican laborers form the adobe bricks from the local soil and straw and dry them in the open field for weeks —"

M. F. Allen: "— my father (Guy Fleming) supervised the construction and grandfather Fleming, being a carpenter, helped with the building. He also built all the heavy square wooden tables and chairs which were used for dining —"

As the first restaurant operators, John and Frances Burkholder lived in the west rooms at the Lodge, and placed the kitchen at the east end (now offices). Mrs. Burkholder made "especially delicious pastries and desserts--". The guests dined in the big main room in front of the massive fireplace, or on the two terraces, with their spectacular views. Since the Lodge was the only eating place between La Jolla and Del Mar, and approximately 3000 cars a day passed by its doors, business prospered. The tired traveler was glad to rest at the Lodge, have a cup of tea and gaze at the spectacular view.

When the new Torrey Pines grade was built in 1932, the main road north by-passed the Lodge. The restaurant business declined. By the 1950s the Lodge had become a curio shop, run by a one-armed veteran of World War II, who passionately defended the park against the many

vandals who chopped up the trees for firewood. He worked closely with "Uncle Ivan" Olson, a high school math teacher who had talked the city park and recreation department into sponsoring a summer day camp at the park. Every summer for years "Uncle Ivan" drove a big yellow bus full of kids from south San Diego to the park. Some of the campers had never seen the ocean before, much less a wild park.

Uncle Ivan kept the children busy with races down the beach trail in the mornings. In the afternoons they worked on nature-related crafts at the long picnic tables under the pines to the east of the Lodge. They stored memories that later flowered into support for the park.

The manager of the curio shop enlisted the campers as informers, to tell him about any vandalism they saw in the park. He rewarded them with souvenirs, such as a charm bracelet.

When the state of California took over the park in 1959, the State Park decided to close the Lodge to the public and use it for offices. But in the late sixties a few supporters of the park, such as Jessie LaGrange, Muriel Knight, and Peggy Whitehead, prevailed upon the Reserve staff to open the Lodge to the public again. A volunteer group, the Lodge Sitters, tended the Lodge on weekends. They answered visitors' questions, arranged informative displays, and led walks occasionally.

By 1971 the Lodge needed repairs badly. William Penn Mott, head of the State Park system, suggested that the Lodge be torn down, and the site turned back to nature. He said that a new structure with room for offices and an interpretive center could be built at the south end of the park.

Several friends of the Park did not like this idea. Jessie LaGrange wrote a strong letter to the director. She mentioned that the Lodge had been built with the support of Ellen Browning Scripps, and that Ralph Cornell had chosen the site to be "strategically near the center of the entire area — ." Furthermore, she stated, "this sentinel on the cliff with its nerve center of observation and communication should prove invaluable toward the protection of the new reserve across the marsh." Today, Torrey Pines Lodge is truly the "nerve center" of the park.



Some Park Rules

— Nelson Brav

A crowd was gathering on the beach just north of lifeguard tower 7. As I approached, two shapely creatures became visible, wearing nary a stitch. As I got closer I could see their big brown eyes and long eyelashes. I knew at once that they were not “natives,” but I had no idea whether their presence meant someone was violating a Park regulation or not. When I saw Ranger Allyn Kaye later the same morning, I asked her. She said the two llamas I had seen would fall under the category of “livestock” and therefore would not be permitted on the beach. I’m not sure the llamas would think of themselves as mere “livestock.”

For docents interested in leading interpretive trail walks, Rangers Bob Wohl and Greg Hackett encourage volunteers to be alert for rule violations by visitors, but cautioned that under no circumstances should volunteers place themselves at risk in a confrontation with an unhappy guest. Park Rangers are peace officers trained and statutorily empowered to issue citations and make arrests. They would prefer that park volunteers apprise them of any serious problems. The new cell phones are great for that as well as reporting injury or illness. But if a violator appears approachable and is removing plants, pleasantly indicate that you wanted to save him/her an expensive ticket because that’s against the rules. Take extra time to explain why, and hopefully the visitor will understand.

Most violations in Torrey Pines Reserve are of the misdemeanor variety, usually handled by a citation. If the conduct is minor the rangers often resolve the problem with a warning. Misdemeanors are prosecuted by the San Diego City Attorney. By definition, a misdemeanor carries both a fine and jail potential. Some can be treated as infractions by the prosecutor and only a fine will be imposed.

Docents are more apt to run into common problems such as hiking off trail, picnicking, dogs, littering, smoking, taking plants and flowers, defacing the sandstone, removing fossils, biking on the trails and climbing the cliffs. On occasion, indecent exposure violations occur, and not just by llamas. Best to let a ranger handle that one.

Book Corner — *Common Butterflies of California* (1997) by Bob Stewart

— Kathy Estey

Common Butterflies of California by Bob Stewart is a beautiful book. I would describe it as a “gift book,” because it is perfect for a holiday present for all your friends and relatives who appreciate the beauty in nature.

Each butterfly has at least two pages to represent it. One page is a picture approximately 9 inches by 5 inches, and the facing page contains some information on the butterfly. For example, the Monarch has a page with a close up of the back of the butterfly, a full page of descriptive material, then another page showing the under wings. The back of the book has a full page showing a close-up of the Monarch caterpillar, here known as the larva, and the other page has a little information about this stage in the Monarch’s life.

The problem with the book is that it’s too large to use as a field guide, and the text is too brief to be an effective reference book. But it is a perfect reminder, every time you open *Butterflies*, of the magical beauty and diversity to be found in your backyard.

Another reason I would encourage people to buy this book, besides it being a fantastic gift, is that it is published by a very small press in Point Reyes Station, California. Buy several copies for friends and support a good small press.

To purchase a copy, please mail check made out to Bob Stewart for \$27.50 including tax and mail to West Coast Lady Press, P. O. Box 1389, Point Reyes Station, CA. 94956.



Tidings From the TPA
— Freda Reid



The Torrey Pines Association (TPA) is introducing a column which will inform its members and those of the Torrey Pines Docent Society of actions taken by the Board of Counselors at its bimonthly meeting and of ongoing concerns of the Association.

The TPA has been active since 1950 when Guy Fleming was its first president. The current officers are Sally Spiess (President), Freda Reid and Opal Trueblood (Vice Presidents), Bob Coats (Secretary) and John Shelton (Treasurer). Other Counselors are Frances Armstrong, John Carson, Courtney Coyle, Bill Evarts, John Fleming, David Goldberg (Assist. Treasurer), Jan McMillan, Norma Sullivan, Bob Warwick and Nancy Weare. There are currently about 400 members who are welcome to attend Board meetings as well as the annual general meeting in February. The next Board meeting will be at the Lodge on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 8:30 a.m.

We are mainly interested in environmental, political and educational issues which directly affect the Torrey Pines State Reserve and threaten its integrity. Current concerns are: 1) proposed Carmel Valley Road enhancement by the city of San Diego (A representative attended six Task Force meetings.); 2) development on the mesa east of the Reserve and maintenance of wildlife corridors; 3) private property encroachment on the Reserve borders; 4) Miramar helicopter operations; 5) Sorrento Valley road closure; 6) Participation in development of plans for an interpretive center at Los Peñasquitos Lagoon; 7) historical landmark status for the Torrey Pines Lodge.

In order to further our educational mission we published *Torrey Pines: Landscape and Legacy* in 1994 with text and photographs by Bill Evarts, available at the Lodge. In 1991 we produced an updated version of the booklet *Torrey Pines State Reserve*, the so-called *Green Book* originally written in 1964.

Our efforts complement the more visitor-oriented work of the Docent Society members and of the Rangers. Additional information is available on TPA web site at www.torrey.pines.com



Letter to the Editor

The common story of how Hollywood got its name has been repeated so much, by me among others, that everybody believes it. I thank John Carson (Nov issue) for showing that constant repetition doesn't make a story true.

Maryruth Cox's article on the unusual Torrey made me think of an entirely female tree in Del Mar near the pole house. Dr. Wilhelm Klaus pointed out the tree while on his first visit in 1979. It was a fairly young tree, perhaps 20 years old, covered top to bottom with red conelets, not a catkin in sight. But when I looked again a year later, it had developed a fringe of staminate blossoms around the base. In the years afterward it changed into a completely normal Torrey pine.

I also remember a tree in Parry Grove which had one large branch entirely clothed in bundles of three needles. Two years later it too had lost its unusual appearance. Why? I have no idea. How about you?

Hank Nicol
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Julie Marine, the first TP Docent of the Year in 1976, recently visited our former Naturalist Hank Nicol in Eureka. Although Hank has moved away, his books *Notes from the Naturalist* and *Torrey Pines: Beyond the Trees*, are still a part of his legacy to Torrey Pines State Reserve and the Docent Society.

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Editor's Corner — Contributors please read! Thank you all for your wonderful articles this past year. The March issue will feature the history of Torrey Pines Lodge in advance of our 75th Anniversary Celebration April 4th. Please discuss your ideas with me for background material. The format is: 0.5 margins; 12 pt. text Times New Roman; headings Arial in hard copy; formatted 3 ½ "disk for Windows 95\ Word; or E-mail: Delsie@msn.com. Deadline is Feb. 20th or sooner.

Exotic Plant Removal Reporting Forms

In our continuing effort to better monitor exotic plant population dynamics by encouraging reporting of any and all "weeding" done in the Reserve, the resource staff has developed what it hopes will be an easier, more accurate, and more widely used report form. The most notable new feature on the new forms is two maps, one of the main Reserve and one of the Extension. Unfortunately, the large map and its overlays in the resource office have become cluttered with information, making it difficult if not impossible to indicate when and where certain areas have been weeded. The new "Exotic Weed Control Report" will be found in the green Exotic Plant Removal folder in the Ranger's Office. Thanks to all of you who have been so helpful and dedicated to ridding the Reserve of our most invasive plant species.

— The Resource Staff

A Nature Note on Catkins

— John Carson

Do pines have catkins? No! While some pre-W.W.II tree texts used catkin for the "flower-like" part of pines as well as the true flower structure on certain trees such as oak and willow (e.g., see ref. 1 in the docent library), botanic usage in recent decades has restricted catkin to a true flower of specific form. Jepson (2) defines a catkin as "a spike of unisexual flowers with inconspicuous perianths, sometimes pendant and often with conspicuous bracts." Examples are willow and oak.

The pines are in one of four phyla, called gymnosperms, which do not have flowers. Their seeds lack the coating that is characteristic of the seeds of the flowering plants, which constitute the angiosperm phylum. The botanic term for the reproductive parts of pines is strobili (strobilus, singular). Words now in common use in lieu of this botanically proper term are male and female cones (3) or pollen and seed cones (4). The latter are descriptive and informative to the public and are therefore recommended for docent nature walks.

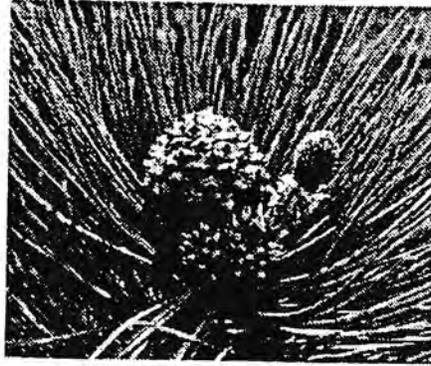
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Correction: In the article on the naming of Hollywood in the Nov. 97 *Torreyana*, p. 5, second paragraph of col. 1, the Wilcoxes moved to Hollywood from Los Angeles about 1888, not 1886.

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