

# TORREY LITE

Torrey Pines Docent Society Announcements  
August 2000

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## Meetings, August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Board Meeting:** begins at 7:45 A.M. Space available, the public is welcome to attend.

**General Meeting:** begins at 9:00 A.M., starting with the speaker. After refreshments, the business meeting will begin.

**June's speaker is Abel Silvas "Running Grunion".** This should be an informative and enjoyable "living history" appearance of a Native American who answers your questions about what life is like for him and other tribes he is aware of. Some web sites for further information are:

**His home page:**

<http://www.nps.gov/samo/fos/abelbio.html>

**History of Silvas family from Presidio to Old Town:**

<http://ac.acusd.edu/History/projects/silvas/silvas2.html>

**State Parks re. Old Town McCoy/Silvas excavation:**

<http://archaeology.parks.ca.gov/structures/sca/scacomm.htm>

**McCoy house and community involvement:**

<http://www.cwo.com/~archlab/scacomm.htm>

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## Remember the parking rules, please:

- **Park** in the lower lot, or south of the top parking lot off the right hand side of the road, facing south. [thank you for complying!]

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## Training Program News

Program Director Marty Bressler announced the results of this years training. Of 38 people starting training, 35 completed classes, 20 finished their exams, and 14 people are now docents. [This could be the highest retention rate since I've been a docent. -Ed.] Welcome, new docents!

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I thank Georgette Camporini for production and mailing assistance, Jeannie Smith for the database and labels, and Ann Campbell for the duty schedule.

—Theo Tanalski, Editor

## The Art of the Tree

Plans for 150th celebration of the naming of the Torrey Pine

Prior to 1850 Torrey Pines were known as Soledad Pines, as they grew on seaward slopes of the entrance to Soledad Valley. In the spring of 1850 the tree was recognized as a unique species by Dr. C.C. Parry, the official botanist of the U.S.—Mexican boundary survey. Parry named this tree *Pinus torreyana* in honor of his friend and instructor Dr. John Torrey of Columbia University.

To celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Torrey Pine and California Statehood, Torrey Pines State Reserve and California State Parks will be hosting a special event on Saturday October 7, 2000.

Activities planned thus far are:

**1. Art show** of local artists' interpretation of the Torrey Pine Tree. The San Dieguito Art Guild "Environmental Painters" will have art for view and sale. Joan Grine, wife of docent John Grine, is one of these painters.

**2. Interpretive activities:** Visitors will receive a brief introduction to the park and the day's agenda, then they can choose from several stations around the Lodge where park staff & volunteers will talk on a variety of natural and cultural history topics.

—Allyn Kaye, Supervising Ranger

[Contact her, Ken Baer, Barbara Wallach, or other board members to help with the interpretive activities, or to suggest and implement other sesquicentennial activities. —Ed.]

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## CALPA Conference 2000

Boosters of Old Town (BOOT) will be the host association for the Annual Conference of the California League of Park Associations (CALPA). The four day conference (October 12th through 15th) will be held at Old Town State Historic Park (OTSHP). This event is always educational, and a good way to network with volunteers from other Cooperative Associations working with California State Parks. In 1994, the last time CALPA held their conference in San Diego, Torrey Pines Docent Society was the sponsor. The next *Torreyana* will include further details.

## Who's Who

It is easy to lose track of "who does what" at TPSR. So here is a list of some people, and their areas of responsibility. Feel free to contact them: ask questions, give feedback and suggestions, or just socialize.

TPDS **Board** members are responsible for formulating docent society policy. **Rangers** direct and lead our public contact work at TPSR.

**Supervising Ranger Allyn Kaye** is also our **CAL** (Cooperative Association Liaison), acting as our intermediary between TPDS and DPR (Department of Parks and Recreation). There are other **Staff** members, carrying out varying duties, with whom we may work.

[In keeping with long tradition, we seldom publish phone numbers, e-mail, or home addresses. Refer to your database for docent information, and contact staff (lodge phone 858-755-2063) for staff information. -Ed.]

### TPDS Board Members

**Ken Baer, President.** Presides at Board and General meetings, carrying out the business of the Society in accordance with the policies established by the Board. He supervises the activities of the Society. If you wish something considered, wish to form or serve on a committee to aid the Society, or to express your opinion, contact him or *any other* Board member.

**Walt Desmond, Vice President.** Assists the President, may act in the absence of the President. Is the "President in Training."

**John Green, Treasurer.** He is responsible for administering the finances of the Society. See him if you need reimbursement for allowable expenses.

**Liz Stiel, Secretary.** She keeps the minutes of the Board meetings, and the business portion of the General meetings. These become the official record of our activities. Read these minutes (you are welcome to make copies if desired) and become more familiar with your Society.

**Mary Weir, Program and Activities Director.** She coordinates monthly meetings, lectures, and field trips on behalf of the Society. Contact her to get the latest lecture/meeting/field trip information, or suggest potential programs.

**Marty Bressler, Training Officer.** He is responsible for organizing the docent training sessions. Contact him about training issues, or offer feedback.

**Ann Campbell and Elaine Sacks,** [share the office of] **Duty Coordinator.** They maintain the duty schedule for Society members performing lodge duty and scheduled walks. Contact them to offer service, or check the schedule. [If you cannot do you duty, please arrange your own substitute. If this is impossible, contact them.]

**Margaret Fillius and Barbara Wallach** [share the office of] **Children's Program Coordinator.** They are responsible for reporting to the Board on activities of the Children's Program. Contact them to offer help of any kind, and feedback.

**Theo Tanalski, Torreyana Editor.** Produces the Society's newsletters. The monthly *Torrey Lite* is for announcements and issues of concern to TPDS, TPA (Torrey Pines Association) Counselors, and Staff. The *Torreyana* is longer and published more infrequently, and contains articles of interest to a more general audience (for example, over 400 TPA members). Contact him with ideas, written submissions, or feedback.

### TPSR Staff

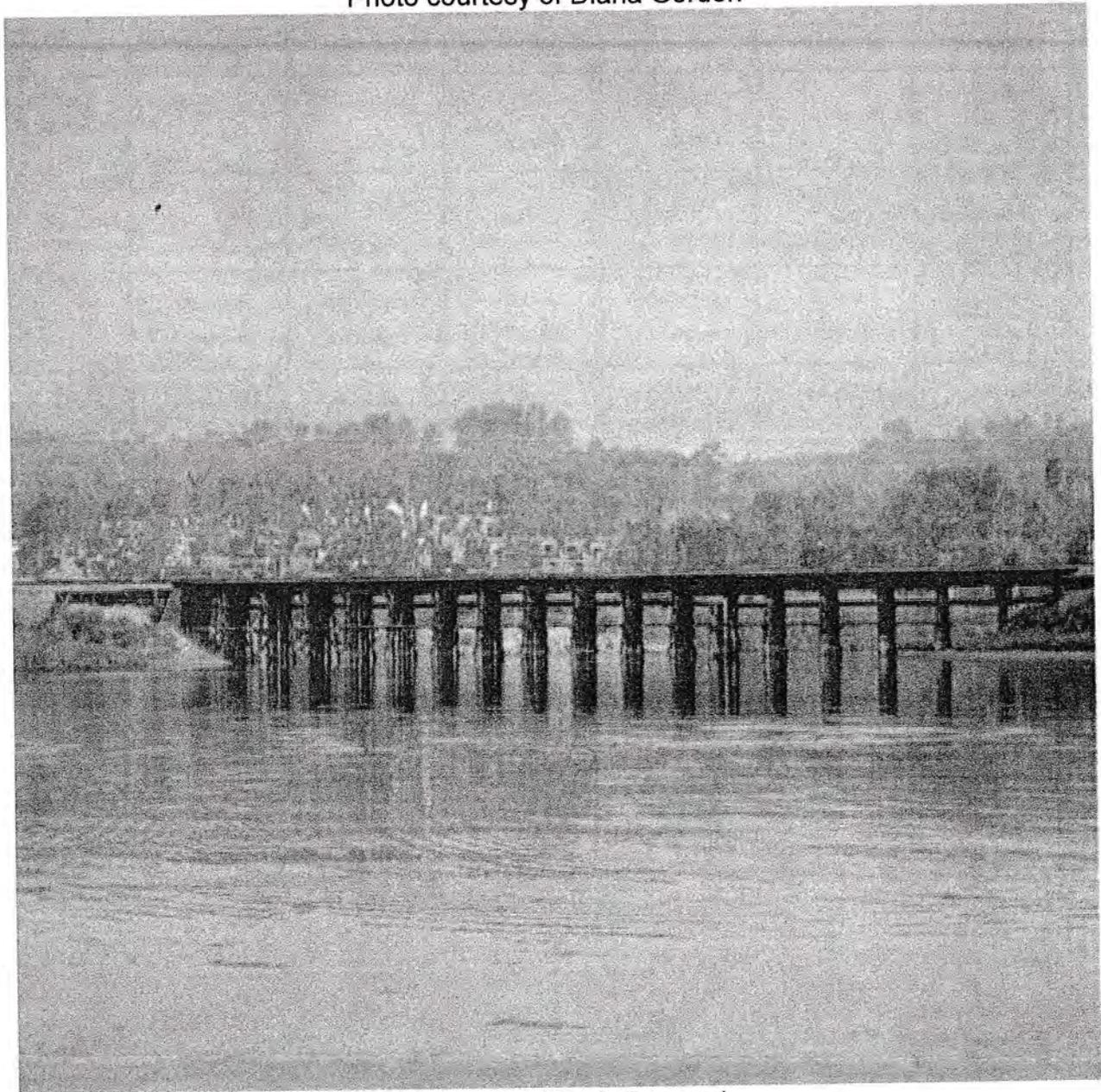
**Rangers.** **Allyn Kaye** is the Supervising Ranger and CAL, and **Greg Hackett** (or his replacement **Adam Stahnke**, when Greg is on alternate assignment) and **Dick Miller** are Rangers. They provide direction and leadership for our docent activities at the Reserve.

**Park Aids** assist the Rangers in many things. **Stacy DeJane** is a **Senior Park Aid**, and **Wendy Storms**, **Noelle Barger** (who is part time, also working as a diver at Sea World), **Mike McMenemy**, **Ryan Taylor**, **Kathy Veria**, and **Kevin Best** are Park Aids. Mike, Wendy, and Kathy are on the list to become Rangers (they will not likely be assigned to TPSR though).

**Mike Wells** is a **Senior Resource Ecologist** who works out of the Lodge. **Pamela Higgins** is an **Assistant Resource Ecologist.** Contact them about ecological questions: they work on many interesting projects. They have **Environmental Service Interns** to help with specific aspects of their job: **Denise Borg** coordinates volunteer efforts, while **Charlie Kerns** works on tree assessment and the seedling program. The **Resources Crew**, **Rebecca Minifie** (a Senior Park Aid), and three others, do such things as remove Pampas Grass from the Extension.

**News:** **Greg Hackett** will take an assignment with the Statewide Accessibility Team, which will take him away from this area roughly from Labor day through July 1 of next year. Congratulations on your important assignment, Greg!

Photo courtesy of Diana Gordon



(Railroad Bridge in Lagoon)

### Announcements

#### Huell Howser to film at TPSR

Allyn Kaye announced that **Huell Howser** has arranged to film a segment for his new series "**Road Trips**" at Torrey Pines State Reserve 4 p.m., August 7.

Those who have seen his work (such as "California's Gold," about notable places that speak to California's history or heritage) may have wondered when Huell would get around to filming **our** place. Well, now we know...

#### Ergonomic Chairs from TPA

The Torrey Pines Association has donated six multi adjustable, ergonomic computer or task chairs to the Lodge. Five are in use in the Ranger area, with one in our Library. Thank you, TPA, a valuable and useful gift.

## AUGUST DUTY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> L MARGULIES L MARTIN	<b>2</b> L RUDOLPH L DeWITT	<b>3</b> L MUSSER L HAUER	<b>4</b> L MUSSERS L	<b>5</b> L SMITH W D E MILLER L LEGO W STIEGLER
<b>6</b> L ANDERSON W CASSELL L MYERS W MARLEY	<b>7</b> L R MILLER L PFLEEGER	<b>8</b> L TALBERTS L DIXON	<b>9</b> L BEYER L FREDERICKS	<b>10</b> L KATZ L FREDERICKS	<b>11</b> L STIEL L	<b>12</b> L SMITH W BRAV L TUBMAN W BRAV
<b>13</b> L GRAIN W FERGUSON L ANASIS W KAMEN	<b>14</b> L R MILLER L COOPER	<b>15</b> L MARGULIES L SHAW	<b>16</b> L RANDOLPH L DAVIS SACHS	<b>17</b> L D E MILLER L DOOLITTLE	<b>18</b> L MUSSERS L MARTIN	<b>19</b> MEETING L ANDERSON W D E MILLER L M TUBMAN W
<b>20</b> L ANDERSON W CASSELL L MYERS W STIEGLER	<b>21</b> L RUDOLPH L TEETZEL OVERGAARD	<b>22</b> L TALBERTS L AMANN	<b>23</b> L BEYER L STIELS	<b>24</b> L GRANTHAM L HAUER	<b>25</b> L D TUBMAN L DIXON	<b>26</b> L GRAIN W L M TUBMAN W D ROBERTS
<b>27</b> L ROBERTSON W FERGUSON L CORNFORTH W KAMEN	<b>28</b> L CHAFFEE L TEETZEL OVERGAARD	<b>29</b> L KATZ L DAVIS	<b>30</b> L RANDOLPH L COOPER	<b>31</b> L D TUBMAN L SACKS		
Duty Coordinator: Ann Campbell (858) 755-1934 Hours: Lodge Daily 10 - 1, 1 - 4 Walks Sat/Sun/Holidays 11 and 1 If you cannot do your duty, please arrange your own substitute.						