



Torreyana

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Docent "Elves" leave little work for Santa

By Mike Cornforth and Janie Killermann

It is long-standing tradition that the most recent Docent Trainee class take charge of the Lodge decoration for the Holiday Season. In honor of that tradition, Janie Killerman led a group of the Class 2000 Docents, augmented by some strong "veteran" Docents into the Lodge the morning of Saturday, 9 December who were welcomed by a supportive Ranger staff.

The Docent "elves" were graced by the presence of Clelia Lion, an art teacher and Docent herself for the Stanford Art Museum and Filoli, a grand mansion on the San Francisco peninsula. Clelia acted as the "Art Director" for the effort, inspiring and directing the strategic placement of an eclectic and dramatic mixture of greens -- noble fir, pine (cont. on page 2)

President's Message

I have been an active docent since 1986. My first knowledge of Torrey Pines came from friends. Marc Gittlesohn, UCSD librarian, urged me to sign up for docent classes. My initial visit to the Reserve was the first day of docent training.

People come from all over the world to visit our sanctuary from the city, a natural haven above the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean.

At Old Town State Historic park, they **do** Living History. Here at Torrey Pines State Reserve, we **have** living history -- animals, plants, and minerals. Through interpretation, these topics come alive for our visitors.

In closing, I cite our docent mission statement: "To protect, preserve and help maintain Torrey Pines State Reserve and to interpret its unique value through a variety of educational programs, including guided nature walks and Lodge duty."

--Georgette Camporini

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boughs, jade, sword ferns, ivy, juniper, and the striking magnolia. Jane and Bob Talbert contributed lovely, natural paper goods and Diane Sachs contributed the origami, which so effectively accented the greens.

The greens and the Christmas tree combined to provide an old-fashioned Christmas feel to Torrey Pines Lodge --- Guy Fleming and Miss Scripps would have felt right at home. The decorated Lodge helped promote the holiday spirit at the Docent Society celebration Saturday, 16 December. ☺



Santa's Elves -- TPSR Docent Class of 2000 and their veteran assistants

Ranger Kaye's Message for 2001: the "true" new millennium

The New Year is a time for reflection and possibility. This past year has seen major transition at Torrey Pines, mainly staffing changes due to promotions, transfers, special assignments, and retirements. Ranger Richard (Dick) Miller worked previously at San Onofre, Silver Strand, Old Town and San Elijo State Beach. He brings expertise in many areas including native plants, history, and woodworking. And, is he fond of his digital camera! Dick came on board in June when Chris Platis transferred from Torrey Pines to Marin. (Chris is doing fine in Marin, exploring and maintaining many more miles of trails.)

Ranger Adam Stahnke began working shifts at Torrey Pines in August. He will be with us until May or June pending Greg's return. Adam has worked just a short time for State Parks but has a broad base of knowledge founded on his ranger work for the Bureau of Land Management, National Park experience and his work at the local campgrounds. Adam is very interested in the trails, volunteers, interpretation and the Zen of motorcycle maintenance.

Ranger Greg Hackett took a special assignment promotion with the task force assessing California State Parks' compliance with the American Disability Act. He pops in from time to time, reminding us to keep a spot warm for his return.

Some new park aide faces are Peg Irving, Jody Hochstein, and Dan Best. Peg worked previously in the Redwoods State Park and at Great Basin National Monument in Nevada. Currently, she is taking classes at National University to gain a teaching certificate. Jody (aka Diggory or Diggs) worked at Torrey previously as a member of the trail crew headed up by Rick Thompson. Jody spent a year in Morocco with the Peace Corps. In addition to his work for us, he takes classes at City College and plans to take the ranger cadet exam. Dan is the brother of Kevin Best who worked weekends for us this summer. After working several years in sporting goods, Dan moved here from Mammoth to be closer to his large family. Dan is enrolled at Mira Costa and is also a candidate for the ranger cadet exam. Todd Nordness will be with us until March, Ryan Taylor returns around February, and Stacey DeJane finished just before Christmas.

Torrey Pines staff transfers and retirements resulted in the loss of more than 100 years of our collective "brain trust." The trade-off is an exciting opportunity for fresh perspectives and change based on the skills and experience of new staff members.

Please introduce yourself to all the new faces (and to the old faces with poor memory!), and share your knowledge and love of this place with them. I know you join me in welcoming them. I am very appreciative of all of the excellent work and service to the public our staff provides.

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Linda's P.O.V. (point of view)

My husband Mike introduced me to Torrey Pines shortly after we moved here from Hawaii in 1983. It was love at first sight and we visited often. We moved back to Hawaii in '89, then to Washington D.C. a few years later. In '98, a career opportunity opened up for Mike in San Diego, and joy, oh joy, we found a lovely little townhouse right on the edge of the TPSR Extension. Torrey Pines was probably the only thing about San Diego that hadn't changed almost beyond recognition in ten years. That's because all of you have been such tenacious, caring stewards.

I'm on the trails nearly every weekday morning between 7 and 8:30 where I meditate in the park's quiet early morning innocence. Sometimes I am first on the Fleming Trail, first to side-step the steaming fox scat, first to hear the Wrentit in the chaparral, first to see the dolphins frolicking beneath the south overlook, first to be enchanted by the extraordinary beauty of this magical place.

The next *Torreyana* will be delivered to you by March 1st. (Honest!) Deadline for submissions is February 15. Won't you share your own experiences with us right here in the pages of "your" newsletter? Please call me if you have a story, photo or graphic idea for a coming issue.

Linda Martin
Torreyana Editor

New field guide for birders is "best available"

The Sibley Guide to Birds
By David Allen Sibley
Alfred A Knopf, Inc: \$35
Reviewed by Don Grine

The Sibley guide is the best available book to help you identify North American birds. The introduction gives a 14-page summary on bird identification. It is followed by the best diagrams of bird topography (feather arrangements) I've ever seen.

In the next 516 pages, 810 species and 350 regional forms of American birds north of Mexico are described and illustrated by Sibley's paintings. Each bird occupies from half a page to two pages in a vertical format. At the top are a few words on habits and habitats, next key features and field marks.

The first paintings show both tops and bottoms of flying birds, often several examples in different plumage. The next paintings show birds in the plumage varying with age, sex, and region. Key features that distinguish each species from similar species are given by the paintings with pointers to the features. A description of calls and songs follows the paintings and a range map is at the bottom of the page.

The order of presentation of the birds has been changed slightly from the AOU list to allow easy comparison of similar species side by side. For instance, Sharp-shinned Hawk and Cooper's Hawk are on page 112 with eight significant field marks that should help you tell them apart. Each group of related species is introduced by summary of the group characteristics and paintings of all member of the group for quick comparisons.

Since every review has to find some fault with a book, I'll mention that it weighs 2.65 pounds and is 6 by 9.5 by 1.25 inches. You will need a big pocket to carry it in the field! The beginner may want a lighter weight (and less expensive) book. ☺

Note: This book has already been purchased for the TPDS library and is currently available on loan.

Carmel Mountain and Sorrento Valley Road Update

By Diana Gordon

The City of San Diego formed a working group recently to develop a master plan for Carmel Mountain and Del Mar Mesa. All future meetings are open to the public and will be announced in the Union Tribune and San Diego Daily Transcript. The city hopes to have a meeting in early 2001 and a draft copy of the plan prepared by spring. The planning process is funded by state grants and is expected to be completed by the spring of 2002. Questions about the working group should be directed to Holly Boessow at the city's Planning and Development Review Office at (619) 533-6301.

All open space on Carmel Mountain is either a city preserve or private property. Off-road vehicles, trash dumping, and removal of natural objects is not permitted. Any problems should be reported to Bill Lawrence, City Park Ranger, at (858) 538-8066. AT this time, access to Carmel Mountain on foot is neither clearly marked nor easily accessible.

Sorrento Valley Road -- the new city council has not yet reviewed the Sorrento Valley Road opening/closure issue. Carmel Mountain Conservancy has developed a plan which is available on the CMC website -- www.znet.com/~mjl

Currently, the plan includes:

- a bikeway connecting coastal and inland bike routes
- a pedestrian trail along the Los Penasquitos Lagoon, with interpretive panels (potentially connecting to the
- main reserve at Torrey Pines and Carmel Mountain Preserve)
- establishing a Coaster Connection van shuttle service from the Carmel Valley Park and Ride to the Sorrento Valley Coaster Station.

At this point in time Carmel Mountain Conservancy is advocating that the Sorrento Valley Road be permanently closed. In order to be prepared for any possible outcome with regard to this issue, Carmel Mountain Conservancy suggests keeping abreast of the issue by contacting the newly elected mayor, Dick Murphy, and the District 1 Council Member, Scott Peters. They can be contacted at:

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e-mail: dickmurphy@sdmayor.sannet.gov

Scott Peters, District 1, 202 C Street, MS #10A, San Diego, Ca 92101 (619) 236-6611; fax: (619) 236-6999; from North Co. (858) 484-3803

e-mail: scottpeters@cd1.sannet.gov

Carmel Mountain Conservancy is committed to continuing its environmental advocacy role for both Carmel Mountain and Sorrento Valley road. Both volunteer and financial support are required for maintaining the CMC operations. To volunteer time or make donations, please contact: Carmel Mountain Conservancy, P.O. Box 13582, La Jolla, CA 92029-3582

e-mail: mjl@znet or dgordon@san.rr.com

website: www.znet.com/~mjl

To find out more, please join us for a hike along Sorrento Valley Road on Sunday, January 28th at 1 PM. We will meet at the Carmel Valley Park and Ride. From I-5 go west on Carmel Valley Road, south on Old Sorrento Valley Road and turn left into the parking lot.

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Docent Chronicles

Next Meeting -- Saturday, January 20th

Our guest speaker will be Don Grine -- the topic, "Dating rocks." Don says "this is the topic that gets the most hostile questions from the public." Don promises to give a short and clear summary of methods and limitations.

Training Program 2001

Jim Cassell, TPDS training officer, has announced the 2001 Docent training schedule. There are still openings for this year's session. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Jim at (858) 481-6901, or drop by the Torrey Pines Lodge for more information.

Mar. 3	Introduction	Ranger Kaye
Mar. 10	Geology	Don Grine
Mar. 24	Plants	Jim DeLane
Mar. 31	Torrey Pines History	Judy Schulman
April 7	Birds	Barbara Moore
April 28	Insects	Ron Lyons
May 5	Native Americans	Judy Schulman
	Children's Program	Barbara Wallach
May 12	Interpretive Methods	Staff

Special Request from Ranger Allyn Kaye

Are you someone with office administration skills who could advise on a project to enhance our office's efficiency and our staff's effectiveness? We are looking to redo filing systems and purge lots of old stuff. This proposal would start at the top with getting Allyn's files and new desk in order. The park files also in need of a complete overhaul. Currently, staff are so busy with the day to day running of the park that this wish for improvement is always moved to the back burner. Please contact Allyn if you are someone (or know someone) who can help with this task!

2001 Membership Fees Now Due

It's that time again for all docents - new and continuing - to renew embership. Please make your check (\$10 regular docent, \$25 supporting) to Torrey Pines Docent Society. Write "Membership 2001" on the check, and mail to: Torrey Pines State Reserve, P.O. Box 2414, Del Mar, CA92014. Attention: Shirley Musser, Membership. Or, put check (no cash please) in the large Manila Membership envelope in the Membership Box (bottom slot on left) in the Docent Library. Membership cards and 2001 parking placards will be distributed at the Saturday, January 20 meeting to those who have paid their dues. (*TPA members, this does not apply to you.*)

New outlet for docent story tellers...*Tidbits* is coming! This monthly e-mail newsletter (print copy will be available in the docent library) will complement other society publications (such as *Torreyana*, Children's Program, etc.). *Tidbits* will offer stories, information or news to help (docent or staff) interpreters do their job better, while having even more fun.

I'm sure you've heard or seen some good interpretive technique, story, idea, or bit of information, and thought "others might benefit from this." Or, you do something which works for you, but have not considered writing about it for formal publication. *Tidbits* can share these "small tasty bits" with others.

Each issue will contain a photo for your computer desktop, and the General Meeting Lecture summary/review. Your submissions, ideas, and energy determine contents. *Tidbits* will swing into full action with the start of docent training, so we need to start collecting material now.

I'd like to recruit several docent and staff **reviewers**. Reviewers receive submissions (including useful or interesting clippings from other sources), determine suitability, and forward to me for e-mailing. Paper and/or anonymous submissions are fine. Please contact me to review, submit, or share ideas and feedback.

Tidbits will not be an "official" TPDS/DPR publication, but a product of individuals. Good interpretation includes borrowing and adapting from others. *Tidbits* material may be freely shared or adapted (unless copyright restrictions are noted). *Tidbits* can be as much fun to write as to read. Those who partake of *Tidbits* will join in a community e-mail adventure.

--Theo Tanalski



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1124 Wed 10
1126 10
1131 10

Ranger Bob (Wohl) reflects on his tenure at Torrey Pines State Reserve

Torrey Pines? Torrey Pines? That name sounds vaguely familiar...

Now I remember -- the last 25 years! My baby was born and brought up there and I spent nearly half my life and most of my marriage while actually working at Torrey Pines. (I'm sure some people will deny that it was "work," more like fun and frolics.)

I know, I know, it hasn't been that long since I left -- only a year. Yet when I have come back to visit, which I realize I've been deficient in doing, I have looked into faces I know like the back of my hand, and I go "Uh...oh. Hi Georgette, it is Georgette, how are you?" (And she's someone I just schmoozed with recently at the CALPA Conference.) With all the hundreds of people I've been meeting at Old town, most without nametags, my brain is becoming overloaded with faces and voices. (And they all seem to know "my" name.)

So when I come to visit all of you at Torrey Pines soon -- I've made a New Year's Resolution to attend more Docent meetings -- please don't be shocked as I stare into your face, give you a big hug, and then stumble over your name, or even worse, look at you with blissful ignorance. In advance, please forgive me, and **wear your nametag**.

In October, I truly enjoyed dressing up as a rube--I was supposed to be John Torrey for the 150th Anniversary celebration of the Torrey Pine tree discovery. Here at Old Town, we are continually planning for and putting on special events. Never a dull moment down here. We have six major events annually. The next one is March 10th, Old Town History Day. These are extravaganzas that energize staff, volunteers, crafts people, concessionaires (storekeepers and restaurateurs), politicians, community leaders, Chamber of Commerce representatives, media folk, advertisers, etc. As Jimmy Durante often said, "Everybody wants to get into the act!"

I've learned a lot. My new staff is wonderful, intelligent, talented, enthusiastic, and as similar in "esprit" as the "Torrey gang". Of course, no group I've worked with anyplace can match the elation and great experience I had being with all of you! We achieved together remarkable things. You are still there, keeping the Torrey Pine spirit glowing. This makes me feel happy and fulfilled. I know we all share the same desires and goals.

Now I wouldn't want to be accused of luring volunteers away from Allyn's operation, but if any of you have the

itching desire to dress up in period attire, and demonstrate a craft, you know where to find me. Jack and Joanne Cannon, for over two decades, donated their time to both parks. Whoops! Did Editor Linda Martin cut that last plug from my article!

Happy New Year Everyone!

A New "Branch" discovered on Carpinteria's Torrey Pine Tree

By Judy Schulman

In the September issue of the *Torreyana*, I wrote about my visit to the world's largest Torrey Pine tree, which happens to be in Carpinteria, California. This area is about 15 miles south of Santa Barbara. I would like to share with you the latest information that has "stemmed" from my ongoing research about this tree.

Judge Thomas Ward planted the tree as a seedling in front of his home in 1888. Although I was able to obtain a great deal of information about the tree from the Carpinteria Historical Society archives, none of the information mentioned how the tree was actually obtained. I had proposed that Judge Ward had personally taken the seedling on a trip that he may have made to Santa Rosa Island.

My supposition was incorrect! The seedling was given to him by his friend Townshend Stith Brandegee. That name (at least the last one) should sound familiar to those of you who manage to stay awake during my history lecture. He was the botanist who originally discovered the Torrey Pine tree on Santa Rosa Island. He was the fourth botanical collector to do research on the island, but the first to discover "our" tree there.

Brandegee also has another San Diego connection. In 1902, he was a member of the Park Improvement Committee that was formed for Balboa Park. Kate Sessions was also a member of this group.

Brandegee edited a biological journal called *Zoe*. He also published his own articles in *Zoe*. In addition to his botanical research on the Channel Islands (Santa Rosa Island is one of these), he and his wife were known for their studies about Baja California flora. I have also found articles that refer to him as a professor and as a civil engineer. ☺

JANUARY 2001 DUTY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEAR'S L RANDOLPH W GRINE L ANDERSON W TANALSKI	2 L RANDOLPH L A. MUSSER	3 L MARGULIES L BUBAR	4 L R. MILLER L R. SMITH	5 L SOGO L GAARDER	6 L JEAN SMITH W PAXTON L PARNELL W FERGUSON
7 L PARNELL W CASSELL L ANDERSON W KAMEN	8 L PFLEEGER L IVANY	9 L TALBERTS L TEETZEL OVERGARD	10 L D. MILLER L DIXON	11 L R. MILLER L HAUER	12 L BEYER L STIELS	13 L RANDOLPH W GRINE L JAN W STIEGLER
14 L WINTERS W FERGUSON L SCHULMAN W BRAV	15 L CORNFORTH L WENMAN	16 L IVANY L A. MUSSER	17 L SHAW L COOPER	18 L PFLEEGER L WENMAN	19 L D. TUBMAN L GAARDER	20 MEETING L GRAIN W PAXTON L D. MILLER W PAXTON
21 L BEDINGERS W CASSELL L ANASIS W BRAV	22 L KATZ L WINCHELL WOODWORTH	23 L TALBERTS L TEETZEL OVERGARD	24 L MARTIN L COOPER	25 L R. SMITH L HAUER	26 L BEYER L STIELS	27 L JEAN SMITH W TANALSKI L DIXON W KILLERMAN
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*Please note new walk times.

FEBRUARY DUTY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 L SCHULMAN W CASSELL L SCHULMAN W BRAV	5 L D.MILLER L IVANY	6 L TALBERTS L RANDOLPH	7 L MARGULIES L FREDERICKS	8 L R.MILLER L FREDERICKS	9 L BEYER L STIELS	10 L J. SMITH W L W STIEGLER
11 L GRAIN W FERGUSON L W KAMEN	12 L KATZ L CAMPBELL	13 L R.SMITH L RANDOLPH	14 L GRANTHAM L COOPER	15 L PFLEEGER L HAUER	16 L IVANY	17 MEETING L GRAIN W L WINTERS W
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Torrey Pines Association: The Year 2000 in Review

By Diana Gordon

The year 2000 has State Reserve from intrusion by development and road projects, assisting in on site projects, and bringing the world of Torrey Pines to a larger audience.

The Torrey Pines Association (TPA) moved forward with plans to produce a video on Torrey Pines State Reserve in collaboration with Jim Karnik Productions. Jim Karnik Productions has produced several videos on wildlife, including the KPBS series *Fieldnotes*. The video will document the reserve's history, its plant and animal life, and address the importance of continued preservation and protection of the reserve. When completed, the video will be made available for public viewing in the Lodge. The video will also be a valuable tool for educating government agencies and others who may not have first hand knowledge of the Reserve's resources.

Throughout the year the TPA has kept abreast of the many local environmental issues of great concern to the Reserve. Counselors have both written comment letters to and contacted various government agencies with regard to these issues. In the year 2000 there were three main areas which demanded the most attention; the widening of the bridge at Torrey Pines Road, south of Del Mar, the Carmel Valley Road Enhancement Project, and the Sorrento Valley Road closure. TPA will strive to ensure that, when a final consensus is reached on these projects, the Reserve's integrity will be protected as far as possible.

With regard to on-site projects, the TPA has assisted in refurbishing the rangers' office with new furniture, funded the shuttle bus service for the 150th Year of the Tree and Statehood celebration, and is currently working on printing a Torrey Pines Historical Brochure, the 1949 Association booklet (with generous funding from the Hattie Ettinger Foundation).

The Annual Membership meeting will take place at the Lodge on Sunday, February 11th from 1-3 PM. The guest speaker will be John Quirk, Chief Ranger. Please join us for this annual event.