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The Story of Mat

by Maryruth Cox

As the golden light of late afternoon slanted through Torrey Pines, a mild-looking Japanese gentleman trudged up the hill to the Lodge. This was his first visit to Torrey Pines State Reserve, and he had spent the whole day wandering around the trails, musing among the trees in a land of magic. Now he had to return to his hotel and catch a flight to his home in New York.

However, he had mislaid his keys and his wallet. He was stranded! What could he do? He drifted into the Lodge where two women were shutting up shop for the day. They were "Lodgesitters," for this was 1971, pre-docent days. When they learned of his problem, one of them said, "Oh, we can call a taxi for you from the phone out back!"

As he waited, the visitor picked up the "Green Book" ("Torrey Pines State Reserve," first published by the

Torrey Pines Association in 1964). Here was the information he needed. That very day he had resolved to spend his remaining years in a study of Torrey pines. If only he had some money...The Lodgesitters conferred. There was a "discretionary" fund for emergencies tucked away in the desk. Surely, this situation would qualify. They presented the Green Book to the visitor and soon forgot about the incident.

Later, a kind letter arrived thanking the Lodgesitters for their help. It was signed Tsuyoshi Matsumoto (now known as Mat, the artist). He did return to Torrey Pines and spent nearly a decade drawing the ancient trees before he died in 1982. Today you can buy prints of his work at the Lodge, for he donated the negatives to the Park.

Mat was born in Hokkaido, Japan. His father was a medical doctor and a conservative, with Buddhist and Shinto beliefs. But his mother had been converted to Christianity and

was eager to learn Western ways. Perhaps her influence led Mat to study at Meiji Gakuin, a missionary college in Tokyo, and later at seminaries in San Francisco and New York. He became a Bachelor of Divinity and acquired a Master's in Sacred Music. In the mid-thirties, his proficiency at the organ got him a job in Japan. He played the organ in a musical production starring Emi, the prima ballerina and his wife-to-be.

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Mark your calendars...

March 6 – Docent Training begins

**March 13 – Birds with
Barbara Moore**

March 18 – TPA Meeting

March 20 – TPDS Meeting

**March 27 – Children's Program with
Barbara Wallach**

April 3 – Flowers with Joan Nimick

April 10 – History with

Judy Schulman

April 15 – TPA Meeting

April 17 – TPDS Meeting

April 21 – Lagoon Day

April 24 – EARTH DAY!

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HELP WANTED!

As part of starting my new job, I've been reading our Society's documents—minutes, bylaws, *Torreyanas*. Over and over what comes through is our mission: to preserve, protect and interpret the Reserve.

This has always been a challenge, met by the dedication and talent of docents as well as the professional Reserve staff who devote their careers to this mission. And that mission was never more important than now!! The challenges will be there in 2004: deep budget and personnel cuts, lots more visitors, development pressures on our borders, normal wear and tear, and *Ehrharta* from within!!

How can we meet these challenges? I've adopted a theme for this year of "helping more people get more involved." Our priority remains the interpretation we do so well—leading walks and Lodge duty. But our other major public interpretation activities also need a share of that talent. For example, our hallmark Children's Program should never be "strapped for help," but as we heard at the last meeting, they often are. Our Docent Training program could bring us forty new docents; but only if these newcomers feel welcomed, supported and inspired by us "old docents" getting involved in their training. Can you attend training Saturdays, volunteer as a mentor, or help on their first walk or lodge duty (remember yours???).

Finally there are dozens of other activities keeping the TPDS going—handled so competently and expertly that we don't think of their needing help. But they do: the *Torreyana*, *Pinecone*, programs, meeting setups, refreshments, bookstore, library, science fair judging, museum etc. etc. -- any one would benefit from **your** participation. So why not volunteer one morning a month for the Children's Program **or** mark your calendar with two training Saturdays when you will brush up on that topic **and** welcome and support those 40 new docents. **Or**, volunteer for Earth Day—our big opportunity to show off TPSR to the community or be a Science Fair judge: 3 hours on March 24 will encourage 6 young people in their concern for their natural world; or, write a short article for one of our outstanding publications; or pick an aspect of our Society that interests you: call or e-mail the person in charge to ask how you can help (or call or e-mail me) or, nominate someone for docent of the month.

Don't know where to help, or what you want to do? Call or e-mail me—we'll find a niche.

Isn't it great that we can carry out our mission and simultaneously just be around this place we love? In that sense, increased involvement means increased opportunity for that pleasure. See you around!!

Walt Desmond
President, Torrey Pines Docent Society

Mat (Continued from page 1)

In the late thirties, war was imminent between Japan and the U.S. Mat's friends worried about his future in Japan, as he was well known to have sympathy for the West. They raised money for tickets, and Emi and Mat left for California. Mat enrolled at USC for his second Master's degree.

It was a bad time for Japanese in California. Emi's visa expired and she left on the last boat to Tokyo before the war began.

Communications were cut off between Mat and Emi: no letters or phone calls were permitted for years. It was a severe test of any marriage, but they were steadfast and finally reunited in 1948. But Mat had difficulties during the war years. On a visit to friends in the south, he was arrested in a sweep of enemy aliens. Fortunately, an influential friend pushed a special bill through Congress and he was released. Later, he received permanent resident status, the only Japanese to receive such recognition

during the war. Mat worked for the U.S. Army, teaching Japanese in Michigan and California. In 1948, he became an assistant professor of Oceanic Languages at the University of Hawaii, and he and Emi came together again.

During the 1950s and 60s Mat, Emi and their two children lived in Japan while Mat worked for the U.S. Navy. He began painting in oils, especially pictures of his children, and exhibited in Tokyo galleries. He started to draw pines and was absorbed by them. Why? Helen Kagan, his daughter, explains that in Japan, the pine is a symbol of good luck and longevity. Furthermore, his name, "Matsumoto," means "root of the pine."

When Mat retired in 1968, he and Emi moved to New York City, where Mat sold his work and that of other artists in his own gallery. One day a friend suggested that he visit La Jolla to see the unusual pine called Torrey. Mat's visit to Torrey

Pines swept his life in a new direction. By 1974, he and Emi were settled in an elegant home on the bluffs in La Jolla, with a magnificent view of the ocean. Mat spent his days in the Reserve where he became a familiar figure, perched on the special stool a friend had fashioned for him, with his sketchbook on his lap. During the following years, he filled thirty sketchbooks with drawings of the Torrey pine. The final prints of individual trees found their way into collections far and near. Exhibitions were held in La Jolla, San Diego, and Del Mar. Each of his prints has its own personality expressed not only in the meticulous drawing, but also in the captions, phrases or verses, that sing of the glory of creation.

Once a passer-by asked Mat, "How do you have the patience to draw so carefully?" Mat replied, "It doesn't take patience to do what you love, just passion."

*[Mat's Torrey pine has appeared in the Torreyana banner for the last 20 years.
LM]*

Dear Torrey Pines Docents and Staff,

What a rousing great time was had at the sendoff you all gave me on January 31st! The setting and the day could not have been more perfect - except that your words, warm thoughts and mementos were even better. Thanks to all of you who had a hand in arranging such a splendid event, and to all of you who were there, either in person or in spirit. It was a day my family and I will cherish and long remember. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with and to know each and every one of you. Please look us up when you travel thru Monterey!

With much love & gratitude,

Allyn and Family



Allyn Kaye admires some of the gifts presented to her at the Farewell Party Jan. 31st. Dozens of docents and park staff assembled at the Fleming House to wish her well in her new position in Monterey. (Photo by Barbara Wallach.)

Docent Chronicles - March 2004

Next TPDS meeting – March 20th
Presentation by Michael P. Lynch
“Auto racing in Torrey Pines?”
Program – 9 AM
Business meeting – 10:30 AM

Please carpool and park on the west side of the Lodge Road beyond the restrooms. Bring a snack to share and a re-usable beverage container for the break.

TPDS meeting, Feb. 21, 2004
Prolific writer and historian Adam Collings spoke to the general membership on a chilly February Saturday. Collings considers his latest book, “California, West of the West,” the compilation of his life’s work as a missionary and historian, with a special interest in Southern CA. Collings began his writing career by penning “Sendero, a Complete Guide to Orange County.” After selling 60,000 copies, he went on to write commercially successful guides to San Diego and other local areas. His keen interest in California history was sparked when he read a history of Chile while serving there as a young missionary. He survived the overthrow of the Allende government and became acquainted with scholars from the Franciscan order, thus gaining access to their wonderful repository of California historical documents. Through the Franciscan connection, Adam gained liberal access to the Franciscan Archives and Craft Collection in Santa Barbara, which allowed him to conduct ample research for his book. He also relied on his own collection

of Hubert Howe Bancroft’s history of California.

Business meeting highlights:
(from notes by TPDS Secretary

Victoria Schaffer) TPDS President **Walt Desmond** awarded **Karen Griebe** “Docent of the Month” for her work in setting up the bookstore and in maintaining its inventory and budget. Karen will have a specially marked parking space in the Lodge lot for her exclusive use throughout the month. Walt asked for nominations for the upcoming months, in recognition for Docents doing extraordinary (or even ordinary) things well.

Torreyana Editor **Linda Martin** announced the need to replace **Cynthia Dukich**, who has edited the **Torrey Pinecone** for the past two years. Cynthia will be working again in Washington State this summer, but offered to help train someone new in the job. Former TPDS president **Ken Baer** volunteered for the job. Yea, Ken!!! And many thanks to Cynthia for putting out such an interesting interim newsletter.

Walt reported that the Science Fair will take place on March 24-28, and requested 3-4 volunteers for a committee chaired by **Theo Tanalski**, to organize a judging team, judge the exhibits and select six awardees. Program Chair **Mary Knox Weir** welcomes suggestions and requests for Program speakers. **Laura Lowenstein**, former park aide and long-time docent has accepted a position helping to administer the Children’s Program. She thanked all current volunteers and asked for help with filling empty slots. Laura says you can schedule with her by phone (760) 753-2091 or by e-mail at adventuresahead@cox.net. Laura

says you don’t have to commit to lead a group until you’re comfortable with that role. Just show up and join in the fun. And, speaking of “new” docents -- the **Docent Training Program** will start on March 6, with 40 prospective trainees so far, according to a communiqué from Training Coordinator **Janie Killerman**. Walt encouraged all docents, new and old, to attend the training sessions. There is a change from past year. The new docents will be inducted as a **Docent Class** on June 19.

TPSR Staff report: Ranger Gary Olson reminded us that the April 24th Earth Day is one of our big events, an important opportunity to increase public awareness of TPSR and its needs. He is recruiting crew leaders to help organize as many as 250 volunteers for a variety of activities. Gary will have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the March meeting. Treasurer **Rick Vogel** has drafted a letter to give local business owners, requesting donations for Earth Day. If you can help solicit contributions, contact Rick or ask Gary for a copy of the letter. Gary announced that **Jody Kummer** will be the new Supervising Ranger at TPSR, and will attend the March General Membership meeting. Jody is currently Supervising Ranger at **Old Town State Park**.

Gary says work is ongoing at the High Point Trail, in preparation for the planned official opening during the Earth Day celebration. And, the Boy Scouts will return to TPSR, to work at patching the adobe behind the Lodge. The Beach Trail both to and from the beach is deteriorating to the point of becoming an injury risk area. **(Continued on Page 5)**

Chronicles (**Continued**)

Gary is helping organize a planning group that will focus on options for repairing/replacing this trail.

January speaker **Mike Kelly** was involved in a project to manage the exotic grass *Ehrharta*: spraying was done 4 weeks ago. Another spraying is planned for next week. Funds are running out, and more money needs to be dedicated to Resources for this purpose. The project to eradicate Pampas grass from the Reserve Extension has been successful.

Other docent news –

Docents **Vernie McGowan, Eva Armi, and Nancy Woodworth** report that, as a continuing outreach project, docents will present another exhibit in the display box at the Del Mar Post Office. Titled “Invasive Grasses,” it will remain on display from March 16 to March 31. Several non-native grasses will be featured, including *Ehrharta*, which has devastated large parts of TPSR. Our reserve is an island of native plants, bombarded by exotics. We hope this helps to inform the community about this biggest single threat.

Docent and extreme environmental activist **Jack Paxton** says **Prop A** is a “Sprawl Buster!” As Gary pointed out at the February meeting, TPSR visitor numbers in January 2004 were up four or five times what they were in January 2003. As San Diego County “develops”, Torrey Pines State Reserve is going to come under increasing pressure from citizens seeking any form of “natural experience” and escape. One way to help address the many problems, including pressure on TPSR, is to restrict backcountry sprawl. The area east of the County Water Authority Line depends on wells for water, in contrast to heavy urban dependence on “imported” water from the

Colorado River and northern California. Sprawl would jeopardize groundwater adequacy in East County since groundwater withdrawal is presently not regulated here. Also, mass transit would be less feasible as sprawl continues in all directions. **Proposition A** represents a partial solution, says Jack.

The “other” Torrey pine grove (with history and background by TPDS Historian Judy Schulman)

As we learn, early in our docent training, Torrey pines grow naturally only here at Torrey Pines State Reserve and on Santa Rosa Island. What is this mysterious island called Santa Rosa and how did our unique Torrey pine get there?

Let’s visit the “other Torrey pines” with **former *Torreyana* Editor, John Carson**. John moved to the Santa Barbara area in the late 90s, and maintains an active correspondence with Judy and other docents. Currently, he’s a volunteer with the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and UC Santa Barbara’s Sedgwick Reserve. Last October, the Garden sponsored a trip to Santa Rosa Island, and “I signed up immediately,” he said in a recent letter to Judy. “This consisted of a half-hour plane ride in a 9-passenger twin engine plane from Camarillo to the dirt landing strip on Santa Rosa, and about 5 hours visiting parts of the island. There are a few one-lane dirt roads on the place, and the only way around other than walking is in the large 4WD SUVs that the park service has....The leader was a Garden staff person who is a specialist on the Channel Islands and has spent about 25 years doing research on all of them. While he is a botanist, he also has a lot of knowledge about the overall natural history. So for the rest of the people

it was a super trip, but for me it was really a pilgrimage!”

Continuing from John’s letter:

“There was still some fog in the late morning, so I couldn’t see all the trees, but the leader did tell me that he couldn’t recall any witches’ brooms on the Island (curious). Also, these pines were apparently not affected by the bark beetles in the late 80s and early 90s. I don’t know if this beetle exists on the Islands. Near this stand of trees, he pointed out to me the island monkey flower, *Mimulus flemingii* (*Diplacus parviflorus*), which was first collected by Fleming (on this island, I think) and was named for him by Munz.”

[John says anytime TPDS docents are in the Santa Barbara area, he’d be pleased to show us around the Gardens. Check with Judy for John’s contact information. Mike and I enjoy the Gardens so much, we became members on that visit last September. LM]

Santa Rosa Island is one of eight California Channel Islands, located 40 miles west of Ventura. With 52,794 acres, it is the second largest of these islands. Santa Rosa is about 15 miles long and 10 miles wide, with grass-covered rolling hills, steep canyons, creeks, rocky intertidal areas and sandy beaches.

Santa Rosa has several rare plants, some of which exist nowhere else in the world. These include a live-forever (*Dudleya blochmaniae insularis*), a manazanita (*Arctostaphylos confertiflora*), a gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora hoffmannii*) and a variety of Torrey pine (*Pinus torreyana insularis*). It is also home to the endemic island fox and spotted skunk.

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“Other Torrey pine” (Continued)
 Botanist T.S. Brandagee discovered the Torrey pine on Santa Rosa Island in 1888. There is a small grove in a canyon on the eastern side of the island near Bechers Bay. Some geologists believe these islands were once a part of the Southern California coastline.
 There are Chumash archeological sites dating back 11,000 years. Some historians think this island

may be Cabrillo’s final resting place. With Mexico’s successful revolt against Spain in 1821, the island became subject to the Mexican flag. Twenty-two years later, after the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the island became the private property of the Carillo family. In the 1840s and 1850s, Santa Rosa was a cattle rancheria. In the 1860s ranchers introduced sheep. When the island was sold to

the Vail Vickers Company in 1902, the sheep were removed and cattle reintroduced. In 1986 the National Park Service acquired the island. Former owners of the island continue to lease Santa Rosa until the year 2011 for game hunts. The park is open to limited public access at Bechers Bay and Johnson’s Lee. Backcountry permits are required to go beyond the beach.

Birds of Torrey Pines State Reserve -- February 2004

Red-throated Loon	1
Pacific Loon	6
Common Loon	8
Pied-billed Grebe	1
Western Grebe	200
Black-vented Shearwater	50
Brown Pelican	7
Double-crested Cormorant	12
Brandt's Cormorant	2
Great Blue Heron	5
Great Egret	7
Snowy Egret	1
Green-winged Teal	21
Mallard	4
Northern Pintail	55

Lagoon Day in Del Mar

Come discover the ancient cultures of the San Dieguito Lagoon and River Valley! On Wednesday, April 21st from 7 to 9 PM, professional archaeologist Dennis Gallegos will give a lecture “Discovering the Past 10,000 Years: Archaeology of the San Dieguito Lagoon and River Valley.” This presentation will include discussion of how the river and lagoon environments have evolved during the past 10,000 years. Gallegos will display artifacts and reveal how Native Americans made a living and a way of life in these areas.

The lecture, which is free with open seating, will be held in the Powerhouse Community Center on Coast Blvd. in Del Mar. Students are welcome.

For more information, call Marc Gittelsohn at 858-755-8768.

Blue-winged Teal	2
Cinnamon Teal	4
Northern Shoveler	18
Gadwall	15
American Wigeon	12
Lesser Scaup	8
Surf Scoter	8
Bufflehead	4
Osprey	1
White-tailed Kite	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	4
American Kestrel	3
California Quail	3
American Coot	55
Black-bellied Plover	27
Snowy Plover	15
Semipalmated Plover	1
Black-necked Stilt	1
American Avocet	83
Greater Yellowlegs	1
Willet	32
Whimbrel	1
Long-billed Curlew	1
Marbled Godwit	3
Sanderling	15
Least Sandpiper	20
Dowitcher	1
Heermann's Gull	20
Ring-billed Gull	30
California Gull	60
Western Gull	62
Royal Tern	1
Rock Dove	1
Mourning Dove	6
White-throated Swift	7
Anna's Hummingbird	15
Belted Kingfisher	1
Nuttall's Woodpecker	3
Northern Flicker	1
Black Phoebe	2
Say's Phoebe	6
Cassin's Kingbird	2



Swallow sp.	7
Scrub Jay	6
American Crow	4
Common Raven (nesting?)	24
Bushtit	12
Bewick's Wren	2
House Wren	4
Marsh Wren	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
California Gnatcatcher	3
Hermit Thrush	3
Wrentit	8
California Thrasher	3
Bell's Vireo	1
Hutton's Vireo	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7
Spotted Towhee	1
California Towhee	21
Savannah Sparrow	7
Belding's Savannah Sparrow	5
Song Sparrow	30
Golden-crowned Sparrow	8
White-crowned Sparrow	3
House Sparrow	7
Brewer's Blackbird	27
House Finch	29
Lesser Goldfinch	2

Observers:	Jane and Hank Baele, Kathy Estey, Don Grine, Gary Grantham, David Blue, and Jack Friery
Weather –	clear, channel – open
Pelican photo by Don Grine	

Tidings from TPA: voices of contributors

The voices of contributors – past, present and future – were heard at the 54th Annual TPA meeting on February 22 when 40 members gathered at the Lodge to provide input and direction for the year ahead.

Outgoing President Diana Bergen opened the meeting with the voices of contributors to the Torrey Pines Extension campaign in the early 1970s (from Archive Notes compiled by Maryruth Cox):

“I cannot afford very much at the moment, but want to be counted among those who tried.”

“I am making my small donation not so much to save a few trees but to help show that the individual can do something to preserve his environment.”

“There were surveyors’ stakes all over it but I knew... it was too good for any ONE landholder and should belong to all the people.”

And the recent voice of a John Torrey descendant: “This small donation is in memory of my mother Ina Torrey Schultz, my grandmother Florence Ora Torrey Sargent and all the Torreys. I can not express how excited and happy it has made me after all these years (to know about TPA’s work to protect the Reserve).”

Looking to the future, Keynote speaker Alex Tynberg and field representative for the Trust for Public Lands (TPL), explained how TPL could help the Park acquire additional adjacent land. At TPA’s request he used the 2.3-acre knoll located on the east side of Sorrento Valley Rd. as an example, noting its potential for enhancing the Reserve’s planned multi-purpose trail, Gnatcatcher habitat, wildlife corridor and viewshed.

ELECTION RESULTS: Five new Board members will join ten incumbents to carry on the TPA tradition of “securing in perpetuity the scenic beauty of the region (Ellen Browning Scripps, 1924).” Elected by almost 100 mail-in ballots, the new Board members are John Bennett, MSC and Torrey Pines Docent; Mike Gonzalez, MBA working with Sea-to-Sea Trail Foundation and Reserve staff on trail access; Cliff Hanna, CHMM, Environmental Health manager and member of the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board; Pat Masters



Outgoing TPA President Diana Bergen (left) with District Superintendent, Ronilee Clark, celebrating the long-awaited removal of utility poles at the Penasquitos Lagoon. (Photo by Ann Gardner)

Ph.D. in Biology, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and John Quirk, MA, recently retired from California park service, including service as Chief Ranger and District Superintendent, San Diego Coast State Parks.

Two new TPA projects: a brochure for residents on how to be a good neighbor to the Reserve and a car sticker promoting preservation of the Reserve were also announced.

Torrey pines: here and there

by Judy Schulman

Being an aficionado of the Torrey pine, I’m always on the lookout for our tree in places other than our park. Here are some recent findings.

In photographer David Winkelman’s San Diego 2004 calendar, Torrey Pines State Beach is the photo for October. The view features a few people walking along the beach. The cliffs of the Reserve are prominent in the scene.

Did you know that Torrey Pines State Reserve is worth only \$240? That is the case if you are playing the San Diego Edition of Monopoly! We are on the side that is between “Go to Jail” and “Free Parking.”

Congregation Adat Yeshurun on La Jolla Scenic Drive has a huge Torrey pine tree in their courtyard. Because the tree had been deemed historic, their architect was instructed to design their new synagogue around the tree.