



Torrey Pinecone

A news bulletin for the
Torrey Pines Docent Society

Online version- August 2007

Docent General Meeting Saturday, August 18th 9:00 a.m.

National University, 11255 N. Torrey Pines Road

Come and learn about organic farming from a “neighbor” of TPSR!

Stephenie Caughlin, the owner of Seabreeze Organic Farm in Carmel Valley, will speak about her small family farm. All docents are invited to tour the Farm following the business portion of the meeting.

Directions: east on Carmel Valley Rd, right on El Camino Real, left on Arroyo Sorrento. 3909 Arroyo Sorrento Road (858) 481-0209

At the July General Meeting Docents find out *Why things are the way they are!*

By Sharon Clay Rose

Photos by Herb Knufken

Proudly introduced by Jeff Spivak, Trainee Coordinator, several fledgling docents from the Class of '07 presented their final learning projects to the July docent general meeting. Jeannie Smith, Trainee

Assistant Extraordinaire, described the final learning project that had been devised to encourage the class to integrate the knowledge absorbed from the topical training presentations and trail walks. The trainees were divided into small groups and assigned a portion of a trail. Their task? Go onto their trail, study the area and describe “the interrelationships between the physical place, the plants, animals and insects that live there, thus to explain *why things are*

the way they are...” [Excerpted from the Introduction to the excellent handbook covering all the trail information from the Class of 2007].

These new docents “took flight” in their unique, insightful and humorous descriptions of the three trails. Bill Key led the visual slide discussion of the north portion of Broken Hill Trail along with Nan Danninger and Elaine Slack; the marsh trail was explored by Chris Walker and Annette Ketner in a vivid Powerpoint presentation; the Parry Grove Trail came to life with the able emcee, B.J. Withall, as she questioned Diane Russell, Flo Eckles, Mike Lewis and Vince Castiglione.

It was indeed gratifying to see the depth and breadth of knowledge of the new docent class as they shared their love and enthusiasm for Torrey Pines State Reserve.

Look in the docent library for the *Notebook: Why Things Are the Way They Are* which contains all the pictures, comments, prose and poetry as well as additional information on the Guy Fleming and Red Butte



Parry Grove Trail--- Flo Eckles and B.J. Withall

Trails that, due to time constraints, were not included at the general meeting.

Share the Vision

by *Liling Chen*
Docent 2007

Kumeyaay lived here.
Life was good.
Food was abundant.
The weather was mild.
They chased rabbits and weaved yucca
Smiles were what they wore.

Guy Fleming was here.
Work was fun.
Peggy was drawing.
The "wild garden" was so amazing.
Children were gay.
Laughter was what they heard.

Ellen Scripps was here.
Coffee was made.
Cookies were baked.
The view was great and so was the steak.
Visitors stopped and stayed.
Hearty feelings were what they shared.

You and I are here.
The flowers are the same.
Cap rocks remain.
Wood rats are busy storing pine nuts.
Torrey Pines Reserve is the place
We all adore.

[Ed. Note: This poem was part of the presentation of Class of 2007 on the Guy Fleming Trail]



Nan Danninger



Annette Ketner



Elaine Slack



Diane Russell



Chris Walker



Mike Lewis



Bill Key



Vince Castiglione

July Docent Meeting Notes

Excerpted from notes from the TPDS General Meeting, July 21, 2007 by Secretary, Judy Schulman. Complete minutes in docent library.

Santa Rosa Island Trip: Tom Polakiewicz announced that this will be the last trip he and his wife plan to Santa Rosa Island. There are still a number of spaces left. Interested docents need to sign up and pay immediately; otherwise volunteers from other groups will be invited. [Ed. Note This trip is planned for September 15 through 18th]

Refreshments: Walter Desmond, Barbara McCardle and Cecily Goode provided the refreshments and coffee for the meeting. Docents should bring something every three months.

Docent of the Month: Herb Knufken (2006) was the July docent of the month. With his award winning photography, he has chronicled all the special events that have occurred at Torrey Pines since he became a docent in 2006.



Ranger Report: Ranger Jody Kummer thanked everyone for coming to the docent appreciation beach picnic on July 18th. Brian Gaudet and his staff of Carlsbad maintenance workers were noted for all the extra hours they put into

completing the Beach Trail staircase. She also thanked Herb Knufken for taking photos of the reopening. Docents were asked to be vigilant about suspicious people and activities. Two full gas cans were found on the Beach Trail and in the bushes near Flat Rock. Also a pile of broken bottles was found on the Beach Trail. Do not confront anyone, but immediately report suspicious activity to the ranger staff. If the lower parking lot is barricaded when you arrive to do docent duty, you can remove and replace the barricade yourself (but only if safe to do so). Make sure you are wearing something that identifies you as a volunteer, so that visitors don't try to follow you. You can also try waving at the kiosk. If someone wants to make a formal complaint, please ask them to call Jody first. We will do the Live Scan fingerprinting during the September meeting. Forms will be handed out at the August meeting.

Treasurer: No report was given.

Children's Program: (Cecily Goode) Twelve new docents attended the training session with Diane Greening on July 9th. On August 10th (9 a.m.), there will be a training program on trail tips led by Barbara Wallach. On August 15, the online signup for the Children's Program will open up for the school year.

Lodge Duty: (Lillian Lachicotte) Docents were reminded to sign the calendar in pencil. If you are working alone and a visitor makes you feel uneasy, take your personal belongings, lock the cash drawer, go into the ranger's office and call for help. You can also go straight to your car and talk to the park aid at the bottom of the hill.

Docents were reminded not to leave more than \$100 in the drawer. There will be a closing checklist at the docent desk.

Training: (Jeff Spivak) There are only 7 months left until the next training session.

Docent Question of the Month – August 2007

[New monthly newsletter feature]

Courtesy of Jim Larrimore

Q: If you see spouts rising high into the sky near the horizon while looking over the ocean from TPSR this summer, what would they be?

A: (See p. 5)

Communications: (Roger Isaacson) Victoria Schaffer has resigned from her position as *Torreyana* editor. Bobbi Krueger has volunteered to do the September issue. Seventy docents have opted out of getting a hard copy of the *Torreyana* or *Pinecone*. Although we can see the duty calendar on the Web site, we cannot access it to make changes.

Library: (Steve Rose) Recent graduates from the class of 2007, Mike Yang and Bonnie Hornbeck have volunteered to help in the library. New additions to the library include a book about the Kumeyaay by Sycuan Press, and two copies of the second edition of Margaret Fillius' book on flowers, and bound copies of the class of 2007 presentations.

Bookstore: (Rick Vogel) The bookstore committee will start a three-step process to update the recording/selling process. This includes redoing the sales slip, converting to QuickBooks from Quicken, and researching point of sales systems (cash register, computers). Three volunteers will assist him. If you would like to order a vest, contact Rick. The cost is \$57.36. He is also working on designing patches to sell in the bookstore.

Trail Patrol: (Sherry Doolittle) There will be a training session on July 30th at 9 a.m. Please read the manual on the Web site before attending. If you don't have Internet access, contact her for a hard copy. There will be a quiz on the trails in the Extension and Reserve.

Santa Rosa Bill Update: (Sue Randerson) Everyone was appreciated for the letters that were sent. Senator Dianne Feinstein has thanked her. The U.S. Senate Department of the Interior Appropriation's has a bill to repeal Duncan Hunter's bill. The House also has one. For more information, please refer to Web site. <http://feinstein.senate.gov>

Plein Aire Art Festival (Steve Usher) The event will be held from September 19-23. Forty nationally known plein aire artists have been invited with the hopes that 25 will accept. They will start arriving on Wednesday the 19th and will paint through Saturday morning. Saturday evening there will be a live auction with an invitation-only dinner. 50% of the auction proceeds go to the endowment. Sunday there will be a food and wine tasting event called *Celebrate the Craft*. There will also be a silent auction for the remaining art. Lunch will be available to the public on Saturday in the parking lot. There will be booths for the TPDS, the TPA, and other nature-related groups. There are three ways that docents can help. First, they can guide artists around the trails so that they can choose a location. This will be needed on Wednesday the 19th at 3 p.m. and again on Thursday the 20th at 7 a.m. Second, more than the usual number of walk leaders will be needed for the regular walks on Saturday. Third, docents will be needed to staff the docent booth. **Jeff Spivak will coordinate all the volunteers.** The tentative schedule of events in the park will be:

- 10:00 a.m. - regular walk with extra docents
- 11:00 a.m. - lodge history/architectural talk
- 12 Noon - lunch in parking lot from Lodge at Torrey Pines
- 1:00 p.m. - Guy Fleming house history/architectural talk
- 2:00 p.m. - regular walk with extra docents.

Diane Greening and Laura Lowenstein will conduct a Children's Plein Aire Art Festival.

Torrey Pines Association: (Pat Masters) The TPA will use the Plein Aire Art Festival as a kickoff for a 2-year campaign to fund the endowment.

Concessions in the Park: (Steve Usher) The Coastal Commission has already decided to grant the North Beach parking lot food concession. Given the amount of docent opposition, there is a signup sheet for people interested in formulating a response to this issue. How successful we will be in stopping it is questionable. The DPR is interested in proceeding with this. It is a two-year trial permit. Docents need to monitor the amount of trash it creates, signage, and people management.

Special Walk: (Don Grine) There will be a special walk for kindergartners this Thursday at 12:45 p.m.

Trail Patrol/Recycling: (Alan Bennett) announced that there have been 715 recorded hours of trail patrol and 27.5 hours for recycling. Volunteers are still needed, especially for watering the North Beach parking lot.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

by Cecily Goode

Diane Greening gave a presentation on July 9th to children's program docents and new graduates. She stated that there are 4 important things to have for a successful presentation: passion, knowledge, authority and support.

The next training is August 10th at 9 a.m. Meet at the benches. The topic is trail tips.

The online teacher signup is scheduled to open August 15th. If you are doing lodge duty please inform all teachers to access the Web site at **torreypine.org** to sign up. Please don't take any written messages.

Library room picture—an orphan-no-more!

A note of thanks to John and Vernie McGowan for the beautiful matting and reframing of the watercolor picture and poem, "Orphans" by Ruth W. Schriefer dated 10-13-29. Take a look at this lovely picture and let them know your appreciation. If, perchance, you know anything of the history of this poem and picture, please let them know!

Sharon Clay Rose

San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration Tour

by Jeannie Smith

Photos by Herb Knufken

Recently 24 Torrey Pines docents were given a bus tour of the habitat restoration going on in the San Dieguito River Valley. Anyone traveling Hwy 5 by the Del Mar Racetrack in the last ten months will have noticed a good number of earth movers digging holes and trucks transporting dirt. Quite a few people have worried that the land is being developed for a mall or houses. Nothing could be further from the truth. The activity is restoring 150 acres of coastal wetland to mitigate the estimated impact on marine fish populations of the cooling water systems for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. Southern California Edison is working in partnership with the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to carry out the restoration project.



Jacqueline Winterer (in foreground), president of The Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, was our guide on an informative tour. Our bus traversed the periphery of the work, stopping six times at different

locations where Dr. Winterer explained the human and natural history of the river mouth and its environs, the four project work areas, and the current activities in each area. She explained how the river channel will be confined by berms that will protect the large, deep tidal basin and nearby shallow wetlands from being in-filled by river-borne sediments.



Rather, these sediments will be carried out and deposited to replenish the beaches. Meanwhile, the basin, wetlands and several least tern nesting sites will nourish and protect birds and other wildlife, and upland areas will be planted in native scrub habitat. A trail will pass through this restored lagoon habitat along the river channel to begin the 55-mile long Coast to Crest Trail that will stretch to Volcan Mountain (www.sdrv.org).

More information can be found at the Friends' site:

<http://www.fsdv.org>, and there is a video of the lagoon restoration project at:

http://www.scwrp.org/taskforce_sandiego-video.htm

Remaining tours in 2007 are scheduled for: September 15, October 13, and November 10 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Call (858) 674-2275, x 14 for more information and reservations.

A DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT

BEACH WALK Meet at the South kiosk at 6:15 a.m. **Friday, August 17th** to "Discover what summer tides are like and what we might discover" Offered by *Wes Farmer*

Recycling Team Needs New Recruits:

Thanks to the \$8,000 grant from the Torrey Pines Association (and

Mike Gonzales' diesel truck with 650,000 miles on the odometer); we have a fully functioning Recycling Program at Torrey Pines State Reserve. We welcome anyone with about an hour and a half to donate once a month (either on a Monday or a Friday), to make pick-ups of the containers that have been recycled at the North and South Parking Lots. Two-person crews make the task fairly enjoyable.

To help out contact Alan Bennett at (619) 955-3275 or alanbennett@hotmail.com. No experience is required and there is a very thorough training program.

Answer to Question of the Month (from page 3)

A: You might have thought the California gray whales passing by in December – February on their way south to the lagoons of Baja California are the only whales we can see at TPSR. But in summer, you may be lucky to see **Blue Whales** cruising off TPSR.



Blue whale spout

Blue whales have a single spout, not a double one like our California gray whales, and they blow it so high that it can be easily seen from the coast even though the whales are quite far out.

The blue whale is the largest whale, and the largest creature ever to

inhabit the earth. Blue whales may reach 30 m (100 ft) in length. They are found in all oceans of the world. Heavy hunting from the 1930s to the 1960s nearly caused their extinction. Now classified as an endangered species, blue whales are gradually returning in several areas of their range; since 1985, blue whales feeding in Monterey Bay, California, have become a familiar sight in late summer.



Gray whale spout

Blue whales feed by lunging open-mouthed into dense groups of small sea creatures such as krill or fish. They often lunge through their prey side-by-side, apparently using each other to block the escape of their prey. As water and food rush into the whale's mouth, more than 60 throat pleats expand so that the whale's throat, or gular pouch, forms a huge bag that extends from the front of the whale's snout to its navel. The whale then partially closes its mouth, leaving a small gap, and forces water past 270 to 390 pairs of wide, black, fringed baleen plates that hang from the roof of the mouth. The plates act as a sieve, catching food inside the fringes.

Scientific classification: The blue whale belongs to the family *Balaenopteridae* of the suborder *Mysticeti*, order *Cetacea*. It is classified as *Balaenoptera musculus*.

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www.exzoobrance.com

Photos from

www.starrsites.com/acsm/whalespouts.htm

Exotic Eradication Effort @ the Extension (EEE @ E)

By Alan Bennett

Photos by Roger Isaacson

A very dedicated group of Torrey Pines State Reserve (TPSR) docents spent about a month working to eradicate exotics on the City of San Diego right-of-way (Mar Scenic Drive) west of the Extension. Roger Isaacson, Kirsten Wilkes, Mike Chang, Frank Burham, Stu Smith, Ted "Agave Killer" Caragozian, Lynne Small, Margaret Fillius, Brett Lear, Steve Rose, Sharon Rose, Liling Chen, Marian Casazza, Ann Lemke, Nan Danninger and Vivianne Thomas put in a Herculean effort.



We also want to acknowledge the role played by City of San Diego Parks and Recreation, Supervising Ranger Gina Washington and her Deputy, John Garwood, who provided a flat-bed dump truck and to Steve Fontana of the City Environmental Services, who waived the dump fees at the Mira Mesa



landfill. Did you know these exotics are so bad that we cannot even take them to the Green Team for recycling?

The EEE @ E stopped one threat of oppressive exotics which were creeping eastward and threatened to slip over the rim of the gorge in the TPSR Extension. That would have been a disaster as it would have been impossible to get down into the gorge to pull out the invasives and any spraying would have also damaged some of the very best and healthiest populations of diverse natives on the TPSR.



We were able to remove over 10,220 pounds (5.11 tons) of invasives from an area of over 2,600 square feet. The exotics included African Daisy (*Dimorphotheca aurantiaca*), Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*, var.), Castorbean (*Ricinus communis*), Fox-tail Agave (*Agave Americana*), Century Plant (*Agave attenuata*), Papyrus Reed (*Cyperus*, var.), Statice (*Limonium perezii*), and Hottentot Fig (*Carpobrotus edulis*).

These incursions do tend to be along right-of-way where there is easy access with vehicles. If we get a big enough commitment from

docents, we can request a State parks and Recreation Project Evaluation Form (PEF) and get permission to continue the war on exotics which have actually invaded the TPSR.



Before



and after Hottentot Fig and Papyrus removal: The Torrey pines should love us!

Contact Alan Bennett (619) 955-3275 or alanbennett@hotmail.com.

For Pinecone newsletters (in color): torreypine.org >Docent Login and Username: **docent** Password: **xxxxxxx**

SANTA ROSA ISLAND UPDATE

By Sue Randerson

Thanks to those of you who wrote wonderful letters regarding the Feinstein/Boxer bill to restore full public access to Santa Rosa Island. They were forwarded along with an eloquent letter by Steve Usher to Senators Daniel Akaka and Craig Thomas of the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

GOOD NEWS! In late June the Senate Appropriations Committee passed the FY 2008 Interior Appropriations Bill, S. 1696 (Feinstein). It contains Senators Feinstein's and Boxer's measure to restore full public access to Santa Rosa Island and repeal Congressman Duncan Hunter's measure which allowed the non-native deer and elk to remain on Santa Rosa Island. It repeals prior language (in the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act) prohibiting the National Park Service from implementing an approved settlement on Santa Rosa Island.

S. 1696 will next be voted on by the full Senate. Jonathan at Congresswoman Lois Capps' (Santa Barbara) Washington office thinks it will be soon.

After both the Senate and House Interior Appropriations bills have been voted upon, they will go to a conference committee. The House bill does not contain language repealing Duncan Hunter's measure on Santa Rosa Island. However, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Congresswoman Lois Capps (Santa Barbara) will work to keep this language in the final bill, which then must be approved by both houses of Congress and signed by the President. Jonathan said we did not need to do anything now. He will keep us posted and let us know if and when further action is needed.

This has been a learning experience for me looking up bills on www.thomas.loc.gov/, and contacting members of Congress. One thing I just found out, and confirmed with Sen. Feinstein's office, is that it is now best to contact them by e-mail or fax. Letters to their Washington offices can be greatly delayed due to security concerns. Also sending an e-mail gets your name in the system and they have a record of your correspondence and can more easily send a response.

If you want to look up S. 1696 go to www.thomas.loc.gov/. The references to Santa Rosa Island are in the Committee Report which accompanies the bill. So click on "Committee Reports." Then select 110th Congress and under Search enter Santa Rosa Island, and approximate dates. You will get 2 reports. Click on Report No. 110-91. Next click on PDF. It will take you to the Govt. Printing Office (GPO) and the report. Scroll down the Committee Report to S.124 on page 48 and also page 117 where Sec. 1077 (c) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act of 2007 (Duncan Hunter's language to cease the plan to remove the non-native deer and elk) is repealed.

Horizontal Blues, Diagonal Ambers

by Rhea Bridy

Imbued with hues of blue,
the intersection of sea and sky
scanned from Whitaker-Parry
Point
lay saturated in summer serene.
Only one solitary sailboat
floating miles from the sandy
cliff
stood seemingly still, as if
it were a white diagonal sliver
on a single vanishing point
along an artist's horizontal line.
Then the warmth of the day
arose
and with it the diagonal uplift
of the unpleated wings,
coverlets
displayed in pale hues of amber
and nectarine, backlit, sunlit,
nature in full dazzle and display,
finding its sustaining prey
for yet another beautiful day.

A Birder's Moment

By Maryruth Cox

I saw him!

The gnatcatcher,

a glint of black and blue,

slipping through the sage.

Usually,

I only hear

his plaintive kitten-cry --

But, today,

I saw him,

confident and bold.

Ed. Note: The monthly Bird Survey for July was not available at press time this month. It can be seen on the TPSR Web site when it becomes available: torreypine.org/activities/bird-sightings.html

The Pinecone, a calendar of events, notes from business meetings, and other items of specific interest to the docent membership, is published bi-monthly (even months). Please submit items by the 20th of the month to Editor Sharon Clay Rose at clayrose@roadrunner.com

For odd months submit to Roger Isaacson at risaacson@ucsd.edu. Items for publication may also be left in the *Torreyana* mailbox in the Visitor Center.

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August 2007 TPDS Visitor Center Duty Calendar- Updated 7/29/07						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lodge Duty Hours L- 9-12 L- 12-3 L- 3-6	Walks W Sat/Sun/Hol 9:30 (Start 10:00) W Sat/Sun/Hol 1:30 (Start 2:00)		1 L- Hornbeck L- Boynton L- Killermann	2 L- Grantham L- B. Krueger L- Knufken	3 L- Lombardi L- Key L- Tanalski	4 L- Tanalski W- Geist L- Anders W- Hohman L- Adamo
5 L- Boynton W- Bedinger L- Geist W- Stiegler L- Blantz	6 L- Gould L- Lombardi L- McCardle	7 L- Burke L- Ivany L- Donnelly	8 L- Gould L- Oppenheimer L- S. Krueger	9 L- Beach L- Tarkington L- Parnell	10 L- Randolph L- Stiels L- Lombardi	11 L- Tanalski W- Farness L- Schumacher W- Burham L- Parnell
12 L- Rowbottom W- Bedinger L- Parnell W- Brav L- Donnelly	13 L- Fiorentina L- Doolittle L- Chen/Stiels	14 L- Tarkington L- Ivany L- Woods	15 L- Richter L- Oppenheimer L- Woods	16 L- Beach L- Stiels L- Coram	17 L- Tanalski L- Arnold L- Eckles	18 L- Parnell W- Burham L- Ugalde W- Hohman L- Whitlock
19 L- Schulman W- Cassell L- Schulman W- L- Blantz	20 L- Knufken L- Lundstrom L- Larrimore	21 L- Lettiere L- Tarkington L- S&S Rose	22 L- Lettiere L- Oppenheimer L- Hornbeck	23 L- Arnold L- Butterfield L- Coram	24 L- Randolph L- Eckles L-	25 L- Tanalski W- Farness L- Larrimore W- Burham L-
26 L- Parnell W- Rowbottom L- Barnett W- Stiegler L- Boynton	27 L- Fiorentino L- Doolittle L- S. Krueger	28 L- Burke L- Boynton L- Hornbeck	29 L- Neumeister L- Oppenheimer L- B. Krueger	30 L- Adamo L- Lewis L- Larrimore	31 L- Boynton L- Lewis L- Whitlock	
To sign up for an opening, call docent on duty (858 755-2063) to confirm the time & write your name in the Logbook. If you cannot do your duty, please try to find your own substitute by switching with another docent or using the short-notice list. Then call the docent on duty to make the change in the Logbook. Coordinators: Irene Larrimore (858 509-9604) & Lillian Lachicotte (858 481-6237)						