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Local Farmer Maintains Link With Consumer

By Barbara McCabe



Stephenie holding *Artemisia annua*
Photo by Herb Knufken

When Stephenie Caughlin bought two acres of farmland on a hillside in what is now called Torrey Hills in 1978, she was the only person living in the area just east of the Los Peñasquitos Marsh Natural Preserve.

Today, with tract homes sprouting up all around her, Caughlin and her Seabreeze Organic Farm remain the last vestige of a bygone era when

agriculture was the dominant use of the land in this bedroom community just north of the bustling Sorrento Valley. "It's just houses and traffic now," said Caughlin in her presentation to the Torrey Pines Docent Society during its regular meeting in August.

Caughlin, a former commodities futures trader, grew tired of the corporate world in 1987 and began cultivating the more than 200 varieties of vegetables, fruits, herbs and edible and non-edible flowers the family farm now produces annually.

Exotic greens such as mizuna, Nordic spinach, dozens of different kinds of leaf lettuces, rapini, chard, arrugula, radicchio, Italian parsley, purple string beans, peanut potatoes, French breakfast radishes, baby leeks, Japanese turnips, tomatoes, a wide variety of both summer and winter squashes and pungent Genovese basil are just a few of the things Caughlin grows in naturally enriched soil and makes available to customers, who can have boxes of fresh vegetables, fruit and flowers delivered to their doorsteps weekly.

Seabreeze operates as a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Customers purchase "shares" in the CSA and each week, the farmer gives a generous supply of freshly-grown foods to each shareholder. As shareholders, customers experience

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both the bounty of a good year and the scarcity of a bad year while providing the financial support needed to keep the farm going. "We're trying to maintain the link between the farmer, the farm and the consumer," said Caughlin who operates the chemical-free farm along with husband Kendall Cook.

Against the backdrop of a colorful slide show, Caughlin discussed the importance of eating produce that's grown without pesticides or chemical fertilizers and plucked fresh from untainted earth. "Scientific studies have shown that fresh, chemical-free produce has many health benefits and can even prevent certain kinds of diseases," she explained. "Many consumers are becoming aware of the importance of proper nutrition, but it's a process of education."

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Roger Isaacson

Director of Communications

From the President

As another glorious summer in San Diego comes to a close, we are advancing preparations for a very exciting event at the Reserve. In cooperation with The Lodge at Torrey Pines, the Torrey Pines Association and the Department of Parks and Recreation we are sponsoring our first Plein Air Art Festival on Saturday, September 22. While this event will be great fun, it also poses a number of challenges. On the fun side of the Festival, we will have the opportunity to once again come together as a Society to share our love of the Reserve with a large segment of the San Diego community and celebrate the beauty of our special place. We will be able to meet nationally recognized artists and to introduce them to this unique habitat. This is another chance to share our knowledge of the history, both natural and chronological, with visitors from around the county and the country. Finally, funds raised at this event and the art auction at The Lodge at Torrey Pines will go directly to the Torrey Pines Reserve Endowment.

Our involvement in the Festival gives us an excellent venue to implement our mission to interpret and educate. Our interaction with the artists and the visitors will be a tremendous opportunity to help them better understand the Reserve, the trees and the habitat. As we guide the artists, we can interpret the unique elements of our precious Reserve, enabling them to more effectively communicate through their work the unique character of this place. As their art is disseminated throughout the country, it will both preserve the rare beauty captured in a moment in time as well as expand the awareness of the importance of Torrey Pines. As we meet the visitors either on guided walks or from behind the Docent desk, we can alert them to the challenges facing the Reserve as well as the importance of protecting and preserving our special charge. This will also be an opportunity to expand our ranks as the Reserve is full of people with an appreciation of beauty and the outdoors.

From a practical standpoint, the greatest challenge in sponsoring such an event is to meet the staffing needs. We will need guides to help the artists explore the Reserve on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. A crew will be required to both set up and clean up the upper parking lot for the event. The Docent Desk, as well as the Visitor Center, will need staffing. Finally, we will need extra volunteers for the regularly scheduled Guided Walks on the day of the event. Jeff Spivak has graciously agreed to coordinate these many efforts. Please let him know how you can help.

Thank you again for your dedication and hard work. I look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

Steve Usher

President, Torrey Pines Docent Society

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Seabreeze is currently offering a four-week trial for new shareholders who are interested in having fresh fruit and vegetables delivered to their doors on a weekly basis. The cost is \$40 per week, including delivery. For an extra \$15 per week, extra fruit will be included. After the trial period, the cost goes up to \$46 per week. The price of the extra fruit remains the same.

For information, call Seabreeze at 858-481-0209, email info@seabreezed.com or visit the farm's website at www.seabreezed.com where you can sign up for your delivery online.

Editor's Note: Inspired by Stephenie Caughlin's presentation, Steve Usher and his family signed on for the fresh produce delivery from Seabreeze Farms. Within a week, their weekly allotment of tomatoes, lettuce, onions, string beans, corn on the cob, potatoes, basil and rosemary arrived at their door. They opted for extra fruit, adding cantaloupe, bananas, oranges and plums to the order. The plums, which they consumed immediately, were delicious and the salad and vegetables they had with dinner that evening were extraordinary. "To be able to enjoy organically-grown fruits and vegetables picked hours before delivery to your door is a special treat rarely experienced in this day and age," says Steve. "It is also a treat my family and I can enthusiastically recommend. While the service is not inexpensive, the role you are playing in preserving and expanding CSAs makes it a great value."

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Remember the Web version is in
color. Just click on '**Torreyana**'
from any Web page.

Docent Chronicles August 07

Next General Meeting

Sat, Sept 15, 2007 9 a.m.

National University just across the highway from the Torrey Pines Golf Course (15 min walk from the Visitor Center)
11255 North Torrey Pines Road.

Program: Docent committee coordinators and Board members will give presentations.

Highlights from the August General Meeting

Excerpted from Judy Schulman's minutes of the August 18, 2007, meeting. Copies of the complete minutes are archived in the Library.

Ranger's Report: Ranger Jody Kummer reminded everyone to bring photo identification for the Live Scan fingerprinting next month. She will have the application form e-mailed to us ahead of time to expedite the amount of time the procedure will take. If enough docents can't make the meeting, arrangements can be made for Live Scan to come back. Individuals can also go to their office (Steve Usher has the address and phone number). **Diane Greening** will have a Kid's Section in the park for the Plein Air Art Festival. There will be a shuttle to bring visitors and volunteers back and forth from the venue to the parking lots. This will be a good experiment for possible future use of shuttles instead of cars going up to the Visitor Center. Restroom water was shut off on Saturday, but should be back on by Sunday. The upper parking lot will be slurry sealed. The lower lot and North Beach will just be repaved.

Docent of the Month: Victoria

Schaffer was the August Docent of the Month. Over the years, she has served as secretary, vice president (working on revising the by-laws), and *Torreyana* editor. She is from the class of 2002.



Docent of the Month, Victoria Schaffer

Photo by Herb Knufken

Treasurer: Priscilla Lewis reported that there has been a good revenue stream. Year-To-Date revenue was \$42,000 with expenses of \$35,000. Docents were reminded to use the "Funds Request Form" before spending money. If you belong to a committee/ work group (Whacky Weeders, Children's Programs, Trail Patrol, Library), please approve your expenses with your committee chair before submitting the form to the treasurer.

Children's Program: Laura Lowenstein announced that the online reservation program for teachers started on August 15th. There are 70 possible walks. Docents can also do online sign up for volunteering with the Children's Program. Six or seven docents are needed per class. A typical class has 60-70 kids. On Thursday, September

13th there will be a session to clean and repair props. (more info on p. 5)

Duty: Irene Larrimore thanked everyone for their good work with sign-ups. She encouraged pairs to work, especially during the busy summer months. Laura Lowenstein reminded those on lodge duty not to give out her phone number to teachers who ask about the Children's Program. Refer them to the Web site.

Communications: Roger Isaacson announced that a milestone has been reached with the 10,000th entry made into the docent hour Tracker program. The suggestion was made to add the category General Meeting to the list of duty types.

Library: Bonnie Hornbeck announced there are some old books from the library that can be taken for free after the meeting. Also, an interpretive resource manual compiled by Barbara Wallach will be scanned onto CDs for docents to check out. Michael Yang has been scanning archived material onto CDs. So far he has worked on aerial photos and letters/other memorabilia.

Bookstore: Nancy Woodworth reinforced the need for more decorated gourds by stating that we had sold \$1,000 worth of ornaments last year. She has purchased new pins. She also asked for volunteers at the Plein Air Art Festival to help sell items.

Trail Patrol: Sherry Doolittle announced that 20 new docents have passed the Trail Patrol training session. There are now 75 members. Together they have contributed 891 hours so far this year.

Membership: Please contact Walt Desmond if you need to add or make a correction to your email address. He is also going to provide a list by first name. He thanked everyone who brought food.

Torrey Pines Association: Pat Masters reported that so far 20 artists have consented to come. For a list of artists please refer to CelebrateTheCraft.com or see the article in this issue. Due to a scheduling conflict, there will be only 110 tickets available for the gala dinner. There will be a shuttle running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from South Beach and North Beach if needed. There will be the normal docent walks at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The TPA will sponsor a special donor's event at 10:30 a.m. at our lodge. At 11 a.m. there will be architectural/history walks. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunch will be served in the parking lot. The Lodge at Torrey Pines will provide the food. There will be booths for the TPA, the docents, gifts, and children's activity. Behind the TPA and docent booths, there will be a display of docent and TPA-owned Torrey Pines art. The TPA will have a pamphlet talking about the need for money for special projects in the park. We want to keep people moving, buying, and learning. **Dawn Thieding** will be coordinating the music: guitar, flute and harp. Artists will have to complete paintings by Saturday morning to frame their work. There will be a 5 p.m. judging at The Lodge at Torrey Pines hotel. Artists themselves will vote on the number one piece. There will be a live auction at the gala dinner. Advertising will be done with banners, posters, website, press releases and Sunset magazine. All proceeds will go to the TPA endowment. All docent sale profits will go to the endowment that day. **Jeff Spivak** will coordinate docent volunteers. Docents will be needed for staffing the docent booth from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., extra walk leaders, guiding the artists on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, helping with the children's activity corner, talking with visitors on the shuttle, and helping with the teardown/cleanup. Except where noted, docents are needed on Saturday the 22nd. (See more detailed article on p. 5)

Sad News: Barbara Wallach announced that **Katherine Chaffee** passed away last month. She had been active with the Children's Program. Information about a memorial service will be sent via email.

Gourd Workshop: In order to have a lot of decorated gourds ready for the Plein Air Art Festival, a gourd-decorating workshop will be held on September 8. An additional one will be held on October 13 for the upcoming holiday season. Both sessions will start at 9 a.m.

Santa Rosa Island Trip: There are still some spots open. Please contact Tom Polakiewicz.

Standing Rule: The board passed a standing rule on group communications. If you want an email to be sent to the entire organization, contact Walt Desmond first. Walt has the discretion to send as is, edit, or deny. If denied, you can submit your email to 3 Board members for their approval. The exceptions are committee chairs. Steve asked that, as a matter of courtesy, emails directed to the entire Board be routed first through the President, at present him. He will then distribute the email to the Board.

North Parking Lot Concession: The concession has been approved pending some Health Department requests regarding some plumbing issues. This will be a two-year test case. It is important for us to monitor and report back to Donna Renner who is the DPR Concession Specialist. Apparently the Coastal Commission was not happy about granting approval. Steve Usher thanked everyone who reviewed the letter he sent to DPR.

Carpinteria Torrey pine trees: Rick Vogel mentioned that the Santa Barbara Botanical Society is buying some land in Carpinteria to plant Santa Rosa Island Torrey pine trees.

Special Walks: Margaret Fillius talked about the Special Walks Program and

the need for more docents to sign up. Since this is a valuable educational program, she encouraged anyone who has already led some walks, and feels comfortable communicating with a large group of people, to participate in the program. Please contact her if you would like to be added to her email list. Special Walks differ from regular walks in that a group of people pay for having their own private walk in the Reserve. These are groups that don't qualify for other group activities or prefer to pay for a program that suits their own time. A docent is provided for every ten or fewer visitors. The participants determine the length and speed of the walk. They can be corporate groups, conference attendees, or Boy Scouts. So far this year there have been 31 Special Walks with an average of 20 attendees and 222 docent hours. TPDS has received \$4,500 in income from these walks. Of the 45 docents on the list to do special walks, only 23 have actually led walks. Of these, seven have led one walk. Margaret thanked **Don Grine** for all of his efforts.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2007

The online teacher signup started in mid-August and seems to be running smoothly with some schools already signed up for the coming year. The docent-led hikes will start Sept. 14th.

On Thursday, Sept. 13th at 9 a.m. there will be a session at the Reserve to clean and repair all the props we use for our presentations. Please meet in the library if you are interested in helping. We hope to also have a presentation on the use of the museum as a teaching tool. Come and see what fun we have with the Children's Program.

Cecily Goode

Note: The Duty Calendar

We would like to remind you that as of the first of September we will have only two desk duty shifts during the week and three on weekends and holidays (i.e. Labor Day, Monday).

The weekdays will be rather quiet after the holiday season, but on weekends we should expect more people. Therefore, it would be nice if two docents per shift could greet our visitors and answer all the interesting questions they might have.

If you are willing to serve on weekends, please call the Lodge at 858-755-2063 to have your name added to those who have already signed up.

Thank you!

Lillian Lachicotte and Irene Larrimore

Docent Coordinators

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 Irene Larrimore*
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 Programs- Ken Baer*
 Recycling- Alan Bennett
 Special Walks- Margaret Fillius
 Torreyana- Bobbi Krueger, acting
 Trail Patrol- Sherry Doolittle, Alan Bennett
 Training- Jeff Spivak*
 Whacky Weeders- Barbara Wallach
 * means Board Member
See Roster for phone or email.

New Trail Patrol Members

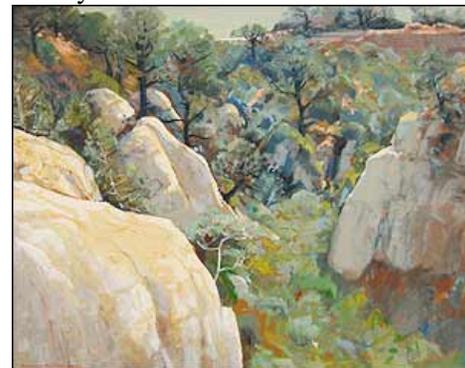
By Sherry Doolittle

The Trail Patrol team has grown to 75 people after the recent training session held on July 30, 2007. Nineteen Torrey Pines docents attended a lecture given by Kyle Knox with docents **Paul Whitby, Alan Bennett, and Sherry Doolittle** helping. To qualify for the team, the docents had to read the Interpretive Trail Patrol Manual, complete a 20 question quiz, fill in trail names on blank trail maps for the Reserve and the Extension, and take a one to two hour training walk.

All trainees passed with flying colors and will be a nice addition to the seasoned trail patrol team. We welcome the following new members: **Joan Adamo, Joellen Barnett, Vince Castiglione, Bill and Flo Eckles, Bill Key, Mike Lewis, Ann Smith Mercandetti, Mike Pisor, Diane Russell, Carol and Stu Smith, Steve Tarkington, Sally Whitlock, B.J. Withall, Michael Yang, Chris Walker, Ann Gaarder, and Virginia Sabella.**

ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO DO YOUR PART?

What do **Brian Blood, John Burton, Gil Dellinger, Mark Fehlman, Carolyn Hesse-Low, Laurie Kersey, Greg La Rock, Kim Lordier, Terry Masters, Daryl Millard, Ned Mueller, Niles Nordquist, Michael Obermeyer, Ray Roberts, Michael Situ, J. Thomas Soltesz, Phil Starke, Jim Wodark** have in common? They are the plein air artists that will capture scenes in Torrey Pines Reserve during the fourth annual "Celebrate the Craft" weekend September 19-23, 2007. Sponsored by The Lodge at Torrey Pines, it is one of Southern California's premier showcases for regionally grown ingredients, innovative cooking and winemaking. This year the event will also spotlight and benefit the unique habitat and scenery of Torrey Pines Reserve with inclusion of the Torrey Pines Plein Air Invitational.



Painting by Alfred Mitchell, American, 1888-1972

The Invitational will help TPA kick-start a two year campaign to fund the Torrey Pines Reserve Endowment Fund. In conjunction with “Celebrate the Craft”, the presence of world-class artists painting in situ throughout the reserve is expected to bring a flood of visitors to the trails throughout the weekend.

Saturday and Sunday will see food and wine events including food preparation demonstrations planned on The Arroyo Terrace, of The Lodge at Torrey Pines. Visit CelebrateTheCraft.com to learn which chefs/restaurants and wineries/breweries will be represented.

While the excellence of cuisine is being spotlighted at The Lodge at Torrey Pines another form of “art” will be enjoyed at the Reserve with its rare beauty and setting preserved through painting. Thursday, Friday and Saturday visitors to the Reserve will be able to watch the artists at work wherever they have selected to place their easels

Auctioning of the plein air paintings at The Lodge at Torrey Pines Saturday evening and Sunday at food and wine events, will benefit the Torrey Pines Reserve Endowment Fund. TPA and the docent society will have booths in the parking lot on Saturday to further raise funds for the endowment. Proceeds from bookstore sales on Saturday will go to the fund.

For more details about the weekend events go to CelebrateTheCraft.com.

With so many extra visitors expected to visit the reserve a cadre of docents are needed to. Please read below and let Jeff Spivak know he can count on you to help safeguard the Reserve from an onslaught of visitors, and interpret its value and beauty to the artists and hikers. Your name on the list is invaluable!

Needed:

Wednesday September 19 – 3 pm and again Thursday the 20th at 7 a.m. docents are needed to guide the 20 artists through the Reserve and help them select a site to place their easel and do their painting. It’s a great opportunity to share your zeal for the trees and the reserve with someone in a position to preserve them on canvas!

Thursday the 20th – Sunday the 23rd we need more trail patrol coverage due to the publicity that is expected to attract holiday-level traffic.

Saturday, September 22,

-three shifts: need docents to staff a booth for the Docent Society under our new canopy in the parking lot, and extra docents in the lodge to handle more traffic than normal. Proceeds from sales this day will be go to the endowment, so we want to be able to do a bang-up job!

-all day need docents to assist with Children’s Plein Air Art Festival

-9 a.m. to 4 p.m. docents to assist, in one hour shifts, with shuttle that will run from the north and south parking lots to the lodge and upper Reserve area by prepping visitors about the event and give them background about the reserve– one hour shifts suggested

-10 a.m. and 2 p.m. extra walk leaders are needed to accommodate the holiday-sized crowds for the scheduled walks.

Saturday, September 22 at

-11 a.m. at our lodge, extra docents for a history/architectural talk.

-12 noon picnic lunch offered to the public needs docents to help

-1p.m. docents to assist at Guy Fleming house for a history/architectural talk

Sunday, September 23 – back to normal so need 3 lodge shifts

Your generous donation of time for this premiere event will assure a successful kick-off to a 2-year campaign by the TPA to fund the endowment.

Your future support of the wineries, brewery and restaurant chefs helping to spotlight our Reserve and fund the endowment should receive your thanks in the future.

Related Web links-

Torrey Pines Association (TPA): www.torrey pines.org/1_events/events.html

TPA newsletter: www.torrey pines.org/1_newsletter/journal/journal_summer_2007.pdf

Southern California showcase for regionally grown ingredients and innovative cooking and winemaking: www.celebratethecraft.com/

DON'T MISS DOCENT-ONLY INFO on Docent Home, at www.torrey pine.org.

Click on ‘Docent Login’ at the bottom of any page, enter the Username and Password from a recent Pinecone (or from Roger Isaacson via ‘Contact’ link).

What can be found here?

1. Docents can sign up for Children’s Program slots.
2. You can check the Duty Calendar, updated at least once a week. You must call 858-755-2063 to sign up, as usual.
3. Links to download the Pinecone newsletter (bottom of Web page).

Remember when...

By Bill Eckles

Such a beautiful day... Flo and I had walked up the road and explored some trails with which we were less familiar, discovering vistas, canyons and plants that were new to us. The sun was toasty, but the shade was actually cool and helped dispel the glow of perspiration that we had built up from our hiking. We kept a pretty good pace, as we were "recreating" rather than on a formal Trail Patrol "work" assignment.

Rather than just head back down the hill to the car, we decided to take a last lap around the Guy Fleming Trail, the one we enjoy so much. We maintained our pace, down the south trail along the canyon while the ravens soared and the bush tits trilled, turning north along the ocean's bluff. As we approached the north lookout, an elderly couple sitting on the bench caught our attention. Side by side they sat looking out at the ocean. She traced a gentle scratching on his shoulder. He shrugged with pleasure and rolled his shoulders, obviously enjoying his sensory experience.

We clandestinely observed them for a minute from the edge of the grove of Torrey Pines and I could just imagine the conversation. "Sarah, remember when...." This scene made it all worth while, the weeks of learning and hours of working. That they were able to savor this beautiful spot...and, that it would be there for us to one day say, "Flo, remember when..." while getting a back-scratching, this place is worth almost any effort.

Barefoot Docent

By Lillian Lachicotte

Knotted laces hold shoes
Saddle-bagged over my shoulder,
Ready to slip on when I reach the
beach trail steps.

Refreshing waves slide over toes and
ankles,
Erasing my prints from the damp sand.
As the waves recede, a clean, soft path
Awaits fresh impressions.

The past washes away,
The future is never touched.
The present, only the present, step by
step.

Lacy fresh-green and deep-red sea
plants
Glisten on the sand as I pass.
Tall cliffs holding nests...
Look, the pink arch has fallen – when?

I approach the stairs, shining in
newness....
Unwilling to place sandy feet in socks,
I decide to hike barefoot.

Carefully at first, to avoid sharp-edged
stones, I walk.
Then, relaxing, I feel the soft path
cushion my feet.
With each step, the pulse of the earth
Reaches up, comforts and brings joy.

How did I not feel this earth before, so
alive, so nurturing?
Trees hold her with loving roots,
Rainwater rivulets laugh down her
crevices,
Nestle into her welcoming heart.

Yet I, sentient being, have slipped into
forgetfulness,
Unaware of her warmth, her peace, her
strength.

As I walk I muse with wonder
How mastodon may have grazed
where I step.
And thousands of years ago an ancient
ancestor -

More connected and grateful for this
living mother-
May have touched the same grainy silt.

I walk the winding path
Feeling sun warmth and shaded
coolness
Beneath my feet.
I hear rocks sing silent praises,
Feel the breath of rooted life.

And I realize that they know
A deep and profound truth.

Had your cochineal today?

You may not
have to wait
until the next
trail-walk stop
at a prickly pear
to make contact
with the
cochineal scale
insect.



Female
Dactylopius sp.
Males are winged
and pale

According to
Business Week On Line, a number of
common foods are colored with
cochineal products, with a resurgence
in the use of this dye as a safer
alternative to Red Dye #40. How do
you know if you are getting your little
dose of scale insect product? Check
your strawberry yogurt, pink grapefruit
juice, pink lemonade, Campari and
fake crab ingredients. They may say
carmine, carminic acid, or even
cochineal extract. More likely it will
be "color added" or "artificial color."
All of these will be derived from dried
cochineal scale insect. This is in the
news because the FDA is on the verge
of requiring that the coloring agent be
specifically identified on all products
(although the source will still remain
anonymous to the uninitiated!!!!).

http://www.businessweek.com/bwdaily/dnflash/content/aug2006/db20060807_789872.htm

Spectacular cliff-fall event captured by Herb Knufken

Ed. Note: We were taken aback, seeing Herb's great sequence of photos capturing this unpredictable, short-lived event.

"On the 3rd of August at 6:09 p.m. my wife and I walked the beach. I had decided to take the wide angle lens as it was overcast and I was hoping to get some sunrays coming through the clouds. Just ahead of us we saw the rock slide and heard a rumbling sound. Rocks and sand hit the beach and within 33 seconds every thing was over.

Luckily I had my camera with the right lens handy and was able to get a few good shots. Thankfully nobody was in that area, so it was just a spectacle but nothing serious. It reconfirmed our decision to stay away from the cliffs as far as possible." *Herb Knufken*

Ed. Note- Surprised hikers below are unidentified.



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Wandering Tattler at Flatrock



Spotted Sandpiper with spots at Musselrock



Osprey in the morning light south of Flatrock



Dancing Willet near Flatrock

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[Ed.: See more truly amazing TPSR bird photos on Herb's site: www.pbase.com/herb1rm]

Torrey Pines Docent Society Bird Survey: August 4, 2007

Total of 66 species (unusual sightings shown with an asterisk and in italics)

Ducks & Geese

Gadwall 1
 Mallard 10
 Surf Scoter 1

Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe 3

Shearwaters

Black-vented Shearwater 6

Pelicans

Brown Pelican 12

Cormorants

Brandt's Cormorant 1
 Double-crested Cormorant 21

Hérons & Egrets

Great Blue Heron 3
 Great Egret 4
 Snowy Egret 21
 Green Heron 1

Ibises

White-faced Ibis 2

Hawks & Kites

Osprey 1
 White-tailed Kite 3
 Accipiter sp. 4
 Red-shouldered Hawk 2
 Red-tailed Hawk 3

Falcons

American Kestrel 2

Plovers

Killdeer 2

Sandpipers & Phalaropes

Willet 3
 Wimbrel 35
 Long-billed Curlew 4
 Sanderling 20
 Red-necked Phalarope 5

Gulls & Terns

Heermann's Gull 61
 Ring-billed Gull 1
 California Gull 2
 Western Gull 37

Caspian Tern 6

Royal Tern 2

Pigeons & Doves

Rock Pigeon 1
 Mourning Dove 15

Swifts

White-throated Swift 1

Hummingbirds

Anna's Hummingbird 21
 Allen's Hummingbird 2

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher 1

Woodpeckers

Nuttall's Woodpecker 5

Tyrant Flycatchers

Pacific-slope Flycatcher 1
 Black Phoebe 6
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 2

Cassin's Kingbird 7

Jays and Crows

Western Scrub-Jay 3
 American Crow 34

Common Raven 15

Swallows

Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2
 Cliff Swallow 21
 Barn Swallow 4

Bushtits

Bushtit 27

Wrens

Bewick's Wren 2
 Marsh Wren 2

Gnatcatchers

California Gnatcatcher 1

Wrentits

Wrentit 35

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

Northern Mockingbird 1

Silky-flycatchers

Phainopepla 1

Wood-Warblers

Common Yellowthroat 4

Tanagers

Western Tanager 4

Emberizids

Spotted Towhee 5
 California Towhee 35
 Belding's Savannah Sparrow 4
 Song Sparrow 7

Blackbirds

Red-winged Blackbird 5
 Brewer's Blackbird 15
 Hooded Oriole 3

Finches

House Finch 231
 Lesser Goldfinch 4

Observers: Hank & Jane Baele, Will Cox, Kathy Estey, Blair Francis, Jack Friery, Gary Grantham, Don Grine, Herb Knufken, Neal Templin

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
L- Boynton W- Ugalde L- W- Anders L-	30 ← September	Lodge Duty Hours Weekends/Hol. L- 9-12 L-12-3 L- 3-6	Lodge Duty Hours Weekdays L- 10-1 L- 1-4	Walks W Sat/Sun/Hol 9:30 (Start 10:00) W Sat/Sun/Hol 1:30 (Start 2:00)		L- Schumacher W- Farness L- Sabella W- Hohman L- Barnett
L- W- Cassell L-A. Williamson W- Tanalski L-	2 L- Camporini W- Farness L- A. Williamson W- Killermann L- Killermann	3 L- Heineman L- Ivany	4 L- Lewis L- Fiorentino	5 L- Heineman L- Oppenheimer	6 L- Randolph L- Stiels	7 L- Arnold W- Sanseverino L- Sabella W- Tanalski L-
L- Richter W- Bedinger L- Schumacher W- Anders L-	9 L- Woods L- Doolittle	10 L- Burke L- Ivany	11 L- Tarkington L- Butterfield	12 L- Boynton L- Lewis	13 L- B&F Eckles L- Stiels	14 L- W- Geist W- L-
16 L- Rowbottom W- L- Arnold W- L-	17 L- Killermann L- Woods	18 L- Larrimore L- Boynton	19 L- Grantham L- Lundstrom	20 L-B&C Hornbeck L- Tarkington	21 L- Randolph L- Lombardi	22 L- Anke/Steffen W- Geist/... L- Beach W- Kamen... L-
23 L- W- L- W- Brav L-	24 L- Gould L- Doolittle	25 L- Boynton L- B&F Eckles	26 L- Neumeister L- Oppenheimer	27 L- Danninger/ Russ L- Heinemann	28 L- Gould L- Lombardi	29 L- Anke/Steffen W- Farness L- Coram W- Tanalski L-

To sign up for an opening, call docent on duty (858 755-2063) to confirm the time and write your name in the Calendar 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 docent on duty to change the Logbook. **Coordinators:** Irene Larrimore (858 509-9604) & Lillian Lachicotte (858 481-6237)