



Torrey Pinecone

A news bulletin for the
Torrey Pines Docent Society

December 2008

Docent Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13th, 11 a.m.
Potluck at the Lodge (see page 5 for details)

Life with Florence Shipek

by Judy Schulman

Little did Carl Shipek know when he took on the daunting task of being the executor of his mother's will, sorting through her papers (his mother was noted anthropologist Florence Connolly Shipek-see side bar) that it would take him two years. Nor did he know then that it would lead to a new career as an archivist.

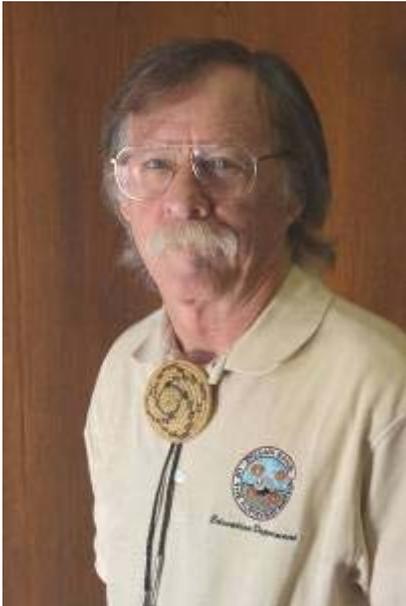


Photo by Herb Knufken

An extensive collection of documents was donated to the Kumeyaay Community College at Sycuan. His mother's works included research on

language, history, and ethnobotany. The college would only accept the donation of her papers if Carl came along with it. Now as their archivist, he maintains the collections. He also makes presentations to 3rd and 4th graders about Kumeyaay culture and history. The college is working on a digitalization process to get her writings online.

Growing up, his first recollection of Native Americans was a trip his parents "dragged" him to in Tucson, Arizona where they went to school. He remembers being impressed by Indian art work, especially the silver buckles. He just knew mom was an anthropologist. Then Rancho Cuyamaca at Green Valley Falls hired her. He spent a lot of time in the Dyar House. His recollections will be used to aid in the reconstruction of this historic building, which burned down in the 2003 Cedar Fire. He travelled with his parents identifying anthropological sites and gold mining sites. Other memories include going to Campo and that Delfina Cuero was a guest at his mother's Point Loma home.

After two tours of duty in Viet Nam, he began to understand what his mother was trying to do. Not only

FLORENCE CONNOLLY SHIPEK (1918-2003)

Occupation

Anthropologist
Expert witness in San Diego Indian land and water rights
Professor

Publications

Delfina Cuero: Her Autobiography, an Account of the Rest of Her Life and Her Ethnobotanic Contributions (published 1968, reprinted 1991)

Pushed Into the Rocks: Southern California Land Tenure 1769-1986 (published 1987)

She has written many articles for anthropological journals and contributed chapters in books.

Awards

Professor Emerita, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
2002-SOHO People in Preservation Lifetime Achievement Award
1992-First Spirit of Kumeyaay Award
1987-1988-first Costo Professor of American Indian History, University of California Riverside
1986-named Distinguished Scholar by the Southwestern Anthropological Association

Education

University of Arizona (BA and MA)
University of Hawaii (Ph.D.)

How She Got Started

She married an oceanographer /marine geologist and moved to San Diego in the early 1950s. Her relationship with the local Native Americans began in 1954 as a church volunteer helping Indians suddenly cut off from federal support by an act of Congress (Public Law 280)

was she a Ph.D. and a professor, but she had also published a number of books and articles. In the 1970s, his wife served as his mother's driver. She spent a lot of time with her and Kumeyaay elder Rosalie Pinto.

One of the most important lessons Carl learned was the difference in the way Native Americans and non-Native Americans see the world and our environment. In western philosophy, we want to know where we physically are with pinpoint accuracy. But for Native Americans location is based on a total picture. He gave an example of taking Delfina Cuero to an area in Mission Valley that she had previously known. She kept saying it was not right. In the intervening years since her last visit, the hilltop had been chopped down. She had in her mind a picture of what the valley had looked like before. She is quoted as having said "Oh the poor land!"

In her collection, he found a scene book for slides from a high school project begun in 1979. There is an accompanying audio file of Kumeyaay elders talking about their recollections of the effects of the mission system on their grandparents. The docents were given a 25-minute presentation from this over two-hour slide show. The main point of this, sometimes painful presentation, was the disparity between how the missions saw their treatment of the local natives versus how they actually felt and were treated. This is exemplified by the following observations.

- Despite steady declines in the local Native American population, the missionaries insisted these people were happy.
- The rigid structure of the missions was foreign to Native Americans. They didn't need to grow crops as nature provided what they needed. They were forced into agriculture and construction.

- The missionaries would pour water over their heads to baptize them and then think they owned them. The Native Americans were wondering why they were having water poured over their heads.
- Those that did convert were told they could return to their villages, but if they were caught they were beaten or killed.
- Those that were imprisoned were let out for a few hours to see how "happy" the other converts were. Then they were taken back to their cells.
- Their original names were taken away and they were given baptismal names. To keep connected with nature, they tried to take names that connected them with the earth or sky (Robles-oak trees, Pina-pine nuts, Romero-a type of herb, Miranda-Spanish for looking and walking)

November Docent Meeting Notes

Excerpted from notes from the TPDS General Meeting, November 8, 2008 by Secretary, Ann Williamson. Complete minutes in docent library.

Treasurer's Report: (Priscilla Lewis) So far this year we have about \$53,000 in income. We are ahead of where we were at this date in 2007. We have kept a tight watch on expenses, so that we have a positive cash flow of about \$5,000.

Children's Program: (Cecily Goode) Schools have signed up for all but two days of the 2008 – 2009 school year programs. Cecily thanked **Laura Lowenstein** for her many hours of work setting up the programs with the schools. Several new docents have been enthusiastically leading walks.

Docent of the Month: (Steve Usher) **Connie Beardsley** was selected this month for her great job coordinating the Plein Air Art Festival. Although this is the second year for the event, this is the first time

the Docent Society has been responsible for the festival.



Photo by Herb Knufken

Lodge Duty: (Irene Larrimore) There are a few Duty openings in December.

Communications: (Steve Usher for Roger Isaacson) The Flower Brochure is close to completion. We hope to have the Brochure out in early 2009.

Training: (Jeff Spivak) Training will start again in February. Jeff will bring a signup sheet to the January meeting to recruit docent walk leaders and mentors to help with training.

Library: (Mike Yang) The bad news: four items have been gone for more than six months and have been declared lost forever. Two DVDs and two books-- *Native Plants* by Margaret Fillius and *The Natural World of California Indians* by Robert Heizer. The librarians will replace all four items. The good news: We have three new books.

- *The Painted Rocks* by Ruth Alter
- *A Teacher's Guide to Historical and Contemporary Kumeyaay Culture* by Hoffman and Gamble
- *Amazing Insects* by Laurence Mound

Bookstore: (Nancy Woodworth) Nancy thanked all who helped with the bookstore during the Plein Air Festival. Hiking sticks are now on sale. Each stick has a unique height and weight. Docent price is \$15.95. The bookstore is also selling docent-created holiday ornaments and craft items. Long-sleeved blue and gray T-shirts have come in. Nancy reminded us that for those who want their own copies, both *Delfina Cuero* and *The Painted Rocks* are available in the bookstore as well as in the library.

Trail Patrol: (Mike Pisor) Training for new Trail Patrol members will be held Saturday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m. Ranger Kyle Knox will do the training. If you would like to do Trail Patrol and have not been trained, contact Mike to sign up for training. Give Mike any updates to your email address to receive Trail Patrol email reports. The railing on the beach stairs landing has been repaired. There are still problems with the public despoiling of the sandstone formation by the beach stairs. In October, twenty-eight Trail Patrollers logged 107 hours.

Membership: (Walt Desmond) Pick up a membership list today or in the docent library.

Ranger Report: (Supervising Ranger Jody Kummer) **Lost & found:** Docents claimed some of the items. The rest will go to Goodwill.

Volunteer service agreements: Each docent needs to update his agreement and sign in three places. Jody brought agreement forms to the meeting.

State budget: The state has sent 5% pay cut notices to the rangers. They will have more time off, but it will be time off without pay. A new state purchasing procedure will soon make buying supplies more complicated with more delays in obtaining things.

Off trail rescue: Jody described the events of Sunday morning, November 2nd. She received a phone call from two people who got stuck while hiking off trail. The pair did not know

where they were, and it took a while for the ranger staff and the lifeguards to locate them. The two had walked south on North Torrey Pines Road to the reserve and up an off-limits deer trail before getting stuck, unable to climb down the way they had come. The lifeguards decided to call the San Diego Fire Department who did a helicopter rescue of the pair. The man and woman were handcuffed, ticketed, and later released.

California Conservation Corps (CCC) work: Yucca Point is complete. We still want to have a Flat Rock interpretive sign at Yucca Point. Razor Point work is 50% complete. The CCC has also started work on the trail above the Canyon of the Swifts.

Extension: Our plan for the Extension is in essence a policy, not a plan. We need to change the trails in the Extension to prevent further erosion, but to do this we need a plan including an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). An EIR would include a plant inventory and would cost approximately \$140,000. Doing some of the work in house could reduce the cost. The Torrey Pines Association is interested in working on a plan. This is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Extension.

Retirement: Jody said this is her last General Meeting before retirement, although she will still be here for the holiday party. She has flyers with information about her retirement party in January.

Whacky Weeders: (Steve Tarkington) On Mondays 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., the Weeders will be pulling *Carpobrotus* from the lagoon area. Bring loppers and mosquito repellent. Resource Ecologist Darren Smith will arrange for removal of the pulled plants.

Plein Air Festival: (Steve Usher) We had a higher attendance this year due to more advertising and sunnier weather. Approximately 250 – 450 people attended. The art programs

were very successful with both children and adults participating. Docent volunteers worked very hard at the event and did a good job. Next year we plan to do this again. We could do it by ourselves with local artists instead of the national artists brought in by the hotel.

The second half of the festival was at the hotel, The Lodge at Torrey Pines. The winner of the joint Torrey Pines Association (TPA)/TPDS “Spirit of the Reserve” prize was Scott Prior. Prior painted from a point near Roberto’s on Carmel Valley Road. His painting shows the view from the road up to the Visitor Center. We do not have the final financial results from our activities or the results from the auctions at the hotel.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Photos: (Jody Kummer) If you have any photographs of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, please send copies to Jody. Jody recently received a check from the California State Parks Association to help pay for the dinner, but the Association requires pictures of the event.

Proposed Amendments to the

Bylaws: (Steve Usher) The first proposal is to modify Bylaws Article II, Section 2 Paragraph A, to change the service requirement for an Active member from “8 hours monthly or 96 hours per year” to “6 hours monthly or 72 hours per year”. Steve explained that two years ago the requirement was changed from 72 hours to 96 hours, and we are now proposing to change it back to 72 hours.

The second proposal is to modify Bylaws Article II, Section 2, Paragraph C. Currently the bylaws state “After two years in the Supporting class of membership, a member has the option of either becoming an Active member again, or becoming a Friend of the Torrey Pines State Reserve.” The proposal is to eliminate the two-year limitation on Supporting membership.

Steve said the Membership Requirements Committee, under **Bobbi Krueger**, had recommended these bylaw changes. Steve also reminded us that the Board has now put a limit on the number of hours you can log for a General Meeting to a total of two hours, one hour for the program and one hour for the business meeting.

Mayo Stiegler moved that we accept both of these proposals.

Steve said we would vote on each of the two proposals separately. First, we voted on the change from 96 to 72 hours. The proposal passed with one opposing vote. We then voted on deleting the two-year limit on Supporting member status. The amendment passed with five votes in opposition.

2009 Executive Board Elections: (Steve Rose) Each nominee was asked to come to the front. **Rick Vogel**, 2009 Board President, was absent. The other nominees were **Judy Schulman**, Vice President; **Ken King**, Treasurer; **Bill Eckles**, Secretary; **Sherry Doolittle**, Programs; **Cecily Goode**, Children's Program; **Jeff Spivak**, Training; **Irene Larrimore** and **Barbara McCardle**, Lodge Duty; and **Ann Williamson**, Communications.

The slate was elected unanimously.

Announcements: (Steve Usher) The two paintings on display, Mexican Pinks and Prickly Pear Cactus, were by **Wes Farmer**. □

Roger Isaacson to
Continue Communica-
tions Work

by *Ann Williamson*

Although he will not be on the TPDS Board in 2009, Roger Isaacson will continue to format the newsletters (*Torreyana* and *Pinecone*). Please continue to copy Roger when you send in

articles, artwork, or photographs for the newsletters.

Roger will also continue to maintain the TPDS website and be responsible for docent library computer maintenance. In addition, Roger continues in his role as Chair of the Flower Brochure Committee.

Docent Question of the Month December 2008

Courtesy of Jim Larrimore

Question: Do we have Peregrine Falcons staying at TPSNR?

Answer: (See p. 7)

One-Of-A-Kind Treasures

by *Nancy Woodworth*

Welcome the holiday season with a stop at the Torrey Pines bookstore! Here are opportunities to find many unique gifts for those with whom you would like to share a memory of Torrey Pines as well as support the Reserve.

Led and inspired by Crafty Leader **Barbara Wallach**, docents have handcrafted ornaments, miniature paintings, painted gourds and many, one of a kind, treasures. Many thanks to all who participated in the fun, creative and productive workshops. A special thank you to **Jim Cassell**, who has cheerfully and willingly shared his many talents for years. Jim - as our docent artist in residence since 1991 - you are appreciated!

Other unique gifts to be found include...

--Stocking stuffers for children

Finger puppets, compass, safety whistles, books, rain sticks

--Gifts...

Pine Needle Baskets by **Judy Schulman**, wooden walking sticks, pewter ornaments with pine cone, hiker, biker and dolphin designs, "Mat" card gift sets

and cards matted suitable for framing. Nature pins.

Shop early, shop often and support TPSNR



Gourds painted by Jim Cassell
Photo by Barbara Wallach

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

November 2008

During the month of December there is a break from Docent led hikes for the Children's Program from Friday, December 19th and resuming Thursday, January 8th. Check the online calendar and sign up for *Wednesday*, December 17th and *Thursday* December 18th. Thanks to all who have signed up months in advance. This makes Laura's job easier.

Diane Greening is evaluating our Children's Program. She may be found on the trail tagging along with you. We look forward to her constructive remarks as this will strengthen our program.

We hear almost weekly from teachers, as well as parents, with positive remarks about the presentations, hikes and enthusiasm of the children. Take an extra few minutes to read the thank you's from teachers as well as children. These are found in the library.

Cecily Goode

Children's Program Director

Laura Lowenstein

Program Coordinator

Pine trees, laced with fog,
strain moisture
from the damp air
and drip precious drops –

by *Maryruth Cox*

COME TO THE GALA TORREY PINES DOCENTS' HOLIDAY PARTY!

by *Kathy Dickey*

Our Annual Holiday Party will be held Saturday, December 13th at 11 a.m. at the Lodge. This is a wonderful chance to have fun and share good holiday cheer with fellow docents and staff! As per tradition, the current year's class, in this case the Class of 2008, will decorate and host this event. The entire society is asked to bring something to this fabulous pot luck extravaganza.

Choices include hors d'oeuvres, salads, main dishes, side dishes, desserts and drinks. Plan on bringing your most popular dish to share with your friends and colleagues at the reserve and come enjoy a good time! Family members are also welcome.

◆◆◆◆◆Lodge Duty Gems◆◆◆◆◆
[a monthly series]

Guy's Great Grandson Pays a Visit to the Lodge

by *Flo Eckles*

Bill and I were meeting and greeting guests on Sunday afternoon at the Lodge. Late in the day a nice young man spent quite a bit of time at the book selection and, after substantial study, brought a book of Guy Fleming writings to the desk. When I asked him why he picked this particular book, he proudly stated, "He's my great-grandfather, you know, and I have never seen this book before".

Bob Coats had paid an infrequent visit to the Lodge and noted this book that his great-grandfather had written. Bill and I both puffed with pride and informed him how excited we were to meet such a "celebrity". Bob informed us that he had not been terribly close to Mr. Fleming, but he had visited the Lodge, gone to visit at the Fleming home and was proudly connected to the family. We invited Bob to visit a docent general meeting one day if he had the time and inclination, in order to see today's activities in the group. We had hoped to infect him with the passion of our group and infect us with a sense of connection to the past. We have his phone number and would gladly arrange a get-together if it seems a good idea to the rest of the group. Regardless of the outcome, isn't it something that one might run into such a notable person on a Sunday afternoon at the Lodge? □

Lodge Duty Request for Month of December: Please look at the Calendar (p. 10) and sign up for an empty spot if you're able to help. Also, if you work the first shift on Saturday or Sunday, we'd love for you to arrive at 9:00 a.m. or so to serve our many early visitors. Thanks!
Irene Larrimore and Lillian Lachicotte

SIGN YOUR AGREEMENT!

Jody Kummer, supervising ranger, would like all docents to fill out a new Volunteer Service and Duty Statement Agreement. This will cover anyone doing volunteer work at the reserve in case of an accident and for insurance purposes. Anyone that volunteers at the reserve must have an agreement on file and each year it will need to be re-signed.

Agreement forms are in the park aide office. Please put the completed Volunteer Service Agreement in Laura Lowenstein's mailbox so it can

be recorded. Your volunteer service is one of the most valuable resources the California Parks has!

It's not "whacky", it's the Bradley Method by *Diane Greening*

Digging through the Reserve files recently I happened upon a short article called "The Bradley Method of Eliminating Exotic Plants from Natural Reserves," by T. C. Fuller and G. Douglas Barbe. Here are a few excerpts:

"The method consists of hand weeding, without replanting, selected small areas of vegetation in such a manner that after weeding each area will be promptly re-inhabited and stabilized by the regeneration of native plants."

"Done in our way, the regeneration of weed-infested bushland is an easy and fascinating part-time occupation."

"The Bradleys emphasize that a single person [Wes, Ann or Bea?] working intelligently will do more good than many persons crashing through a project area"

Their Plan of Work:

1. Prevent Deterioration of Good Areas
2. Improve the Next Best
3. Hold the Advantage Gained
4. Cautiously Move into the Really Bad Areas

"Their work has been so successful, and the regenerated native vegetation looks so good, that it is difficult to show people what has been done. Wouldn't it be nice if all our parks and reserves were that weed free?"

The full article is posted on the Docent Bulletin Board.



The Fleming House: A Step Back in Time

by Rhea Bridy

To see the Fleming House is to step back in time to the 1920's when the Pueblo Revival was raging in California. Guy Fleming and his carpenter-contractor father designed and hand-built the structure from the foundation, the first floor living spaces to the second floor west facing office and studio.

Situated on a hollowed-out quarry, the Flemings designed the office-house on an east-west axis, recessed and constructed lower than the road. For considerations of personal privacy, protection from the wind, and an uncluttered view, the structure is obscured from the road and from the present day Visitor Center which was formerly a restaurant. Miss Scripps' chauffeur used to park her limousines in front of the garage on the service road. Miss Scripps would visit to check on the preservation of her Torrey pine groves. Guy would guide her on his famous nature walks, referring to the trees as "...old warriors flaunting their green banners on the bluffs above the sea." Margaret would serve her famous nut bread in the barbecue area. Foxes, skunks and other critter would visit too, even the pet snake on evening mouse patrol in the kitchen!

BUSY WHACKY WEEDERS

by Steve Tarkington

Fall is a busy time of the year for the Whacky Weeders. The Children's Program starts up and trails need to be pruned and cleared and the steps swept clean. We always hope for some early rain to keep down the dust and sometimes we're lucky. We have been pulling and piling *Carpobrotus* again, this time off Carmel Valley Road along the lagoon. Some early light rainfall was welcome but the Santa Ana winds have us all sneezing and coughing up dust. As you walk around the Reserve, please note the open trails all pruned for safety. Often it is the work of a Whacky Weeder helping the busy staff. Please let a park ranger, aide or maintenance staff know if you see something that's needs attention and we'll help if we can. Come join us when you can on Monday mornings, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. I'll be glad to add your name to our email list so you'll know where to find us!!

starkington@roadrunner.com

Decents Visit Quail Botanical Gardens

By Sharon Clay Rose

Photo by Herb Knufken

Twenty-four Torrey Pines docents went on a tour of Quail Botanical Gardens on October 28th. This complimentary reciprocal tour was arranged by **Sharon** and **Steve Rose** and featured not only lush Mediterranean plants but also a collection of native plants in Gardenscapes. Intermixed among the many plants in the 30-acre gardens were larger than life sculptures which added a new dimension to the experience. Torrey Pines docents will reciprocate with a tour of TPSNR sometime in the spring when the wildflowers are in bloom.

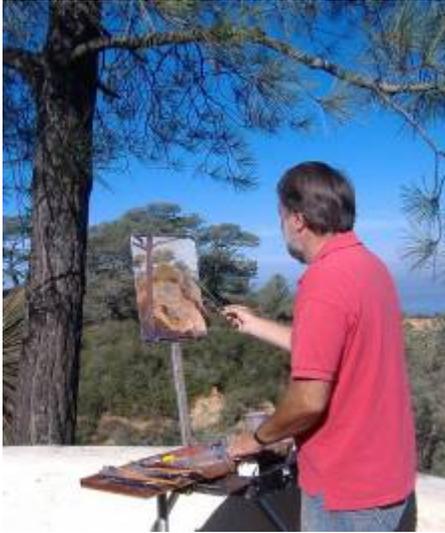


Right: Bob Wohl, former supervising ranger and Fleming House resident, leads a group of forty-two people on an exterior tour of the Fleming House during the Plein Air Festival. Photo by Ann Neumeister

SECOND PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Photos by Connie Beardsley

This year's festival was held in conjunction with the "Celebrate the Craft" event at The Lodge at Torrey Pines. The Lodge invited 20 well known plein air artists to paint at the Reserve for three days, culminating in a live auction Saturday night, November 1st and a silent auction the following day.



Artist Ernie Marjoram painting behind the Lodge

The goal of the festival, "Looking at the Reserve through Different Eyes", was to attract new visitors while providing education about the reserve for all ages. KUSI was there to greet the volunteers at 7:30 a.m. They gave terrific coverage of the event and the Reserve for several hours. In



addition to watching the artists interpret the landscape, docents offered sand painting, watercolor pencils, spider web craft and rubbings. Boy Scouts taught knot tying and **John Neville** brought his snakes for attendees to handle. **Bob Wohl** gave two tours of the Guy Fleming house – each with over 45 people and docents led nature walks. Music by guitarist **Payam Larijani** added a nice atmosphere to the event.

Bill Evarts was on hand to offer a photography workshop and sign his book and **Yanina Cambareri** gave a watercolor workshop. Food and items from the bookstore were sold.

Many docents were responsible for making the day a success. In fact there were over 70 volunteers who helped. The committee chairs made it a joy to coordinate – they all worked so energetically and diligently. I would like to thank them all for such hard work. Kudos to **Steve Usher** and **Barbara McCardle** – food; **Jeff Spivak** – logistics; **Barbara McCabe** – publicity; **Laura Lowenstein** and **Diane Greening** – art activities; **Lauren Bisher** – music; **Pat Masters** – TPA; **Nancy Woodworth** – bookstore; and **Karin Wilson** – graphics; **Jody Kummer** – Supervising Ranger.

And a big thank you to the TPA for funding the festival.

Connie Beardsley
Festival Coordinator

Docent Question of the Month December 2008

Courtesy of Jim Larrimore

Question: *Do we have Peregrine Falcons staying at TPSNR?*

Answer: Yes. Peregrine Falcons have taken up residence and are currently regularly sighted at TPSNR. This is a recent development, as described in Field Naturalist/Photographer **Will Sooter's** article "Falcon Success Story" in the July 2008 *Torreyana*. The TPSR Bird List for 1984 - 2003 showed a low probability of sighting, ranging from 0 in September to 25% in February, with sighting averaging one month in ten over those years. But more recent bird counts give a different picture. In 2006, regular sightings of Peregrine Falcons began - one in January, two in April, and one in May and November. In 2007, Peregrine Falcons were sighted in 7 months, with two sighted in each of three months including November and December. In 2008, Peregrine Falcons have been sighted every month.

Our birders have given the Peregrine Falcons names - Nancy, Xena and Sid. Here's what they have been doing recently. Nancy, a female Peregrine Falcon, nested on the cliffs between Black's Beach and Scripps Pier (which is beyond where the TPSR bird count takes place) starting in 2006. Sid, a male Peregrine Falcon, has been mating with Nancy and there were fledglings in 2006 and in 2007. In 2008 another female Peregrine Falcon, named Xena, arrived on the scene and nested on the Torrey Pines sandstone cliffs just south of Lifeguard Station 1. Sid rose to the challenge and successfully mated with both Nancy and Xena. Our observant docent/photographer **Herb Knufken** has seen Sid in action a number of times. (Recommended reading: "Observing Breeding Behavior" by Janet Linthicum, UC Santa Cruz, under tab "Observing" on **Will Sooter's** website,



bat. I guess the frequent “Duck! Duck!”-shouts (to avoid branches of the trees) scared them away. Or was it maybe that we now knew how to make silver bullets?

Next we saw Ranger Mike Winterton sitting on a rock at Red Butte and he had a fantastic story about the moon. The Native Americans did not want to have an all black night, so they decided to send someone to the sky to reflect the sun’s light at night. But the animals they sent were too noisy or too bright, until finally they reached agreement with the owl to hide half her face with a wing for less bright nights.

A few steps later Ranger Jody Kummer waited for us. She asked why we have to hide from the sun with hats and hate the wind, but enjoy the moon. Sure enough she had an explanation ready: Moon, Wind and Sun went partying with their friends having a good time enjoying food and company, but Moon kept collecting food in her really long fingernails. When they got home, mother asked Sun if she brought any food, and Sun replied “Why should I?” Wind had a similar disrespectful answer. Finally when Mother asked Moon, she gave her all the food she collected in her fingernails. Mother cursed Sun and Wind that they would be hated by all people, but Moon would be looked at with tender regard.

Park Aide Moira Reagan entertained us just before the turnoff for Yucca Point. She told us what impressed her the most the first time she came to the Park and asked each one in the group about their own first time experience. Some people had come to Torrey Pines since the 70’s; others were there for the first time ever! Can you imagine seeing the beauty of the Park for the first time under the light of the moon!

It was a great night with wonderful stories and people. Wouldn’t this be fun to do every month?

Sharpeyonline.com Herb reports that Sid was a loyal father this year. After Peregrine Falcon nestlings were born - two females in Xena’s nest in April - Sid used his impressive hunting skills to provide food at both nests. He was often seen gliding from one site to the other with catch in his mouth. Herb photographed Sid and the two youngsters in the nest on June 2 (see photo). When the young Peregrine Falcons fledged in June, Sid showed them how to fly and hunt. As the young Peregrines learned, they terrorized birds along the coast. Herb recounts seeing them perched on the cliff as a flight of 17 pelicans glided in a line down the coast. The fledglings decided to practice and attacked the pelicans. The pelicans, unaccustomed to being attacked, broke ranks and dove to safety on the ocean. One can guess that the young Peregrines felt pretty good about that!

The young Peregrine Falcons were soon accomplished hunters and in July Sid told them to move on and find their own territory. So, we expect that Sid and his lady friends Xena and Nancy will stay with us and we look forward to see what they do in the 2009 breeding season. You can tell visitors to keep their eyes open; the Peregrine Falcons can often be seen on or off the Torrey Pines cliffs. (For more great photos, see Will Sooter’s website given above.)

A Magical Moonlight Walk

November 12, 2008

by Anke Hartung and Iris Geist

We met at 6:00 p.m. on a beautiful moonlit night.

Finding our way around the closed gate below, docents congregated exchanging stories of previous fun activities in Torrey Pines, until we were called to the Lodge to be divided into groups.

Then off we went to the west parking lot and we were let go by park aide, Laura Lowenstein, into the dark, group by group. We made our way to the Elfin Forest (thanks to the many glow sticks on the ground, we did not get lost).

Right before we entered the Elfin Forest, we were reminded of the existence of werewolves. The fearless young park aide, Laura Ohman shared interesting facts about this species that is only to be found on full moon nights. But was this not one of those nights and were we not out there in the forest –without a flashlight?! (We had formed the “German-American ambient light group”!) Luckily, we neither saw a werewolf nor a coyote nor owl nor



Come dressed in your favorite Hawaiian shirt
or hula attire as we celebrate Jody's
retirement as a park ranger!

There will be a Hawaiian Luau with food and
entertainment at Torrey Pines Reserve Lodge

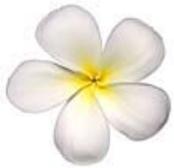
Saturday, January 24, 2009
12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m

Please RSVP by Dec. 15th and send \$30 to:
(donations also accepted)

Mike Winterton, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Rd. - La
Jolla, Ca .92037

OR at "paypal" mwinterton@parks.ca.gov

Questions? Call (858) 945-7151



Cassin's Kingbird in the Extension

Photo by Herb Knufken

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Torrey Pines Docent Society Bird Survey: November 1, 2008

Total of 87 species (unusual sightings shown with an asterisk and in italics)

Gadwall 3	Great Egret 7	Marbled Godwit 10	Black Phoebe 20	Yellow-rumped
American Wigeon 48	Snowy Egret 12	Western Sandpiper 3	Say's Phoebe 9	Warbler 35
Mallard 7	White-faced Ibis 30	Least Sandpiper 46	Cassin's Kingbird 9	Common Yellowthroat
Northern Shoveler 12	Osprey 2	Short-billed/Long-	Western Scrub-Jay 7	7
Green-winged Teal 1	Northern Harrier 2	billed Dowitcher 6	American Crow 12	Spotted Towhee 2
Lesser Scaup 3	Cooper's Hawk 1	Heermann's Gull 60	Common Raven 5	California Towhee 10
Bufflehead 1	Red-shouldered Hawk	Ring-billed Gull 6	Bushtit 21	Rufous-crowned
Ruddy Duck 2	3	Western Gull 43	House Wren 5	Sparrow 2
California Quail 24	Red-tailed Hawk 6	California Gull 30	Marsh Wren 2	Savannah Sparrow
Pacific Loon 5	American Kestrel 6	Royal Tern 6	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	(Belding's) 5
Common Loon 3	Merlin 1	Jaeger sp. 1	1	Song Sparrow 17
Pied-billed Grebe 4	Peregrine Falcon 1	Rock Pigeon 12	California Gnatcatcher	Lincoln's Sparrow 2
Black-vented	Common Moorhen 3	Mourning Dove 11	5	White-crowned
Shearwater 30	American Coot 38	White-throated Swift 5	Hermit Thrush 1	Sparrow 17
Brown Pelican 149	Black-bellied Plover 13	Anna's Hummingbird	Wrentit 18	Red-winged Blackbird
Brandt's Cormorant	Semipalmated Plover	14	Northern Mockingbird	79
1000	12	Rufous/Allen's	1	Western Meadowlark 1
Double-crested	Killdeer 5	Hummingbird 1	California Thrasher 1	Brewer's Blackbird 20
Cormorant 13	Greater Yellowlegs 1	Belted Kingfisher 1	European Starling 13	House Finch 62
Pelagic Cormorant 5	Willet 22	Nuttall's Woodpecker 1	Orange-crowned	Lesser Goldfinch 25
Great Blue Heron 6	Whimbrel 1	Northern Flicker 4	Warbler 3	House Sparrow 1

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 L- B Arnold L- Pfleeger	2 L- Fiorentino L- A. Marshall	3 L- Neimeister L- Bogan	4 L- Sogo L- Tarkington	5 L- Pfleeger L- Stiels	6 L- McGee/ W- Sanseverino L- W-
7 L- Lombardi/Geist W- Rowbottom L- Hartung/Reichar W- Brav	8 L- B Arnold L- Heinemann	9 L- Ivany L- A Marshall	10 L- Grantham L- Oppenheimer	11 L- Sogo L- B&F Eckles	12 L- McCardle L- Killermann	13 Party L- / W- Sanseverino L- Dewhurst W-
14 L- Rowbottom W- L- Hartung/Reichar W- Kamen	15 L- S&S Rose L- F Doolittle	16 L- Ivany L- A Marshall	17 L- Grantham L- Oppenheimer	18 L- F Doolittle L- Stiels	19 L- Tarkington L- Killermann	20 L- Schulman/ W- Bedinger L- W- Stiegler
21 L- C&B Hornbeck W- L- B&F Eckles/Anasis W-	22 L- Fiorentino L- F Doolittle	23 L- L- Larrimore	24 L- L- Oppenheimer	25 Double hours L- Hacklander W- Vogel L- Schumacher W-	26 L- L-	27 L- Hill/ W- L- W-
28 L- W- L- W- K. Dickey	29 L- Whitlock L- Heinemann	30 L- Fiorentino L- Nagamine	31 L- Schofield L- Heinemann	Lodge Duty Hours 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)	

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