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Docent Holiday Party 2012

by Annette Ring

It was a cool, foggy Saturday morning in early December when the docents gathered for the Annual Holiday Party. There were many tables laden with delicious food, much cozy talk, and **Thomas Stehlik's** mulled wine (photo pg. 3). Back by popular demand, the hot spicy wine was a big hit again this year.

Ken King conducted a brief business meeting before the festivities got underway. He introduced the new president of the TPDS, **Bill Eckles**. Bill and his wife, Flo, are docents from the Class of 2007. Eight docents who have been active for ten years (Class of 2002) were awarded golden badges as Life Time members. They are **Edigna Hansen, Suzan Hohman, Ken King, Sue Randerson, Tony Summers, Rick Vogel** and **Bobbi** and **Paul Whitby**. Others honored were three docents leaving the Board this year: **Darlene Martineau, Sue Randerson** and **Ken King**.

The 2013 Board members came to the front to be congratulated. They are: **Bill Eckles**, President; **Bob Doolittle**, Vice President; **Carolyn Butterfield**, Treasurer; **Lynne Truong**, Secretary; **Lou Adamo**,

Docent General Meeting Saturday, Jan. 12th 9 am

Location: St Peter's Episcopal Rec Hall, Del Mar

Title: Understanding Ground Stone Tools

Speaker: Margie M. Burton, PhD, UCSD. Research Director, San Diego Archaeological Center,

Program: Who were they, these hunter gatherers who long ago lived where we live now? Dr. Burton's talk will focus on the study of how these people lived, referencing artifacts from California and the southwest. Dr. Burton was Principal Investigator for a National Science Foundation research project aimed at experimentation to better understand the prehistoric technology used to grind stone tools. Her research interests include social evolution and collapse, craft specialization, and prehistoric ceramic and ground stone technology.

Communications; **Jan Lombardi** and **Irene Larrimore**, Lodge Hosting; **Janie Killermann**, Docent Training; **Hank Beck**, Programs; **Barbara Justice** and **Marie Johnson**, Children's Program.

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Bill Eckles then announced the Docent of the Year for 2012 as **Ken King**, a very well-deserved honor that was met with great applause. [See pg. 4.]

It was wonderful that **Jim Cassell** shared his beautiful bird houses and other art with us. Jim is 92 years young, has been a docent since '91, and has been very active in many programs over the years.

The organizer of the party was **Mary Friestedt**, Class of 2012, who did a superb job with that task.

Walt Burkhard, also Class of 2012, shared a "Thank You" note (previously circulated on the TPDS Google Group). This is Walt's brainchild, a four-page document with expressions of gratitude from 14 graduates of the 2012 class,

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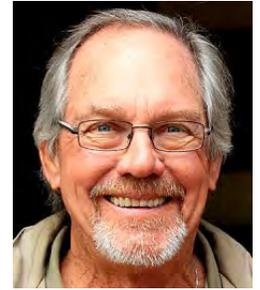
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Roger Isaacson
Publication Coordinator

Message from the President

The Annual Holiday Party was reaching full stride. Bellies were filling, belts were being loosened and great camaraderie was being felt by the gathering of some 150 docents and a smattering of accompanying family members. It was time for me, as the ascending President, to honor the "Docent of the Year." The prestigious award this time went to the retiring president for the past two years, Ken King. I have had the good fortune to work with Ken over these two years and so was able to absorb some of his good sense, reason and, hopefully, a measure of his tact and diplomacy. It is with these assets that I enter my term as President during 2013.



The Holiday Party is an appropriate setting to muse a bit on what might be the most important business to attend to in the immediate future. The friendship is obvious. Conversations were buzzing and hugs were disbursed freely. Some infrequent meeting attendees were reconnecting with old acquaintances and some of the less firm received wishes for improved tomorrows.

Beauty is another. When I arrived, a red-tailed hawk soared majestically above our treasured Lodge and its gray-brown flecked wings carried it upward into azure skies, its tail glowing as the sun lit it from behind. The abundant Torreys, nestled in underbrush recently greening from plentiful fog, framed this beautiful location.

We have a wonderful organization full of wonderful people who both give and get inspiration in this wonderful spot. I see the preservation of this combination to be my principal challenge for the next year and I dedicate my energies to this preservation. As "no progress means deterioration," we will need to continue to improve these elements, in quantity, quality or even, hopefully, both. The members of the Boards of Directors from 2012 and the new folks for 2013 will be meeting on January 12th to clarify goals and objectives for the upcoming year. My goal for the meeting is to achieve a harmonious transition from the very popular and successful years of Ken's leadership to the coming year that will bear my label.

I look forward to this New Year and our collective efforts to make good things happen.

Bill Eckles

President,
Torrey Pines Docent Society

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including heartfelt poems and expressions of thanks.

In summary, the food and mulled wine were delicious, the food lines moved quickly, the decorations were festive, the conversations aplenty and the hearts warm. It was a festive and fun way to wrap up the year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone around the Reserve soon.

From the Class of 2012 - Best Wishes to all for 2013!

Photos by Herb Knijfken and Annette Ring



Bill Eckles presenting Docent of the Year plaque to outgoing president Ken King



Jim Cassell in front of his handiwork



Judy Schulman



Thomas Stehlik mulling over his creation

Children's Program

by Sue Randerson, Children's Program Director and Louis Sands, Children's Program Coordinator

The Children's Program had a busy fall with classes every Thursday and Friday right up to December 21st. Many heartfelt thanks to the amazing, wonderful docents who came faithfully and led walks and made presentations.

Walk leaders were: **Joellen Barnett, Frank Burham, Diana Coram, Kathy Dickey, Bob Doolittle, Wes Farmer, Margaret Fillius, Karen Fraser, Mary Friestedt, Kathy Glasebrook, Diane Greening, Kay Harry, Paul Howard, Barbara Justice, Marie Johnson, Greg Lafreniere, Allen McAfee, Molly McConnell, Kelly Proudfoot, Annette Ring, Louis Sands, Diane Stocklin, Tony Summers, Mary Stovell, Lynne Truong, Janet Ugalde, Rick Vogel, Barbara Wallach, Ann Williamson, Triena Wing, Cindy Wollaeger and Linda Zlotnik.**

Many led walks every other week, others were only able to come occasionally, but all were greatly appreciated. Some of those who came most often were: **Greg Lafreniere, Janet Ugalde and Barbara Wallach (8 times), Molly McConnell and Mary Stovell (9 times), and Wes Farmer (12 times!)**

Presenters **Frank Burham, Joellen Barnett, Bob Doolittle, Paul Howard, Ann Smith Mercandetti, Janet Ugalde, Barbara Wallach and Ann Williamson** did a great job of setting



the stage for the trail portion of the visit.

The second of the five interpretive training DVDs has been filmed by Jim Karnik and is now in the process of being edited. These DVDs, which were made possible by the funds received from Art in the Pines, will be available for Children's Program docents to check out. For the second DVD, entitled "Ecosystems and Food Chains," Louis recruited some of the seasoned CP docents to demonstrate their favorite interpretive activities on the trail.

It has been extremely rewarding to serve as CP Director these past two years, especially because I have been greatly inspired by the talents and dedication of all of the wonderful Children's Program docents I have come to know. It has also been a joy to work with Laura and Louis, and their capable leadership has kept the program running smoothly and dynamically. Thank you, everyone, for making the program so successful.

We are very fortunate to have two outstanding and very capable Children's Program docents, **Barbara Justice** and **Marie Johnson**, as Co-Directors in 2013!

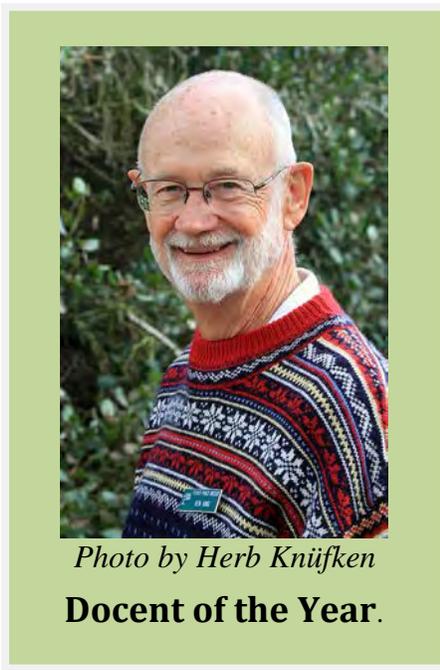


Photo by Herb Kniifken
Docent of the Year.

From Ken:

While I had visited the Reserve a few times a year prior to 2001, the connection was cemented when an adult daughter and her family, who were visiting from Colorado, suggested a family walk in December of that year. There was a sign in the Lodge announcing docent training was to start in January, and my daughter

said: "Dad! You totally have to do that!"

She knew that my father was a Jr. High School science teacher and had often taken me on all kinds of field trips: star parties, tide pool collecting, small mammal, insect, scorpion, tarantula trapping (for the Los Angeles County Museum), and on and on. However, I majored in Chemical Engineering (and later received an MBA) and never had a life science course since high school.

Well, she was right! I fell in love with the place from the first training session and always look forward to coming to the Reserve. Not only were the training classes enjoyable, but the docents were inspiring! And each year just gets more and more fun with every class, meeting, walk and Lodge hosting.

Of all the various non-profits in my volunteering past, no group can compare with the wisdom, energy and dedication of the Torrey Pines Docent Society. I feel so fortunate that I found this group! (And I frequently thank my daughter!)

*Did you know?**

by Tom Polakiewicz

It's Our Own Fault

The Rose Canyon Fault has shaped the landscape around Torrey Pines in dramatic ways. To the south, the ancient ocean sediments on Mount Soledad have been pushed up hundreds of feet in a bend of the fault. Passing through Rose Canyon, the fault became the boundary of the mesas that spread over Clairemont. The fault continues offshore for several miles where it forms the submarine La Jolla Canyon. Research over the last few years has shown that the Rose Canyon Fault is very active and presents a significant earthquake hazard for all of San Diego.

Several branches of the fault cross Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. The most prominent one can be seen from Highway 101, less than half-way down the Torrey Pines Grade. Looking at the face of the steep road cut from the highway, you can see a large white dome shape (see photo) of relatively smooth sandstone in the more heavily eroded reddish rock.



Photo by Tom Polakiewicz

The sandstone fills an ancient submarine canyon. The left side of the dome marks the boundary of the ancient canyon and also the path of the fault. Movement along the fault is evident from the displacement of a horizontal band of rock above. Does the fault pose a danger to the Reserve? The answer is no. The layers of rock at the top of the cliff are not displaced, indicating that the fault is no longer active.

*This "Did You Know?" tidbit is one of an occasional series from **Tom Polakiewicz**.

Two Tons of *Carpobrotus* Removed from TPSNR

by Joan R. Simon

The Whacky Weeders are a group of intrepid docents, under the inspiring leadership of **Lynne Small**, who meet every Monday morning from 8:30 – 10:00. Their job is to weed, prune and help maintain the plants throughout the Reserve and the Extension. This year the weeders tackled the pesky and highly invasive *Carpobrotus edulis* (ice plant). They were able to pull out most of the ice plant from the Big Basin/Razor Point area, even some on steep cliffs where they inventively used long poles with hooks and other unlikely tools to snag the wily plants (see photos). With the help of the Seabees, Rangers and Reserve visitors, their accomplishments this year have been monumental. Here are some stats:

- # of weeks removing *Carpobrotus*: 12 (starting on Sept. 10)
- Total number of bags removed: 438
- Approximate weight of each bag: 10 lbs
- Total amount removed: over 2 tons!!
- # of docents participating in the project each week: as many as 10 or more

“The assistance of the public was crucial to this endeavor,” Lynne commented. Nearly all of the 438 bags collected were brought up to the West Parking Lot by anonymous visitors at the Reserve who responded to the “Can You Help?” signs next to the mounds of sometimes 40 or more bags each Monday. Within a day, the piles would be gone, the bags all safely transported to the top of the Beach Trail. Once there, the Seabees and Rangers carted the bags of *Carpobrotus* from there down to the dumpsters in the South Beach Parking Lot. After the bags were emptied, most of them were in good enough condition to be returned and filled all over again.

“On all the Whacky Weeder projects we progress only little by little,” Lynne mused. “We work, enjoying each others' company, enjoying the work and taking some satisfaction in each small patch of progress. It is stunning to turn around

and see that it can all add up to such a lot. Two tons?!? A larger lesson, I think.”



Wes Farmer “fishing” for *Carpobrotus* near Razor Point

Photo by Lynne Small

Below- *Carpobrotus* hanging near Razor Point



Photos by Wes Farmer

Below- Many of the Weeders and most of the morning's haul.



Top 10 Achievements at Torrey Pines in 2012

by Joan R. Simon

1. Trailhead Information Kiosk (TIK)

The inspiration of **Frank Burham**, TIK is a newly-established booth adjacent to the West Parking Lot, manned by docents (mainly on weekends and holidays) and overflowing with information to guide visitors as they hike the trails. A huge success!

2. Renovation of the Guy Fleming Trail Completed

A year in the making, the freshly appointed south overlook and the revamped trail along the canyon side make this popular trail even more user-friendly. (While work on the Parry Grove Trail is not yet finished, 48 new steps have been completed.)

3. Ten New Videos in the Lodge Video Room

Ranging in length from 4 to 6 minutes (courtesy of the TPA and thanks to technical assistance from **Roger Isaacson**), new videos have been added to the standard 13-minute DVD, "A Legacy of Stewardship." The new commercial grade player can be set to play continuously.

4. New Handicap-Accessible Walkway

Autumn saw the completion of widening the road and adding a walkway just below the Lodge parking lot entrance, thanks to State Parks ADA funds. A berm extending to the Parry Grove trailhead separates the walking area from the road, making passage safer for all visitors and increasing the amount of wheelchair accessible pathways in the Reserve.

5. Art in the Pines Event Raised \$10K

In May, a record profit of \$10,000 was made at Art in the Pines, with proceeds going to producing training videos for the Children's Program docents. In addition, a new 8'x 8'x 40' storage container, procured by **Bob Doolittle**, sits in the northeast corner of the North Beach Parking Lot and serves as home to myriad docent supplies, including the extensive paraphernalia associated with AIP.

6. New "Stay on Trails" Signs

The Seabees have put up dozens of "Stay on Trail" posts throughout the Reserve.

Torrey Pines 2013 Docent Training Program

Training sessions for those interested in becoming docents at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve are scheduled to begin Saturday, February 23, 2013, at the Ranger Station/Museum at the top of the hill at TPSNR.

Training sessions will meet most Saturday mornings between 9:00 am and noon and will conclude with graduation of the Class of 2013 on Saturday, June 8th.

For details of the program or to add your name to the interest list, please contact Janie Killermann, 2013 Docent Training Coordinator, at JanieKillermann@gmail.com

Moment

by Rhea Bridy

Do you see
the speck high
against the blue
see it soar
descend
feathers
talons untucked
eyes fixed
on red stone
in bronzed brush
collide
nothing--
glides away
gone?

7. Two Tons of *Carpobrotus edulis* (Ice Plant) Removed

The Whacky Weeders have taken out more than two tons of this non-native, invasive plant (see article on page 5 for details).

8. Fences around the South Parking Lot

Local Boy Scout troops (with Eagle Scout organizers, under the supervision of **Frank Burham**) began this project by installing 200' of fence around the South Parking Lot. When all the sections have been completed, the fence will keep visitors off the vegetation surrounding the parking lot and protect endangered plant species.

9. Hodgepodge Newsletter

Thanks to out-going president **Ken King**, this newly established missive, emailed to docents who serve as Lodge hosts, updates all the latest news and directives to help them better assist visitors to the Reserve. There have now been twenty HP newsletters.

10. Museum Improvements

Under **Janice Barnard's** guidance, a new Museum/Taxidermy Committee has begun documenting and refurbishing our Museum displays.

Calling Artistic Docents

With the gearing up of the Art in the Pines (AIP) committee, it is time to think about putting your art up for sale in the Docent Booth. Bobbi Krueger (email to be found in the current docent list) is organizing participants and will coordinate the display. Docents interested in the May 4-5 event, please contact her.

January is Torrey Pines Docent Renewal Month!

by Carol Smith

All Active and Supporting Docents who wish to continue as docents for 2013 need to do the following:

- a. **Record your service hours** on the Tracker in the Docent Library or use the Online Tracker for simple entries.
Active Docents are expected to complete 72 hours or more each year.
Lifetime and Supporting Members are urged to record their hours as well.
We need to know, and report to the State, how important we Docents are to the Reserve.
- b. **Pay your dues.**
For Active Docents, this is \$25 per year; for Supporting it is \$40.
For Lifetime and Honorary Docents, annual dues are waived.
Additional contributions in all categories are always welcome.

Checks should be made out to the Torrey Pines Docent Society and marked for membership dues. They may be:

- Brought to the January Docent Meeting on Saturday, January 12th
- Left in the Treasurer's box in the Docent Library at the Lodge
- Mailed to TPDS, P.O. Box 2414, Del Mar, CA 92014, Attn: Treasurer
- Or you may pay online through PayPal to Treasurer@torreypine.org [Ed note-choose the Personal tab to avoid PayPal charge]

Also required by the State for all docents at the Reserve are a signed **Volunteer Service Agreement (VSA)** and the **LiveScan**. Probably all of you have taken care of this already; new trainees do it as part of their training.

Docents who complete all these requirements will then be issued parking permits by TPSNR staff.

It is hoped that all of this can be completed by January 12th, or by the end of January at the latest.

If you have any questions or problems with your docent dues or service hours, please contact Carol Smith

Membership@torreypine.org or Bill Eckles at President@torreypine.org.

Torrey Pines Docent Society Bird Survey: December 1, 2012

Number of species: 82

Gadwall 13	Great Blue Heron 2	Allen's Hummingbird 2	Orange-crowned Warbler 2
American Wigeon 10	Great Egret 1	Belted Kingfisher 2	Common Yellowthroat 11
Mallard 5	Snowy Egret 4	Nuttall's Woodpecker 3	Yellow-rumped Warbler 48
Northern Shoveler 6	Little Blue Heron 1	Downy Woodpecker 1	Townsend's Warbler 2
Northern Pintail 34	Osprey 2	Northern Flicker 1	Spotted Towhee 5
Green-winged Teal 4	White-tailed Kite 2	American Kestrel 5	California Towhee 29
Canvasback 3	Northern Harrier 1	Peregrine Falcon 1	Song Sparrow 31
Lesser Scaup 9	Red-shouldered Hawk 4	Black Phoebe 6	Lincoln's Sparrow 2
Bufflehead 9	Red-tailed Hawk 4	Say's Phoebe 8	White-crowned Sparrow 62
Red-breasted Merganser 2	American Coot 11	Cassin's Kingbird 10	Golden-crowned Sparrow 3
Ruddy Duck 5	Snowy Plover 1	American Crow 9	Red-winged Blackbird 8
California Quail 6	Semipalmated Plover 2	Common Raven 6	Brewer's Blackbird 8
Pacific Loon 32	Killdeer 1	Bushtit 56	House Finch 55
Common Loon 1	Willet 3	White-breasted Nuthatch 1	Lesser Goldfinch 13
Pied-billed Grebe 2	Long-billed Curlew 1	House Wren 2	House Sparrow 4
Eared Grebe 2	Western Sandpiper 10	Marsh Wren 1	
Western Grebe 43	Least Sandpiper 2	Bewick's Wren 1	<i>Observers:</i> Jack Friery,
Black-vented Shearwater 1000	Heermann's Gull 14	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2	Herb Knüfken, Frank Wong,
Brandt's Cormorant 8	Western Gull 13	California Gnatcatcher 2	Blair Francis, Gary
Double-crested Cormorant 17	California Gull 18	Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3	Grantham, Kathy Dickey, Eva
Brown Pelican 9	Eurasian Collared-Dove 8	Wrentit 15	Armi, and Anonymous
	Mourning Dove 32	Western Bluebird 4	
	Anna's Hummingbird 9	California Thrasher 3	

Previous Bird Surveys may be found at torreypine.org/activities/bird-sightings.html

Herb Knüfken's amazing photo gallery may be found here: pbase.com/herb1rm



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January 2013 TPDS Lodge Docent Hosting Calendar- Updated 12/31/12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lodge hosting hours: L- 10-1 L- 1-4		L-J Smith W-King L-Killermann/ Whitlock W-Doolittle	L-Barnard L-Simon	L-J Smith L-Heinemann	L-Burke L-B&F Eckles	L-Schulman W-Geist L-Simon W-Kamen/ Yehushua
L-Lawley/ D Lewis W-Farness L-G&E Lawrence W-	L- L-Colwell	<i>Maids</i> L-Hroutas L-A Paa	L-Ivany L-Isaacson	L-McCardle L-Woo	L-Tarkington/ D Lewis L-J Smith	Meeting L-Geist W-Sanseverino L-Mussen W-
L- Bar/Torres W- L-Heinemann W-	L-Sogo L-F Doolittle/ Buckley	L-Hroutas/ Walker L-A Paa	L-Colwell L-Simon	L-Griffiths/ Malm L-Heinemann	L-Burke L-Martineau	L-McGee W-Sheehan L- W-Kamen
L-G&E Lawrence W-Schindler L- W-	L-Arnold W- L- W-	<i>Maids</i> L-Hroutas/ Walker L-	L-Ivany L-Heinemann	L-Griffith L-Beck	L-Humphrey L-Martineau	L- W-Sanseverino L- W-Polakiewicz
L- W- L- W-	L-Sogo L-F Doolittle/ Buckley	L- Hroutas/ Walker L-	L-Beck L-Heinemann	L-McCardle L-	Walks: W Sat/Sun/Hol 9:30 (Start 10:00) W Sat/Sun/Hol 1:30 (Start 2:00)	
To sign up for an opening, call the hosting docent (858-755-8219) to confirm the time and write your name in the Logbook. If you cannot do your session, please try to find your own substitute by switching with another docent or using the short-notice list. Then call the hosting docent to make the change in the Logbook. Coordinators: Irene Larrimore & Jan Lombardi						