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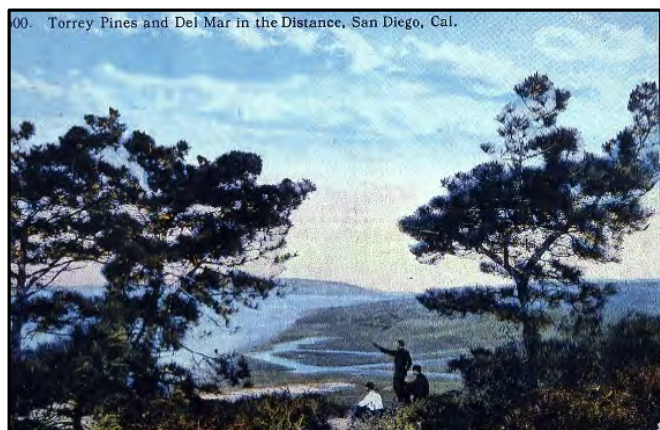
Postcards from All Around Torrey Pines

by Joan R. Simon

As many may know, our docent historian *extraordinaire*, **Judy Schulman**, is a highly skilled basket weaver and a longtime genealogist. But did you know she's also an avid deltiologist -- a collector of postcards? At the October 13 meeting of the Docent Society, Judy showcased some of her more than 400 postcards that feature Torrey Pines. She focused on cards made before 1960, with the earliest one postmarked 1910.

Most, however, do not have postmarks. So how did Judy determine their age? Some could be dated by the company that produced them; others by the material (paper, linen) they were made of; others by the photos themselves -- was the road up the hill paved or still dirt (before 1915)? Using her many research skills, Judy was able to give each postcard an accurate date range.

Her selection included sunsets (but notably, no sunrises); an iconic "Lone Pine" (which, alas, is no longer alive); views toward an unpopulated Carmel Valley and over the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon; the road going up the hill to the top, where the Lodge was built in 1923; both outdoor and indoor eating areas for the Lodge restaurant; and the military presence, from World War I through the Camp Callan years of World War II. Here is a sampling:



View overlooking Peñasquitos Lagoon. Postmarked 8/28/1924. A copy of this postcard in the SD Historical Society collection says on the back that these are members of the Lunatic Club. Looking at old newspaper articles from that time period, it was a bike riding club. Interestingly enough, my copy of the postcard says "...enjoyed very much the meeting of the club." Was she talking about this bike riding club or some other one?

Docent General Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 10, 9:00 am

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

Speaker: Michael Wilken-Robertson

Topic: Kumeyaay Ethnobotany

Mr. Wilken-Robertson teaches in the Anthropology Department at California State University, San Marcos. His research and advocacy work with native Baja Californians has explored traditional arts, ethnobotany, history, language, and cultural landscapes of the indigenous peoples of the Baja California region. His fascination with native plants and the natural landscapes of the Californias has inspired him to explore the many ways in which the Kumeyaay have used native plants and interacted with their environment, past and present.

Refreshments: Docents with last names beginning with T-Z will be responsible for providing snacks for this meeting.

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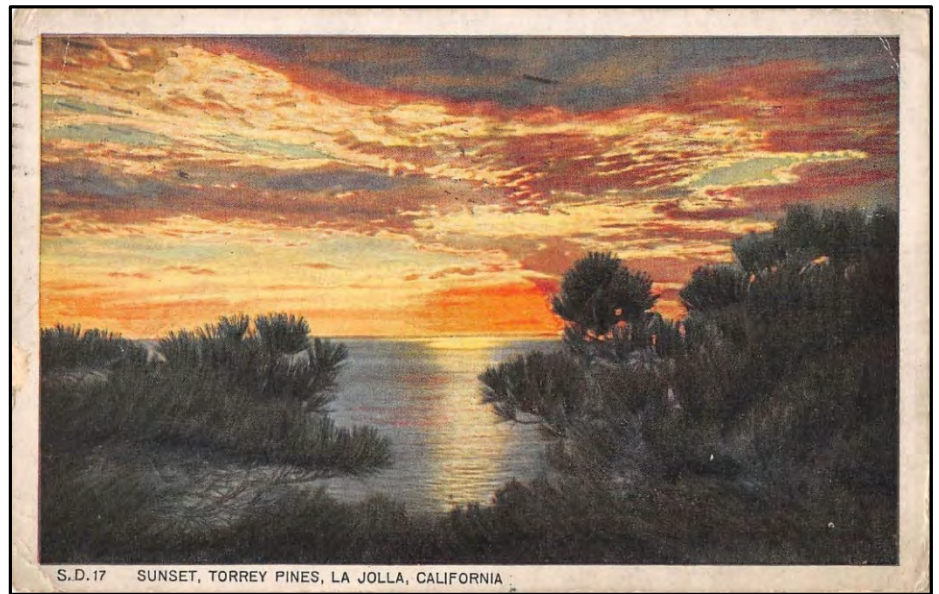
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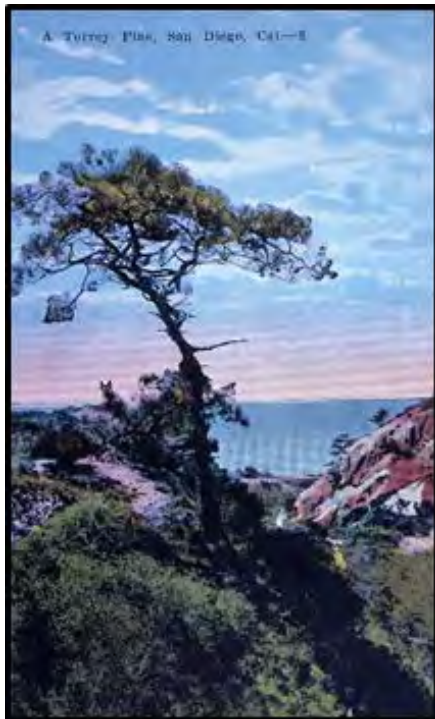
From between 1918 and 1930



The restaurant on the front porch of the Lodge, looking toward ranger's door. Circa 1923



The inside of the Lodge, which was used as a restaurant from 1923. GIVE THE TOUR...lampshade, corner, fireplace, chile ristras; jukebox is from 1936/1937.



With the advent of WWII, the Army leased 750 acres of Torrey Pines Mesa in 1940 from the City of San Diego to be used for training purposes. Camp Callan became an anti-aircraft artillery replacement training center. It closed in 1945. Camp Callan extended from the southernmost boundaries of Torrey pines park toward what decades later would become the Muir campus of UCSD.

"Lone Pine" cards. Left has a 1923 postmark; right has 1928.



The Lodge, circa 1923, soon after opening



We go up....Postmarked Sept. 12, 1923. Message on the back reads, "Just a card to let you know we are all okay. The chicken here was certainly fine and we enjoyed every bit of it. It was cloudy here and didn't get a good view of the eclipse..." And indeed on Sept 10, 1923 there was a solar eclipse that could be seen in San Diego.



The Lodge advertising television; circa 1949, soon after TV came to San Diego

Time to Order Name Badges

If anyone wants a new name tag, please email **Linda Zlotnik** with your name (as you want it to appear on the badge); quantity; and whether you want a magnet or pin on the back. The deadline is November 16. Badges for the docent trainees will be arranged separately.

Meeting Minutes -- October 13, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by President **Ingo Renner**.

Speaker: Judy Schulman, TPDS historian, gave a wonderful presentation of the history of our park through postcards (see the article on the front page).

President's Report: Ingo Renner explained that with new docent training now occurring in the fall, the board decided the new class would not be in charge of either the Lodge holiday decorating or planning the December holiday event. Although the trainees are encouraged to participate, the board felt their primary focus should be on completing the training curriculum. Ingo put out separate sign-up lists for decorating and holiday event planning; contact Ingo if you would like to be involved in either committee. Ingo announced there will be a holiday mini-basket workshop at the Lodge on October 19.

CEED: Joe Meyer announced the next event will be at the Living Coast Discovery Center on Nov. 9 (see notice on pg. 5). The event is limited to the first 20 docents who sign up. **[Ed: all 20 slots are now filled.]** Joe announced he will be stepping down as CEED coordinator after the November event and is looking for 2 or 3 people to take on the job. CEED events will be scheduled quarterly, rather than monthly, going forward. Contact Joe or Ingo if you are interested. Joe has planned over 50 events in the last 3 years and was warmly applauded for his outstanding work.

Susan G. Komen Walk: Joe Meyer (for **Ann Smith Mercandetti**) put out a signup sheet for the Komen walk through the Reserve on Friday, November 16 (see pg. 7).

Nominating Committee: Ken King presented the slate of 2019 nominees for the TPDS Executive Board.

Tree San Diego: Kristine Schindler introduced a fairly new non-profit organization of tree stewards named *Tree San Diego*. Their mission is to significantly increase the number and impact of urban trees in San Diego County. For more information contact Kristine or visit **treesandiego.org**.

North Torrey Pines Rd. Clean-Up: Kristine also mentioned she will be organizing another North Torrey Pines Road clean-up in December and will post the date on Google groups.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Krueger presented a Profit & Loss report through September for 2018 compared to 2017. Improvements include Museum Shop sales, which were up over \$4000 from last year, as well as Special Walk income up over \$2000. **Stu Rosenwasser** has arranged 51 Special

Walks through October 12 this year. The treasurer's report is posted on the bulletin board in the library at the Lodge and also available online under [Society Docs](#).

Docent Name Badge Order: Linda Zlotnik had a signup list for docents who need a replacement or additional name badge (see notice above).

Docent of the Month: Ray Barger for his extraordinary efforts benefiting the TPDS and Reserve: updating and creating numerous geology displays, exhibits and the geology brochure; organizing the docent trip to Santa Rosa Island; being instrumental in the creation of the TPDS tide calendars and photo contests; performing numerous *Spotlight On* presentations at monthly meetings; assisting his wife, **Jane Barger**, in creating the Beach Interpretative Kiosk; leading numerous Special Walks; serving as Lodge Host; manning the TIK; working as a Roving Interpreter; and lastly, serving as the Vice President for the Docent Society for the last two years.

Refreshments: At the November meeting, docents with last names starting with **T - Z** are responsible for snacks.

Meeting ended at 10:48 am.

2019 Docent Board Nominees

by *Ken King*

The November 10 meeting is the Docent Society's Annual Meeting. Docents will elect the 2019 TPDS Board of Directors at that time. The Nominating Committee, which consists of **Peter Domaille, Ken King, Don McGuire, Joe Meyer, and Annette Ring**, presented the following slate of nominees at our October meeting:

- President: **Janet Ugalde**
- Vice President: **Ingo Renner**
- Secretary: **Steve Neal**
- Treasurer: **Gerry Lawrence**

Five At-Large Members:

- **Pao Chau**
- **Mark Embree**
- **Roger Isaacson**
- **Stu Rosenwasser**
- **Lynn Truong**

Nominations may be made from the floor, but only after notice has been given to one of the Nominating Committee members at least seven days prior to the vote in November. Nominees must be voting members in good standing and have consented to their nomination.

Children's Program

by Louis Sands, Program Coordinator

October was a month of firsts for the Children's Program. We endured two no-show field trips back-to-back: one due to last-minute chaperone/student transport pull-outs, the other because a school district failed to clear (livescan) enough chaperones for the field trip. Through it all, though, our docents remained flexible and patient, and our steadfast director, **Janet Ugalde**, led the way with her glass half-full attitude.

In October, we also witnessed the debut of Patty "Party Parts" Montgomery as a presenter, and she did not disappoint. Patty, you had made so many positive contributions to the Children's Program already, but your willingness to serve in new ways will inspire others. More, please!

Speaking of more, let's make November a month of firsts, too. If **you** have ever considered participating in the Children's Program for the first time, then November is a great month to get started. You only need to do one thing: **SHOW UP!** Below you will find a list of dates, topics, and school arrival times. Stop by the Lodge fifteen minutes prior to the school's scheduled arrival time, and we will pair you with an experienced docent to follow. Sound like a plan? Let's have some fun!

November:

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| 1 | 9:30 | Geology |
| 2 | 10:00 | Geology |
| 6 | 9:30 | Plants and Habitats |
| 8 | 9:45 | Kumeyaay |
| 13 | 9:45 | Kumeyaay |
| 15 | 10:00 | Ecosystems and Food Chains |
| 27 | 9:30 | Kumeyaay |
| 29 | 9:45 | Plants and Habitats |

Feel free to contact me in advance with any questions or concerns: tpsnr.childrensprogram@yahoo.com

November CEED Event

Date: Friday, Nov. 9

Time: 9:45 am, Living Coast parking lot for shuttle to the Center

Place: Living Coast Discovery Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Dr., Chula Vista

Duration: 3 hrs (if staying for lunch)

Leaders: Educational Docents from the Living Coast Discovery Center

Docent of the Month:

Ray Barger

Photo by Herb Knüfken

My love of the outdoors developed early in life. In the 50's & 60's my family did three multi-week cross-country tent camping trips, as my father was transferred back and forth between New York City and Los Angeles.

On those trips I found it amazing to learn about many of our national parks & monuments. While visiting them, I aspired to be like the rangers I saw and met. I was fascinated they knew so much about nature.

During my engineering, business, and IT career in San Diego, I didn't lose my interest in camping, visiting more national parks & monuments and state parks, and learning more about nature. My wife, Jane, and I have camped extensively in our pop-up RV and learned a lot at many ranger-led outdoor and campfire presentations.

Jane and I started coming to Torrey Pines Beach and Park in the 70's. When I worked in the Torrey Science Park during the 80's and 90's, I would run on the Reserve's trails each day. Yes, I was one of those "on your left" people, and there was a time when Broken Hill had only one switchback between the bottom and top! It's been incredible seeing 40 years of changes at the Reserve.

After Jane retired, she became a Torrey Pines docent trainee (Class of 2013). She always said I was a "docent in training" and practiced extensively on me. So, when I retired in 2016 I became a trainee and started learning a lot more about the nature of TPSNR, with a special interest in our geology.

I am indebted to all the rangers and docents who have helped me get to this point. To me, being a docent (and DOM) is an honor, and with it goes the responsibility to learn, educate and interpret for our visitors. I'm humbled that I have the opportunity to give back what I now know about our slice of nature called Torrey Pines.



Photo Contest Winners Announced

by David Walker & Ray Barger

The seven Torrey Pines 2018 photo contest winners were announced at the September Docent Special Event & General Meeting held at the new pavilion at Torrey Circle.

This year's 2nd annual docent photo contest was announced in May with submittals due in July. Objectives of the annual contest are: 1) to add to the royalty-free repository of photographs available for use by TPDS and the Torrey Pines Association (TPA); and 2) to be used in TP tide calendars, as approved by the TPDS Board of Directors.

By the July deadline, the judging team had received approximately 135 photos and selected the 12 winning images taken by the following docents: **Herb Knüfken, Mike Yang, Roger Isaacson, Khai Truong, Kathy Dickey, Jennifer Greenberg, and Karen Fraser.**

The winning photographs were incorporated into our 2019 Torrey Pines Tide Calendar, and the seven photographers received calendars as awards. This year the TPDS Board approved the printing of 250 calendars. The calendars went on sale in August in the Museum Shop, where docents and TPA members get a 20% discount. As of mid-October, only 75 calendars remained for sale. So, if you'd like a calendar or need holiday gifts, hurry and visit the Lodge soon.



Torrey Pines Book Club

When: Tuesday, November 13, 1:00 pm

Where: Molly McConnell's home in Normal Heights

What: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane: A Novel* by Lisa See

Amazon says:

In their remote mountain village, Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. For the Akha people, ensconced in ritual and routine, life goes on as it has for generations — until a stranger appears at the village gate in a jeep, the first automobile any of the villagers has ever seen.

The stranger's arrival marks the first entrance of the modern world in the lives of the Akha people. Slowly, Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, begins to reject the customs that shaped her early life. When she has a baby out of wedlock—conceived with a man her parents consider a poor choice—she rejects the tradition that would compel her to give the child over to be killed, and instead leaves her, wrapped in a blanket with a tea cake tucked in its folds, near an orphanage in a nearby city.

As Li-yan comes into herself, leaving her insular village for an education, a business, and city life, her daughter, Haley, is raised in California by loving adoptive parents. Despite her privileged childhood, Haley wonders about her origins. Across the ocean Li-yan longs for her lost daughter. Over the course of years, each searches for meaning in the study of Pu'er, the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for centuries.

*A powerful story about circumstances, culture, and distance, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* paints an unforgettable portrait of a little-known region and its people and celebrates the bond of family.*

All TPDS docents are welcome. Meetings usually last a couple of hours. RSVP to Molly McConnell if you plan to attend. (Check Member List for email or phone number.)

December 11: *Married to a Bedouin* by Marguerite van Geldermalsen and Anthony Lewis.

Fall Migration: A New Flock of Docent Trainees

by Bruce Montgomery

Training for the class of 2018 is well underway, and on December 8, the Docent Society will welcome 22 new members at its holiday gathering. Predictably, each trainee brings a common enthusiasm and love for Torrey Pines. And just as in past years, each brings a basketful of talents and interests to expand and share.

This year's classes and experiences build on a strong past, continuing to lay a solid foundation in the natural sciences and the history of the Reserve. But in planning for 2018, docents **Janet Ugalde, Barbara Wallach, Pao Chao, Ingo Renner, and Louis Sands** took every opportunity to focus even more on interpretation. Each week sees trainees in small groups, on the trail, and honing the skills that will make them comfortable working with our visitors. Moving training to the fall allows the class to work with children and adults in the spring, before school is out and docents leave to travel the globe.

Most of our trainees have already "hit the trail," shadowing in the Lodge, at the TIK, on public walks, and with the Children's Program. We are as excited to have them among us as they are by the welcome given to them by each of you.

Say's Phoebe

by Jack Friery; photo courtesy of Herb Knüfken

Our featured bird this month is the **Say's Phoebe**, *Sayornis saya*. This lovely flycatcher is six to seven inches long, with a buff-colored belly and a black tail. Look for it in open country, perched on a twig or fence, ready to capture a passing moth or bee.

The "Say's" in the bird's common name is a reference to American naturalist Thomas Say, the first scientist to discover the bird. Charles Bonaparte, the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, named the bird after Say.

The name "phoebe," by the way, comes from a description of the call of a cousin to the Say's Phoebe, the Eastern Phoebe. Taken a bit further, "Phoebe" is originally a name of Artemis, the goddess of the moon, from the Latin "Phoebe," originally from the Greek "phoibos," meaning "bright, pure."

Source: allaboutbirds.org/guide/Says_Phoebe/overview.



Susan G. Komen Walk: November 16

Once again, **Ann Smith Mercandetti** is organizing a group of docents to monitor the Three Day Susan G. Komen Walk for Breast Cancer on Friday, November 16. Docents will need to be at the Lodge parking lot at around 7:00 am (exact time will be confirmed by Ann before the walk) and should be able to leave by 11 am. Please contact Ann if you can volunteer to help represent TPSNR at this worthy event.

Torrey Pines Docent Society Bird Survey: October 6, 2018

Number of species: 65
(+2 other taxa)

Pied-billed Grebe 1
Eared Grebe 1
Eurasian Collared-Dove 6
Mourning Dove 43
White-throated Swift 8
Anna's Hummingbird 24
Allen's Hummingbird 6
Ridgway's Rail 1
Killdeer 10
Whimbrel 4
Long-billed Curlew 1
Willet 5
Heermann's Gull 18
Ring-billed Gull 4
Western Gull 12
California Gull 8
Caspian Tern 5

Royal Tern 7
Double-crested Cormorant 18
Brown Pelican 60
Great Blue Heron 2
Great Egret 7
Snowy Egret 4
Green Heron 1
White-tailed Kite 1
Accipiter sp. 1
Red-shouldered Hawk 4
Red-tailed Hawk 5
Belted Kingfisher 2
Nuttall's Woodpecker 4
Northern Flicker 1
American Kestrel 4
Peregrine Falcon 2
falcon sp. 1
Black Phoebe 18
Say's Phoebe 6
Cassin's Kingbird 3
Hutton's Vireo 1

California Scrub-Jay 15
American Crow 108
Common Raven 22
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 3
Tree Swallow 20
Bushtit 108
House Wren 7
Marsh Wren 3
Bewick's Wren 4
California Gnatcatcher 12
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1
Wrentit 45
Swainson's Thrush 1
California Thrasher 13
Northern Mockingbird 4
Phainopepla 1
House Finch 107
Lesser Goldfinch 53
Dark-eyed Junco 9
White-crowned Sparrow 17

Savannah Sparrow 1
Song Sparrow 9
California Towhee 46
Spotted Towhee 14
Bullock's Oriole 1
Red-winged Blackbird 50
Orange-crowned Warbler 2
Common Yellowthroat 4
Yellow-rumped Warbler 22

Observers: Frank Wong,
Kathy Dickey, Marty Hales,
Andy Rathbone, Molly
McConnell, David Walker,
Jim Wilson, Bob Glaser, Herb
Knüfken, Jack Friery, and
Anonymous

View this checklist online at ebird.org/view/checklist/S48598146

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



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