



SYCAMORE SAGE MARCH 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rain, glorious rain! And, now, warm sunshine. Spring in our canyon should be phenomenal!

This sentence was written before Feb. 14th! Snow, sleet, wind and rain arrived on Valentine's Day. Our park has had to be closed due to the slick, slippery conditions. A check of the County web site before visiting would be wise.

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/mscp/>

Be sure to check out the scheduled events in this newsletter and visit Goodan Ranch & Sycamore Canyon often. Carol

Minutes: Friends of Goodan Ranch and

Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserves

The meeting of February 4, 2008, held at the Poway Coco's, was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Present were Carol Crafts, Ann Laux, Terry Callan, DeAnne Erickson, Gary Tipps, Gardner Grady and new member Nancy Ujazdowski.

Treasurer DeAnne reported a current balance of \$21,315.36 which includes the funds in the Murty account.

Old Business:

The Powerlink project still needs to be followed.

Historic Status: No further response from Johnson & Johnson Architecture.

Brochure: Ann is still working on it; hopes to have it ready soon.

New Business:

Visitor Center has had flooding problems. There are no rain gutters and building is lower than road.

Question of when building is open (when staff or vol. is available). Park is closed during rainy periods.

Blue Sky: Should be open by April 19th; Earth Day event. There is already new growth following the Oct. fire. Live-in volunteers have temporarily re-located due to the condition of the old tree near their mobile home. They expect to be away 4 weeks.

Educational Materials:

Ranger Maureen submitted a request for skulls, skins and other educational materials from Acorn naturalists. Part of the order has been received. These will be used for discovery tables and other special events.

We will also purchase storage bins for them.

Conservation Resource

Network: Carol is our representative. An alternate is needed.

Karen Larsen Gordon was appointed.

By-laws and Elections:

Carol requested that a committee be formed to review the current by-laws and prepare a list of nominations for the Nov. meeting. Terry volunteered to work with Karen; anyone else interested is welcome to join them.

Historical Sign: A member of the Goodan Family requested an appropriate sign be placed on the ruined building to give visitors some information when the visitor center is closed. Several quotes how that a bronze sign would be about \$750 and would be ready in approx. 6 weeks. Ranger Maureen has approved but this needs approval from a level above her.

Hitching Post: Daley Ranch has a well designed hitching post and mounting block for equestrian users. The current wooden one is already being chewed on and is often blocked by county trucks and trees. A written proposal will be prepared.

Stowe Trail: After leaving Goodan ranch, heading south, there is some confusion as to the direction of the trail. A MOU is in place and the trail should be “legal” by 2011.

Events: Feb. 14th – Carol will speak with Santee Rotary.

Feb. 16th – Mtn. Bike Assoc.

(www.sdmba.com)

having trail work party to repair Martha’s Grove Trail – all welcome to help.

Mar. 8th – 10 A.M. walk with Karen

April 4 – 6: Arabian Endurance Ride

May 10th – Huge All-day event at

Goodan/Sycamore being planned by the County with committee members from equestrian, mtn. bike, and Friends

included. Starting early with “self led scavenger hikes”, and a trail ride, there will be events all day long concluding with a stargazing event at the 67 staging and an owl prowl led by Blue Sky docents at the visitor center.

Phoenix will lead a bird hike. Next planning meeting is 12 Feb. 1 p.m.

May 31st – an equestrian event

June 7th – National Trails Day. The major event will be held at Rancho Penasquitos. Two equestrian rides might be held – one starting and returning to Rancho Pen., the other starting and returning to Sycamore Canyon.

The next meeting is set for Monday, May 5th at 7 p.m. at Poway Coco’s.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Project Wildlife

Have you found an injured or orphaned bird or mammal in San Diego County? Call Project wildlife at 619-225-9202.

See their web site at:
www.projectwildlife.org



Do to the instability of this grand old tree and its proximity to the Live-in volunteers home, Jeff and Donna have relocated to Rancho Penasquitos. New volunteers are being sought for our Ranch.

Welcome

Kevin Hubbel is our new Sunday and Monday person. Welcome, Kevin! Robert Williams can be found at San Dieguito now.

Murty Memorial

We have just purchased educational artifacts of skulls, scat and tracks and feather and talon displays.

Taxidermied specimens have also been purchased and will soon be enriching our visitor center.

Santee Historical Society

Many of the families that lived in the Sycamore Canyon and Goodan Ranch areas from 1890 – 1905, when there was a Stowe School, relocated to Santee or merged into Poway. The next general meeting of Santee's Historical Society will be held at The New Frontier Mobile Home Park on Monday, March 10th at 7 p.m. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Earth Day Event at Blue Sky

An Earth Day event will be held at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve in Poway, on Sat. 12 April, from 9 – 2 p.m. This reserve sustained major damage from the Oct. 2007 fires.

Mission Trails Regional Park

Explore Mission Trails Day – May 17th, 9 – 2p.m.



Outback Steakhouse Cinco de Mayo 5K and Kids' Race

The Valley Elementary Educational Foundation would like to invite you to participate in the 2nd Annual Outback Steakhouse Cinco de Mayo 5K and Kids' Race planned for May 3, 2008 at Lake Poway. At the inaugural event in 2007, more than 330 runners,

80 volunteers, and 12 sponsors participated including Outback Steakhouse, Road Runner Sports, Project Wildlife, and The City of Poway. More than \$12,000 was raised for Valley Elementary at this one-day event. That money has already been put to use at Valley to purchase much-needed supplies and books for the teachers and students. They're hoping this year's event will be even more successful because there is so much more that can be done -- and so much more that is needed.

You can support this event as either a runner or a sponsor. To register or for more information, please visit: <http://www.cincodemayo5k.org>. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Donna Marques at dmarques@miracosta.edu.

Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve in Vista.

Yet to do in the next couple of months is establish our first official trails, create trail signs, build and hang up more bird houses around the site, and put in our butterfly-and-hummingbird garden.

Feel free to be in touch.

Thanks a lot, Claude

Edwards

Address:

2437
Hutchison Street,
Vista, 92084
(*directions and map
above*)

Thomas
Guide Page 1087,
Grid 1-H

Dates: Fourth Saturday Of
Each Month, from 0930 to
1200 hours

29 March, 26 April,
31 May, 28 June

For more information or to
participate, please contact:

SD Audubon
Anstine Coimmittee Chai
Claude Edwards; (619)
282-8687, or email at
keps1@flite-tours.com

or Preserve
Caretaker-Manager Becky
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"California's Oiled Wildlife Care Network: An Overview"

Hubbs-Sea World
Research
Institute
Science Seminar
Lecture Series

What happens when
there's an oil
spill that
affects wildlife
in California?
What's the latest
on the Cosco
Busan spill in
San Francisco
Bay? Attend this
seminar and find
out!

Dr. Yochem is a
Senior Research
Scientist at
HSWRI and a
member of the
Adivsory Board
for California's
Oiled Wildlife
Care Network
(OWCN). She is
an oil spill
response
veterinarian and
provides training
in oiled wildlife
care for the
OWCN. Sea World

San Diego is a
participant in
the OWCN and
maintains one of
a dozen primary
care facilities
for oiled
wildlife in
California.

Presenter: Dr.
Pam Yochem -
Senior Research
Scientist -
Hubbs-Sea World
Research
Institute

When: Thursday,
March 6, 2008 -
6p.m.

Where: Shedd
Auditorium -
Hubbs-Sea World
Research
Institute - 2595
Ingraham Street -
San Diego, 92109

Other sites:

www.sdcrn.org as a
Friends group, we
support The San Diego
Conservation Resource
Network.

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/planguide/checklist.html>

www.sdcwa.org; click on "infrastructure"; then "esp"; then "San Vicente Pipeline"

<http://www.blueskyreserve.org/>

We need to keep following 2 issues: the Water District's San Vicente Pipeline and SDG&E's Powerlink.

. Call 858-694-2838 or 888-551-4636 if you find a dead bird.

County Notes:

The Program Guide for the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Reservation, is electronically published. In the Program Guide, you will find many useful bits of information about camping, picnicking, and otherwise enjoying your County Parks. Many family-friendly events are listed for your information and enjoyment. You may access the Program Guide by following this link:

<http://www.co.san->

diego.ca.us/parks/docs/destinations.pdf . Feel free to bookmark this link and/or print out a hard copy for your personal reference. We look forward to seeing you at a County park or one of our special events.

Thank you to all who have joined renewed or made a generous donation.

RENEW OR JOIN NOW FOR 2008

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
_____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

- ____ \$10 Senior 62 plus
- ____ \$10 Student ____ \$15 Individual
- ____ \$20 Family
- ____ \$30 Sponsor
- ____ \$100 Patron ____ \$250 Corporate
- ____ \$1000 Life

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO "FRIENDS OF GOODAN RANCH"

AND SEND IT TO: MEMBERSHIPS/13030 Birch Lane, Poway, CA 92064

All Membership renewals are now due 1 January of each year.

Friends of Goodan Ranch & Sycamore Canyon Open Space
Carol B. Crafts, President
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