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.

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)


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.

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.

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 Weeder: (Steve Tarkington) On Mondays 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., the Weeder 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**.

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**Roger Isaacson to Continue Communications 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.

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**Docent Question of the Month**
December 2008
*Courtesy of Jim Larrimore*

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

**Answer:** (See p. 7)

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**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...


Shop early, shop often and support TPSNR.

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**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 
am. 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.

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[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 
inhaled him how excited we were to 
meet such a “celebrity”. Bob 
inhaled 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 him. 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.
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.

The Fleming House: A Step Back in Time
by Rhea Bridy
To see the Fleming 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!
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,
Sharpeyesonline.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 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?
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
American Wigeon 48
Mallard 7
Northern Shoveler 12
Green-winged Teal 1
Lesser Scaup 3
Bufflehead 1
Ruddy Duck 2
California Quail 24
Pacific Loon 5
Common Loon 3
Pied-billed Grebe 4
Black-vented Shearwater 30
Brown Pelican 149
Brandt's Cormorant 1000
Double-crested Cormorant 13
Pelagic Cormorant 5
Great Blue Heron 6
Great Egret 7
Snowy Egret 12
White-faced Ibis 30
Osprey 2
Northern Harrier 2
Cooper's Hawk 1
Red-shouldered Hawk 3
Red-tailed Hawk 6
American Kestrel 6
Merlin 1
Peregrine Falcon 1
Common Moorhen 3
American Coot 38
Black-bellied Plover 13
Semipalmated Plover 12
Killdeer 5
Greater Yellowlegs 1
Willett 22
Whimbrel 1
Marbled Godwit 10
Western Sandpiper 3
Least Sandpiper 46
Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher 6
Heermann's Gull 60
Ring-billed Gull 6
Western Gull 43
California Gull 30
Royal Tern 6
Jaeger sp. 1
Rock Pigeon 12
Mourning Dove 11
White-throated Swift 5
Anna's Hummingbird 14
Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird 1
Belted Kingfisher 1
Nuttall's Woodpecker 1
Northern Flicker 4
Black Phoebe 20
Say's Phoebe 9
Cassin's Kingbird 9
Western Scrub-Jay 7
American Crow 12
Common Raven 5
Bush Tit 21
House Wren 5
Marsh Wren 2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1
California Gnatcatcher 5
Yellow-rumped Warbler 35
Say's Phoebe 9
Western Scrub-Jay 7
American Crow 12
California Towhee 10
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 2
Savannah Sparrow (Belding's) 5
Song Sparrow 17
Lincoln's Sparrow 2
White-crowned Sparrow 17
Red-winged Blackbird 79
Western Meadowlark 1
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House Finch 62
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House Sparrow 1

Observers: Hank and Jane Baele, Herb Knufken, Will Cox, Jack Friery, Don Grine, Kathy Dickey, Gary Grantham, Steve Brad (and Anonymous)

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