



SYCAMORE SAGE



new displays



President's Message

Once again we have concluded a busy, productive year at Goodan Ranch and Sycamore Canyon. Thank you to all who supported us through memberships, donations and participation in activities. We exist for your benefit as well as for the benefit of our wonderful open space.

Reminder: dues are due again the first of Jan. If you aren't able to hike or ride in anymore, contact me or the Rangers and we will get you down to enjoy a quiet or active visit of your choice.

I hope most of you will come out on Dec. 12th and enjoy lunch with us as we thank the San Diego Mountain Bike Association for their hours of labor on the trails. Please RSVP to me (rcrafts@cox.net) by 7 Dec. so we know how much food to prepare.

THANK YOU TO THE ANNONYMOUS DONOR WHO GAVE TO THE FRIENDS OF GOODAN RANCH THROUGH UNITED WAY OF SAN DIEGO. WE APPRECIATE YOUR THINKING OF US. Also, thanks to Lucille Dalbey and Phoenix who each helped change one of our displays.

Carol

Minutes Friends of Goodan Ranch and Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserves Nov.2, 2009

In Attendance: Carol Crafts, Terry Callan, Paul Kucharczyk, Gardner Grady, DeAnne Erickson and Phoenix Von Hendy

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.

The motion passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 4, 2009.

DeAnne - Treasurer's Report November 2, 2009

Checking	
	\$2,639.57
	Primary
Savings	
\$ 408.25	
	Money Market
Savings	\$ 215
.99	
	Certificate of
Deposit	\$
6,823.23	

Total	
	\$10,088.04

Old Business:

1. SDTT: Phoenix reported that the last survey was on Oct. 23rd. There were many deer prints, rabbit and even a bobcat track. No mountain lion sightings.
2. Powerlink: No further word.
3. ESP: Making progress and should soon have the tunnel connected between San Vicente and Mercy Rd sub station.

New Business:

- 1) Phoenix and Carol recently completed changing one of the Visitor Center

displays to include items donated by the Goodan Family.

- 2) The JPA meeting was held Oct. 8, 2009. We have a new flag pole. The Armstrong family has donated 20 acres at the south end of our property. The Stowe Trail is still on hold with another new CO at Miramar.

Carol suggested that a 70 yr. old barn on Fanita Ranch might make a nice and historically appropriate addition to the Ranch. John Coates said he would check it out. Terry Callan said he would follow up. (The barn report basically said that it would be too costly to move. Terry is continuing to work on this project).

- 3) The CINCH (Council Interpreting North County History) meeting was held Oct. 26th at our Visitor Center. Karen and Carol provided refreshments and showed the Power Point of Goodan and "Searching For Stowe" to about 26 people. Karen took

them on a walk of our valley. We received a nice thank you from Anne Marie Cox, chair.

- 4) Friends received a notice about a Regional General Permit (vector elimination). Terry will contact the project manager.
- 5) Ranger Maureen had asked for support from the Friends to purchase binoculars and a spotting scope. At this time, Phoenix will order a Nikon Trail Blazer 10 X 50 binocular and a spotting scope with tripod. This will be approximately \$600.
- 6) The Ridge Trail is closed for repairs. Gardner suggested that a sign be placed at the foot of Cardiac Hill warning hikers and bikers of the closure.
- 7) The SDMBA will be working on trails on Dec. 12th beginning at 8AM. Gardner will contact Poway Ridge Riders and Sycamore Canyon Stables to see if they would like to

participate. The Friends agreed to prepare lunch (hamburgers and hotdogs) at or near the visitor center. DeAnne will purchase when we have an idea of the number of participants. This will serve as the end of the year event for members of The Friends of Goodan Ranch. You don't have to work on the trail; just come and socialize. The Power Point and Goodan Family movies will be shown if the Conference room is available.

- 8) Gardner suggested that it would be nice to have a model made of the Ranch as it was in 1940. This would include the Catalpa Cottage, Big Barn, Water tower, garages, stable, Care taker's cottage and Stone House. Carol will find out if the person who did Poway replicas for Poway Historical Society would be interested. Other ideas would be to

"Sedges have edges; rushes are round; grasses are hollow like holes in the ground."

Dead Birds: Dead less than 24 hours – no obvious damage – do Not freeze. Call 1-888-551-4636. Weekends: 858-565-5255

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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
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We need to keep following 2 issues: the Water District's San Vicente Pipeline www.sdcwa.org; click on "infrastructure"; then "esp"; then "San Vicente Pipeline" and SDG&E's Powerlink:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/sunrise/sunrise.htm>

Sycamore Canyon / Goodan Ranch Preserve Fall 2009 Program Schedule

16281 Sycamore Canyon Road, Poway, California 92061 (858) 513-4737

Over ten miles of trails and service roads open to hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use. Preserve visitors are welcome to visit our new visitor center. Live animals and exhibits on Goodan History, Cedar Fire,

Kumeyaay and the MSCP are on display.

Events, hikes and programs start at various Preserve locations. **Some require a one mile walk from Goodan Ranch staging to the Visitor Center. Please check descriptions closely.** No vehicular traffic is permitted in the Preserve. Transportation for those with disabilities can be arranged, by calling the ranger at (858)513-4737.

Goodan staging area accessed from Poway Rd. east on Garden Rd, then south on Sycamore Canyon Rd. Sycamore Canyon Rd. ends at staging area.

Highway 67 staging area accessed through SOUTHBOUND Highway 67 only, half a mile south of Scripps Poway Parkway. All events are free. For information or to make event reservations call (858)513-4737 or email

Justin.Gibbons@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Saturday, December 12th, 2009 9:00am – 11:00am

Edible Plants. Come learn all there is to know about our local edible plants from author and college professor Lisa Chaddock. Several Native American

tribes have survived in this very region in the past, so see, touch, and taste what they used on a daily basis for nourishment and medicine. This program can help you learn what is safe and not safe to eat when hiking or camping in the local region. Learn what is safe to cook with and what sorts of dishes those who use to live in this area cooked and prepared. Program will be followed with a walk through the preserve. **Space is limited to 30 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down to visitor center. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.** Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

Saturday, December 12th, 2009 8:00am – 12:00pm

SDMBA Trail Work.

Come volunteer along with the San Diego Mountain Biking Association for a chance to improve our existing trail system. If you enjoy our trails as many do this is your chance to give back. All tools and training will be provided along with water for participants. Bring sturdy shoes, a light snack, sunscreen, eye protection and work gloves. This may

involve moderate to heavy tread work and all participants must sign a waiver. Minors are welcome but must have parents present and have them sign a waiver. Look forward to seeing you here! **Rain or muddy conditions cancel.** Program will start at Goodan Staging Area.

Saturday, January 9th, 2010 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Star Hike. Join George Varga for a unique and enlightening star gazing hike. Guests will be shown the Andromeda Galaxy, the Pleiades, the Orion Nebula, the Double Cluster along with others visible with the naked eye while enjoying beautiful Sycamore Canyon at night. George is very knowledgeable in his field and is sure to keep you looking to the stars. Guests are encouraged to bring binoculars as well as sturdy shoes and warm clothes. **Space is limited to 30 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Rain or Cloudy conditions cancel.** Program will start at Goodan Staging Area.

Saturday, January 16th, 2010 8:30am – 10:30am

Birding Walk. Join Claude Edwards of the San Diego Audubon Society in what is sure to be a fun and informative birding walk through beautiful Sycamore Canyon Open Preserve. Winter is upon us and with the chance in season comes a whole new flock of birds. With Claude's immense knowledge of bird locations and sounds, guests are sure to discover more than they have ever before. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best. This hike is mild to moderate so make sure you wear comfortable shoes and bring water. **Program will meet at Goodan staging area. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.**

Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 11:00am – 12:00pm

Coyote Conservation. Join Animal Advocate Jane Cartmill for an informative program on peaceful coexistence with coyotes as we urban interface into their habitat. She will educate us on ways to keep pets, property and coyotes safe. Learn about the coyote's habits and their beneficial niche in our environment. **Space is limited to 50 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan**

Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down to visitor center. Rain or muddy conditions cancel. Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

Friday, February 5th, 2010 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Star Party. Join SDAA volunteer astronomers and County Parks for a night with the stars. Come experience the chance to view the Great Orion Nebula, the Andromeda Galaxy, Bode's Galaxy, Various open star clusters including the "Double Cluster" as well as many more. These events are informative and fun for the whole family. We promise you will be wowed by this star experience! **Program will be held at Highway 67 Staging area accessed Highway 67 southbound only. RAIN or CLOUDS CANCEL.**

Saturday, February 13th, 2010 10:00am – 11:30am

Nature Walk. Come and learn all there is to learn about the nature that lives within Sycamore Canyon. This program will teach you about the history of the preserve as well as invite you on a walk to point out wildlife tracks and signs

along with plants, insects, reptiles and birds encountered along the way. Winter may be in full force but there will still be plenty to see in this beautiful area. **Space is limited to 30 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down to visitor center. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.** Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

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___ \$250 Corporate
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*For other County activities:
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The Fall/Winter 2009 Activity and Program Guide is now available at:

http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/reusable_components/images/parks/doc/destinations.pdf

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

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

Saturday, February 20th, 2010 10:00am – 11:00am

Gardening with Native Plants. Join park staff and Jeremy Sison and learn all about planting and gardening with native plants. Using native plants in your garden has so many benefits including ease of maintaining them as well as saving on water use. Native plants are used to growing in our local environment and so grow more easily and abundantly. Come learn the best ways to put natives to use as well as see examples of local gardens and landscape using just such plants. **Space is limited to 30 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down**

 Sycamore Canyon / Goodan Ranch mailing address 16281 Sycamore Canyon Road, Poway 92064.

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All Memberships are from 1 January of each year.

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 ___ \$20 Student
 ___ \$25 Individual
 ___ \$40 Family
 ___ \$100 Patron

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