



SYCAMORE SAGE

President's Message

County Parks Volunteer Coordinator, Cheryl Wegner, presented Carol a Certificate of Appreciation on Mar. 11, 2009. Thanks to all of you for supporting the Friends.

Karen, Phoenix, Victoria and Carol checked on the endangered plants recently. We found most of them present but more sparse than in previous years. It is always rewarding to find previous biologists (Bauder) survey stakes as we did this year. We wish Mike Kelly a speedy recovery and strength for the coming months.

Carol

PROTECT OUR BIRDS

SDG&E Plans to remove these trees



where our hawks have successfully nested for several years.

Rather than remove the trees, remove the lines which were located too close to the visitor center. Put the lines underground if they are a hazard.

Minutes

Friends of Goodan Ranch and Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserves

May 4, 2009

In Attendance: Carol Crafts, Karen Larsen Gordon, Terry Callan, Ann Laux Tipps, Gary Tipps, and Phoenix Von

Hendy. Bob Crafts greeted us all, and we wished him a happy birthday!

The meeting was called to order at 7:20p.m.

The motion passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 2, 2009 once the spelling of 2 board member's names was corrected.

There was no financial report. Carol stated the Friend's membership level remains stable.

Old Business:

- 1) Horse corral is being used per Carol's observations.
- 2) SunRise Powerlink southern route is awaiting review by USFWS, BLM and CA State Parks. Service roads' impacts on creek and streambeds are yet to be analyzed. Sycamore Canyon towers are still

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- impacted with increased height.
- 3) Dianne Jacob reported at the Goodan JPA meeting on April 23rd that she met with Col. O'Connell regarding a new appraisal of the 280 acres to the south. The Navy is still willing to work out options including a conservation easement or lower cost purchase. Currently, the Navy's NavFac department and CDFG are sorting out the next steps.
 - 4) As a component of the Stowe Trail linkage discussion, Marti Emerald, Councilwoman for the City of San Diego has expressed willingness to assist in the implementation of management and public access of

- the parcel known as Sycamore West.
- 5) Carol shared the memorial handout of Doug Goodan. He will be missed.

New Business:

- 1) Bill Boggin had been ill and away from the preserves. Welcome back, Bill!
- 2) Belinda Romero replaces Robert Clark as the representative for Poway on the Goodan JPA. Thank you, Robert, for your contributions over the years!
- 3) San Diego Tracking Team Quarterly Survey yielded a decline in coyote sign and an increase in woodrats and rabbits.
- 4) The annual survey for San Diego Thornmint will be conducted in the next weeks.
- 5) Future Events:
(See attached)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next Meeting: Aug. 3, 2009 7:00pm Coco's on Poway Road

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Sunday, June 14th, 2009, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Horse Program



Join Paul Kucharczyk and friends and learn all about equestrian riding. Program will include riding etiquette for horse riders, hikers and bikers, as well as the lifestyle of equestrian riding and health benefits associated. There will also be a chance for guests to view and interact with horses in a fun and educational environment. Guests are encouraged to bring their own horses if possible to make the experience more enjoyable. The program will be followed with a ride through the

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preserve. Program will be held at Hwy. 67 staging area.

Sunday, June 21st, 2009

9:00am – 11:00am

Canyoneer Nature Walk.

The San Diego Natural History Museum presents one of its many nature walks hosted by the Canyoneers group. This naturalist-guide program encourages participants to stop, look, listen, smell and examine everything around them. The Canyoneers, who have been leading hikes in San Diego for 29 years, are educated to teach appreciation for everything around them and how everything coexists. This leisurely walk is sure to teach you about the natural world while providing a fun and healthy experience.

Program will meet at Goodan Staging area. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.

Sunday, June 28th, 2009

10:00am – 12:00pm

Live Raptors Experience.

Join Ranger Maureen and her live raptors to learn all there is know about these magnificent birds. Eating habits, nesting, and survival will all be discussed along side the chance to view these large raptors up close. Bring your questions and curiosity. Feathers, skull reproductions,

and pellets will also be on display for your examination. Don't miss this opportunity to see your local large birds of prey. **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.

Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

Saturday, July 4th, 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.

Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

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Friday, July 17th, 2009

8:30pm – 10:30pm

Star Party. Join SDAA volunteer astronomers and County Parks for a night with the stars. Come experience the chance to view Saturn, the Great Hercules Cluster, the Ring Nebula, and the Dumbbell Nebula 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](#)
~~Clouds or rain cancel.~~**

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Saturday, July 25th, 2009

9:00am – 11:00am

Search and Rescue Program.

Join John Wehbring and the San Diego Mountain Rescue Team for an exciting program where participants can learn all about search and rescue and learn how to stay safe when visiting the outdoors. **Guests will receive tips on staying safe from those who know how to best. They will also get a chance to learn how the search and rescue teams work**

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and what you can do to help them help you. John and his team will bring along gear for guests to see. If you love hiking or biking outdoors, don't miss this chance to learn first hand how a very important and exciting organization works to keep you safe. **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.

Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

Saturday, August 8th, 2009

All Day

Geocaching Hunt. Never heard of Geocaching? Well now is the time to learn. Geocaching is a sort of treasure hunt, where users use a handheld GPS device to find a hidden container, usually containing a log book and small trinkets. This phenomenon has grown to a world-wide level now available in every corner of the planet. This is your chance to experience the first geocache to be placed in a County of San Diego park. Guests must bring their own portable GPS devices and be familiar with them. This is a self guided tour with a brief introduction from Ranger Justin.

Program will meet at Goodan staging area. Rain

or muddy conditions cancel.

Sunday, August 16th, 2009
11:00am- 1200pm
Coyote Conservation. Join Animal Advocate Jane Cartmilla 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 coyotes 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 the visitor center.
Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

PEAK Program.
Saturday, August 22nd, 2009
 4:00pm – 5:30pm

PEAK Program. The PEAK program was developed as the result of a unique partnership between REI and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. PEAK is based on the seven principles of Leave No Trace: Know Before You Go, Choose the Right Path, Pack Your Trash, Leave What You Find, Be Careful with Fire,

Respect Wildlife, and Be Kind to Other Visitors. The PEAK program, which

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consists of an REI backpack stuffed with essential gear for outdoor adventure, as well as games, activities and lessons, is presented as a convenient and fun way to teach young

people ethics. Through hands-on, interactive

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program children are taught to have fun outside while practicing responsible outdoor recreation. Program is designed for children ages 7 to 12. Join us and your child will have a chance to learn safe camping and hiking techniques in a fun environment. **Space**

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Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center. **Rain will cancel.**

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For complete details on the five year battle to get San Diego County to use science instead of politics to shape rational land use and fire protection policies, please visit our new website page:

<http://www.californiachaparral.org/csdcountyslashburn.html>

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DOCENT LED GUIDED HIKES

Join Blue Sky docents every Saturday and Sunday for an interpretive hike in the Reserve.
Check out descriptions and times at www.poway.org/bluesky.

Or how about an interpretive tour of the Kumeyaay-Ipai site?
The site is open to the public every Saturday morning from 9 am - 11 am.

Both sites offer school, scout and group tours.
Information is available at www.poway.org/bluesky or www.poway.org/kiic.

Get to know your local canyons.

www.sdcanyonlands.org

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

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

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/aspn/sunrise/sunrise.htm>

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

*For County activities:
The Activity and Program Guide is now available at: http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/reusable_components/images/parks/doc/destinations.pdf

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All Memberships are from 1 January of each year.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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____ \$250 Corporate
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