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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Preserve may be closed during and after heavy rains. For your safety, please observe all closure notices.

Park hours are:
April - Sept (8 a.m. - 7 p.m.);
Oct- March (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
For more information, call the Visitor Center at 858-513-4737.

The Friends of Goodan Ranch/ Sycamore Canyon are on the web: GoodanRanch.Org

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Thank you to everyone supporting the Friends of Goodan Ranch.



New Ramada

Thanks to your support we were able to provide mice to feed the Ranger's Raptors; materials to build a Ramada and a tandem axle cart to haul things around.



New Tandem Axle Cart



Martha's Pond—full of water!



Ceanothus in bloom.

Photo by Toni Fleischman.

The rains are presenting challenges for road maintenance and beautiful sounds of rushing water.

Come visit and see the beauty.

Carol Crafts

THE CHOCOLATE LILY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Have you ever heard of a "Chocolate Lily" also called a Black Lily or Mission Bell?

The species name of chocolate lily is [Fritillaria biflora](#), which means two flowers, but a plant can have anywhere from 1 to 20 flowers and buds. It takes a plant grown from seed about 5 years to reach blooming size. As it must form a bulb, and the individual bulb does not bloom every year. If there are a group of bulbs, you will find blooming plants in the same location year after year.



It is called "chocolate lily" because its flowers can resemble the color of chocolate, although sometimes they are dark brown, greenish purple, or yellowish green. Also, it is one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring. Unfortunately, the Chocolate Lily is severely declining in Southern California. They are picky plants that need clay soil retaining even moisture, yet not so moist to allow their bulbs to rot. Another problem is that it is a **perennial herb** that is **native** to California and is **limited** to California.

Because of the Chocolate Lily's decline, the CalFlora has a special hotline set up to report any place the plant is seen. Please report your sightings of this plant to: [Calflora Observation Hotline](#)

You would be joining the elite membership of these reports of the Chocolate Lily in our area:

[RECORD DETAIL](#) SD697

Taxon: **Fritillaria biflora var. biflora**

Date: **1931-02-01**

Source: Participants of the Consortium of California Herbaria

Collectors: **Ruth B. Randall**

Location: **North slope of low foothill, Poway**

[RECORD DETAIL](#) SDSU11894

Taxon: **Fritillaria biflora**

Date: **1937-02-15**

Source: Participants of the Consortium of California Herbaria

Collectors: **John Fitch**

Location: **Near Santee, North facing slope.**

[RECORD DETAIL](#) SD16579

Taxon: **Fritillaria biflora var. biflora**

Date: **1937-03-05**

Source: Participants of the Consortium of California Herbaria

Collectors: **L. W. Walker**

Location: **Santee**

[RECORD DETAIL](#) SD196114

Taxon: **Fritillaria biflora var. biflora**

Date: **2007-03-01**

Source: Participants of the Consortium of California Herbaria

Collectors: **Victoria Marshall**

Location: **Poway, on South Poway Trail 0.25 mi east of Community Rd and 0.25 mi south Poway Rd.**

EVENTS AT GOODAN RANCH / SYCAMORE CANYON

Goodan Ranch/Sycamore Canyon County Preserve

(858) 513-4737

Goodan Ranch Staging Area

16281 Sycamore Canyon Road, Poway, CA 92064

Hours: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., April – Sept.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Oct. – March

Pedestrian access is available from sunrise to sunset, daily.

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

Highway 67 Staging Area

13920 Highway 67, Lakeside, CA 92040

Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., daily

Pedestrian access is available from sunrise to sunset, daily

Highway 67 staging area accessed through SOUTHBOUND Highway 67 only, half a mile south of Scripps Poway Parkway.

March 17	Sunset party	
March 25	Edible Plants	9 – 11
April 8	Snakes Alive	10 – 11
May 19	Sunset Party	

ALLOW ½ HOUR TO PARK AND WALK TO THE
VISITOR'S 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**.

The Parks website is www.sdparks.org.

**During and after rainy weather the Parks Preserves are closed
for safety and damage control due to muddy, wet trails and
roads.**

**Please check the Parks website or call the ranger's office at 858-513-4737 for
Preserve status.**

**MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF
GOODAN RANCH
AND
SYCAMORE CANYON**

February 13, 2017

Attending: Carol Crafts, Cathy Overy, Mike Overy, Ann Tipps, Terry Callan, Barbara Lerma, Phoenix Von Hendy

A quorum was present

Meeting called to order at 7:18

Annual membership dues are due and attendees all paid.

Congratulations to Paul and DeAnne on their wedding!

92064 Magazine had a lovely article on Goodan Ranch.

Minutes from August meeting accepted as presented. No meeting in November.

Treasurer's report:

Income - \$3396

Expenses - \$2937

Total Balance - \$16875

Tandem axle cart purchased for Goodan Ranch. Cathy Overy delivered and it is being used. Cost was \$864, plus \$1510 spent for mice and Ramada supplies.

New Business:

Tracking report:

Survey was on January 27, right after all the heavy rains, so there was lots of water everywhere, but not a lot of track or scat. We did see plenty of deer tracks and scat from coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, jackrabbits, and grey foxes.

Ranger report:

Ceanothus is in bloom and is gorgeous right now. Chocolate Lilies have been seen in the county. Matt Sanford is our new Regional Manager. Matt is from MTRP.

Maureen, Justin, Jeff and Zach are still there. Mike Ambrose is new.

Next SDMMMP meeting is 22 February 2017 from 9:30 - 11:30 am, and will be on Thornmint.

Meeting is always at USGS Building next to Lindbergh Field.

Scripps Ranch Fair is June 11 and we will be sharing a table with SDTT again this year.

On May 10th, Carol will be giving a talk on Goodan Ranch to the Mission Trail Regional park docents. Mike asked why Goodan Ranch has no docents. Education programs could possibly be held at the Ramada and buses can navigate Sycamore Drive. Carol will bring this issue up with Maureen.

Mike has a Goodan Ranch employee request for a piece of equipment that has a backhoe on it. It doesn't have to be new, but they need it for digging ditches and holes for road maintenance and planting trees. The County will maintain it once purchased, but they will not pay to rent equipment. Mike has an example of a tractor backhoe that would be what they are looking for. Jeff can operate it once purchased. Mike made a motion to purchase a backhoe for Goodan Ranch, price not to exceed \$7000 including sales tax. Barbara seconded the motion. Motion passed. Carol will inform Maureen and Mike will work with the staff to get this done.

There was discussion about MCAS Miramar issuing permits for bicycle riders to ride on the Stowe Trail where it crosses base property. Horseback riders are also supposed to be able to get permits. Permits must be obtained from the Liaison Office on the base.

Next Board Meeting is Monday, May 1, 2017 in the Historical Society building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm



22 February 2017 - 9:30 - 11:30 am San Diego Management & Monitoring Program
- **Subject** – Thornmint Place - USGS Building next to Lindbergh Field. See [San Diego Thornmint](#)

8 April: 2017 - 10 to 4 Victorian Day in Old Poway Park - Craft Vendors, flea market, plant sales and more

10 May 2017 - Carol Crafts will be giving a presentation on Goodan Ranch to the Mission Trails Regional Park docents. For activities at West Sycamore Park check www.mtrp.org Ranger Andrew Miller

11 June 2017 - Scripps Ranch Fair (Friends of Sycamore Canyon & Goodan Ranch will be sharing a table with SDTT again this year.)



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