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RETIREMENT PARTY FOR MAUREEN ABARE-LAUDY

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:

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Can it be?
Another year is quickly coming to an end.

Thank you to all the paid members of the Friends of Goodan Ranch. With your contributions, we have been able to support many activities at Goodan Ranch and in the surrounding communities. Our fiscal year runs from Jan 1st to Dec 31st. So, that means we would appreciate your renewal of dues by early January 2018.

We are also seeking more friends to join our board. We only meet 4 times a year and our meetings are brief. We need new leadership in the coming months and additional people to help with outreach.

The end of November has also brought the end of an era. Our friend, Ranger Maureen, is joining her husband in retirement. The good news for us is that they will keep their home here in San Diego. We thank her for all the support and the genial management of "our ranch".

We know that the rest of our staff, Justin, Jeff, Mike, Zack and Pharaoh, will continue the good work.

We also want to thank our live-in volunteers, Laura and Joe. They, along with their dog, keep a friendly presence at the reserve and help keep us user friendly.

I look forward to seeing you soon. . Stay well.



Carol Crafts

RETIREMENT OF MAUREEN ABARE – LAUDY

November saw the retirement of Supervising Park Ranger Maureen Abare-Laudy . She is looking forward to quieter and less hectic days.

Her job involved managing staff, volunteers, daily operations, native exhibit animal care, interfacing with the public and internal and external agencies, enforcement, project improvement planning, interpretation planning, biology, and serving as arch monitoring liaison.

Along with her hobbies of cycling, photography, Aussie training, hiking, volunteering, wildlife traveling, education, raptor care, Maureen was a very busy lady.

Maureen plans on volunteering at the Goodan Ranch / Sycamore Canyon and we are glad we will still be seeing her around.



SYCAMORE CANYON PRESERVE

Sycamore Canyon Preserve consists of 2,272 acres of coastal sage scrub and chaparral-covered hills, including the 325-acre Goodan Ranch, a mix of grassland, riparian, coastal sage, oak woodland and mixed chaparral. Other features include an outdoor amphitheater, and a horse trough and hitching post. More than 10 miles of trails lead to grand vistas, abundant wildlife and interesting reminders of the history of human use of the area.

The preserve includes the Goodan Ranch Center, which was built next to the original ranch house that was burned during the 2003 Cedar Fire. A LEED-certified project, the center houses a multi-purpose demonstration room, exhibit room, and support spaces that run with low site impact and high energy efficiency.



MARTHA'S GROVE TRAIL TIPS

Tip #1: Watch for rattlesnakes. The trails are wide, the sun exposure is heavy, and there are plenty of places for them to hide. Stay on the trail and watch your surroundings.

Tip #2: Take care of business beforehand. There are few restroom facilities at Goodan Ranch Sycamore Canyon Preserve.

Tip #3: Share the trail. You will likely come across a few mountain bikers, especially if hiking on the weekend.

Tip #4: Bring plenty of sun protection. The majority of the trail offers minimal shade.

Tip #5: Stop by the viewpoint at the end of the fire road. You can see some pretty spectacular views of the entire preserve from here.

From: <http://www.sunkissedhiker.com/blog/martha-grove-trail-goodan-ranch/>

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reservations Required</u>
Please see county web site			

**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/ SYCAMORE CANYON

Monday, November 13, 2017

Attending: Carol Crafts, Shawnie Williams, Ann Tipps, Terry Callan, Barbara Lerma, Phoenix Von Hendy, Maureen Abare-Laudy
Meeting start time: 7:05 pm

Secretary's report - included in September newsletter: Accepted as published.

Treasurer's report:
Checking Account Balance - \$3545
Savings Account Balance - \$13904
Total Balance - \$17449

Ranger report:

Public Access Plan (trails) is in progress. Some public input from interested parties has been gathered, more will be collected. Maureen showed maps of proposed trail plan with changes (re-routes), additions, and subtractions.

No word on SDG&E's proposed natural gas pipeline.

New park attendant is Paraoh Graham. Park attendant Mike Ambrose has been here about a year now. Rangers Justin Gibbons and Jeffrey Sobilo are both still here, and the Massutos are still the live-in caretakers. Justin and Jeffrey recently attended ranger trainings, including trails training.

It has been decided that it is just too expensive to purchase a backhoe, so one will be rented when needed.

Tracking Report:

Lots of deer tracks and more new woodrat nests. The usual amount of coyote, bobcat, and grey fox sign. We found raccoon tracks for the first time this year. We also found mountain lion scat, on the east side of Canyon Park Drive, near the maintenance road for SDG&E's power towers

New Business:

November 17 - Christmas tree lighting (Santee)
November 29 - endangered plant survey summary
December 9 - Christmas in the Park (Poway)

Next Board Meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018.

MEET YOUR NEW PARK ATTENDANT

Welcome Pharaoh Graham to the Goodan Ranch/Sycamore Canyon! Pharaoh is our newest Park Attendant. He is a local, born in La Mesa, CA. He is also very smart, graduating with a 4.0 GPA from St. Augustine High School in North Park.



Pharaoh knew early what he wanted to do with his life. His education at Gonzaga University with a degree in Environmental Studies gives him a unique perspective of the duties of the Park Attendant. According to the Gonzaga website, the degree focuses on understanding the scientific, ethical, and political aspects of the environment. Based on the view that the natural world is crucial to human life, the Environmental Studies major seeks to foster an awareness of human interactions with the environment.

Pharaoh is definitely going to be an asset to the San Diego County Parks System.

Just a reminder that the Membership year for the Friends of Goodan Ranch & Sycamore Canyon starts in January. You will find a membership form on the backside of this page. We depend on membership dues for our survival.

Join or Renew Your Membership





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Sycamore Canyon Open Space**
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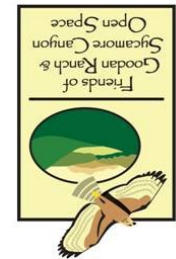
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