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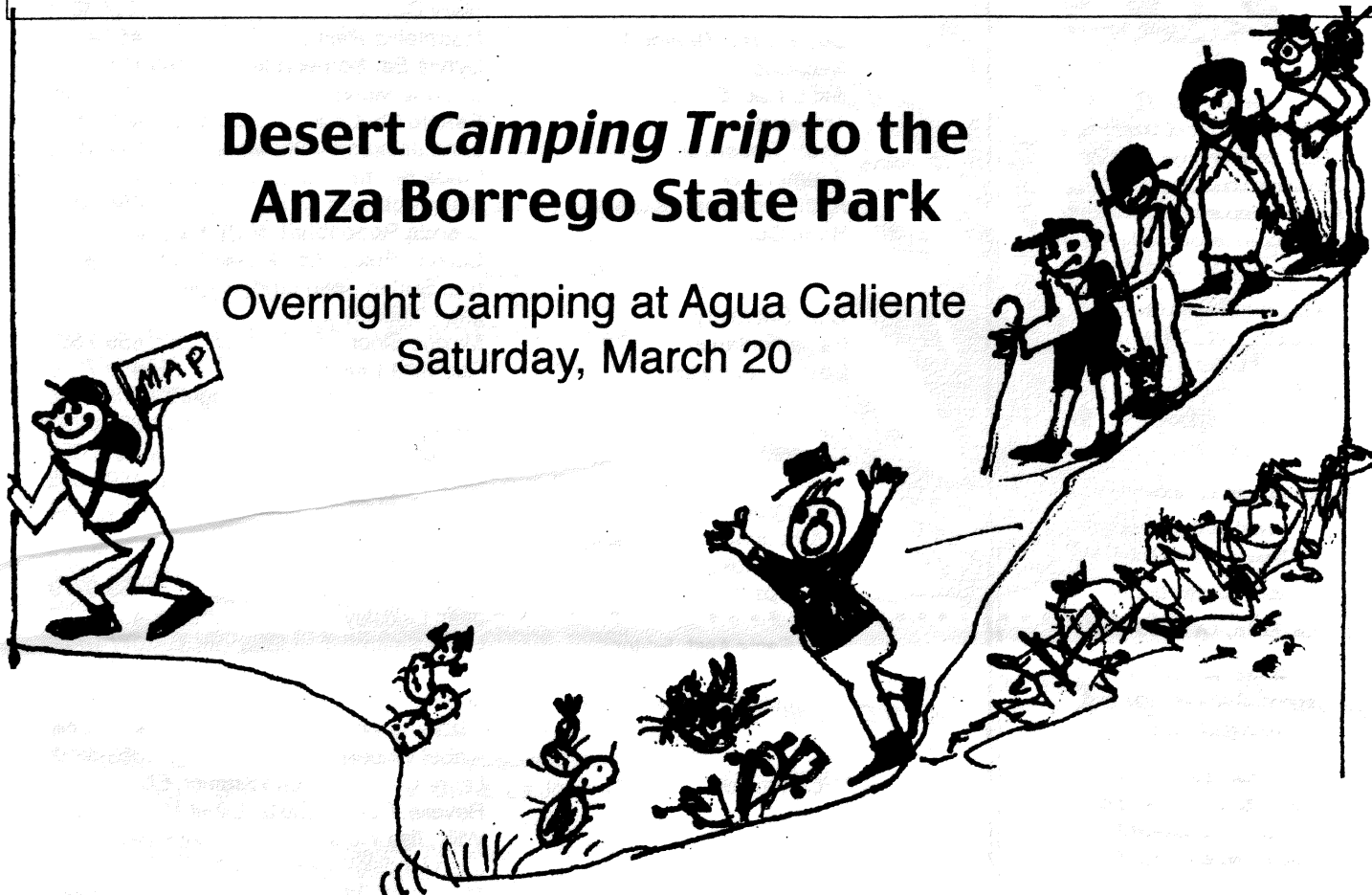
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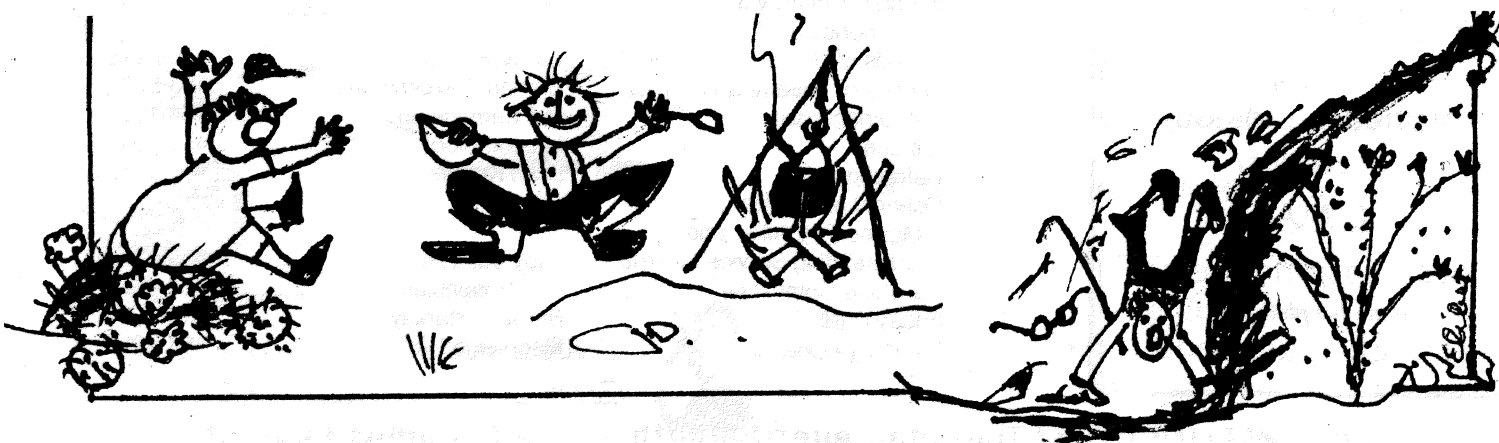
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Desert *Camping Trip* to the Anza Borrego State Park

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**BOARD MEETINGS first Thursday every month at the Oceanids Pavilion,
International Center, 9:30 AM social, 10:00 AM meeting
You are welcome to attend!**

President's Message

Dear Oceanids,

Spring is almost here, and with it comes our Spring Luncheon in May. This is when we vote on a new slate of officers for next year, and also vote on any other issues that must come before the membership according to our by-laws. As you know, Oceanids gives graduate fellowships and undergraduate student service awards each year. In addition, we have operating expenses, like publishing and mailing Bear Facts, mailing notices about Newcomers activities, funding the holiday party, and various other events. We fund these projects primarily with our dues, as well as generous donations from our members to our general projects fund, and rarely, with fundraisers (currently the sale of La Jolla Moneybooks is our only fundraiser). After much discussion, the Board recommended that, rather than increase our fundraising activities, we raise our annual dues from \$20 to \$25 to help us meet our expenses. I enjoy belonging to an organization, and I'm sure you do too, where we can participate in so many fun activities and interest groups, give money to deserving students, and still not have to participate in a lot of fundraisers. I hope you will vote in favor of this slight increase at the Spring Luncheon.

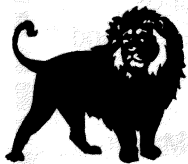
Madeleine Rast, our membership chair, has done a great job of computerizing our membership information, and is ready to publish a new directory. Please send her any updates to your address, phone, email, and contact information (optional). There will even be room for your cell phone number, if you so desire! Send any updates right away to Madeleine at GMRast@aol.com or by snail mail to Oceanids membership, UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0049.

Our Sounding Board speakers this year have been thought-provoking and entertaining, thanks to the efforts of Barbara Baehr. She regrettably is stepping down as chair of Sounding Board, so we are looking for someone to continue this highly successful program next year. Please let me know if you are interested!

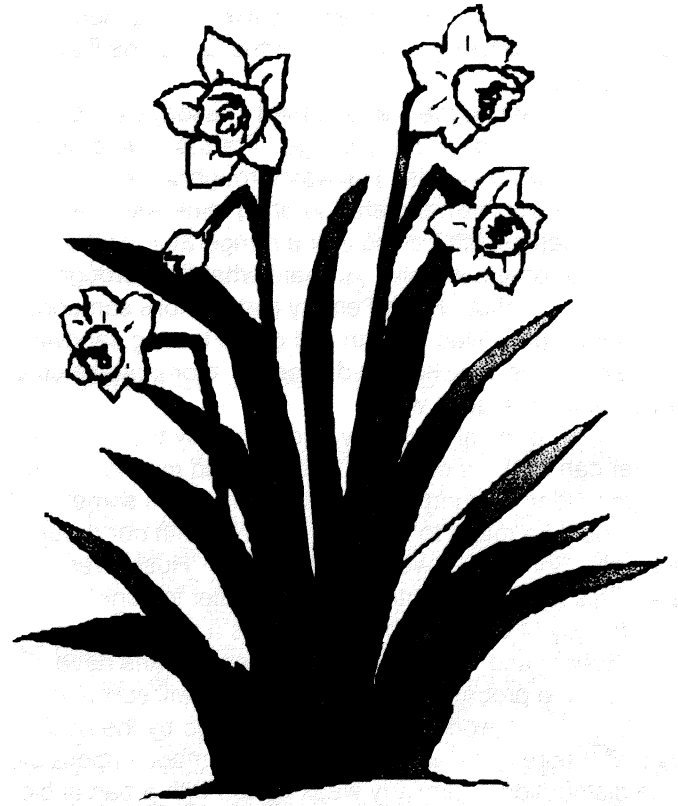
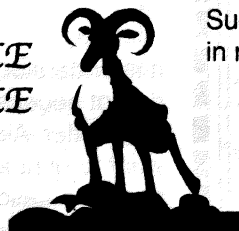
Enjoy this issue of Bear Facts and be sure to applaud Roswitha Enright for her hard work and great talents as editor when you see her! Thanks, Roswitha!

Best wishes,

Judy Vacquier



**MARCH COMES IN LIKE
A LION, GOES OUT LIKE
A LAMB (RAM?)**



SLATE OF NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT SPRING LUNCHEON

Co-Presidents:	Jane Jackson Takahashi and Ady Rosenblatt
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Suggestions for the Nominating Committee will be published in next month's Bear Facts.

If It's Tuesday It Must Be Bridge

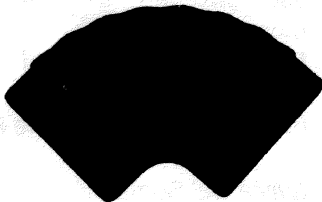
I love a good mystery. Solving puzzles is a delight. It's the "Ah ha" factor, "I got it!" I know just what might work. Might not, but it's worth a try. I love a good laugh too. Even better is the company of women who like to laugh too! That's why I love being a member of the Oceanids Day Bridge group.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00 and play four rounds of party bridge. For those who don't play, a round is six hands. Halfway through we stop for lunch. Hopefully I remembered to bring mine with me. Some lunches get left behind in the refrigerator. Not a problem, the others will always share what they brought. Women are like that. Put an empty plate before someone, and quietly it gets filled up with half of the too big sandwich or the extra plum, crackers and cheese. Women take care of each other in a quiet way.

They don't always play bridge quietly though. The laughter can fill the room. "You just trumped my trick"! It's not a good idea to trump your partner's trick. In some circles you'd be made to feel the fool. Not with our group. We laugh. Sometimes we laugh too loud. "Hush over there! This is a tricky contract. I need quiet to think" That's the joy of bridge! There is always a mystery to solve. Every hand is brand new. Mathematicians have figured out the probability of how the trump will split and which finesse will work. Our hands never go by the book. Bids that theoretically are a sure thing are made impossible by the distribution. Similarly weak hands with a partial bid have taken all the tricks. No one would have predicted it. Like a good mystery there is always a surprise, and you have got to figure a way around it. It's so much fun when you do solve it.

With us, bridge is just a game we play for fun. It's a reason to get together and enjoy each other's company. Come join us sometime, and if you forget your lunch don't worry. I brought two apples and too much cheese.

Barbara Bank



**Be sure to attend the Sounding Board on
March 4, 2004 at the Faculty Club
after the board meeting.
Speaker: Donna Frye
More info page 11**

In order to get the room for the lectures without cost we had to promise that the people who attend the talks will purchase their lunch (all you can eat and drink, including dessert for 10 bucks!!) at the Faculty Club. If you are a member of the F.C., you can pay at the door to the dining room. All non-members please pay Jean in the meeting room. The lunch should only been eaten in the meeting room, not in the dining room, please.



DEAR READERS, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE A SECTION "**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**". IT MIGHT BRING US MORE SUBMISSIONS, IF YOU FELT THAT YOU DID NOT HAVE TO WRITE AN ESSAY OR A TRAVEL REPORT TO FOREIGN AND EXOTIC LANDS. JUST E-MAIL OR SNAIL-MAIL YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS (ADDRESS AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES ON PAGE 2 OF THE NEWSLETTER). YOUR EDITOR WILL BE HAPPY TO PUT THEM IN THIS COLUMN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

Thanks for your invitation to contribute and also for your own stalwart contribution to the continuing welfare of our organization. (Translation: I question whether Oceanids could exist without the Bear Facts.)

Barbara Starkey's organization of the bus trip to the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana was superb, and she deserves a public thank you. She also made an excellent choice in the exhibit of Tibetan/Buddhist art.

This public thank you is the primary motivation for my letter, but you mentioned "favorite people" and "favorite interest groups" as subjects, so here goes:

Barbara Baehr (Sounding board), Liz Wills and Georgina Sham (various outings), and last but not least, Judy Vacquier (president and exercise buddy).

Sincerely,
Jean N. Mayer

It is understood that the views expressed in the letters do not necessarily represent the opinions of the newsletter. Also, the editor reserves the right to decide what to print and/or shorten submissions because of space limitations.

2002-2003 Bertha Lebus Fellowship Recipient.

Oceanids is very pleased to announce that we have our 4th Bertha Lebus Fellowship recipient. Louise Keeling, who is a longtime member of Oceanids, was very instrumental in arranging to have some of the funds from the Bertha Lebus estate donated to Oceanids to establish this Fellowship. Bertha Lebus was a very impressive lady, who early in the century bought real estate in the Los Angeles area, and spurred by her need for legal counsel, educated herself in the area of law, and became the first female attorney to be admitted to the Bar in Southern California. Louise is/was close friends with Bertha Lebus, niece and now deceased nephew, and she suggested that such a Fellowship would be a worthy cause. The principal of the endowment allows Oceanids to make an award every few years, and the Office of the Dean of Graduate Students makes the choice of the recipient, who should be a returning student interested in teaching at any level. They again chose someone who is outstanding, and he is our first fellowship recipient who is a male.

I'm sure you'll enjoy reading his article, and meeting him at the Spring Luncheon.

Carol Schultz

Jack Aldrich --- 2003-2004 Recipient of Bertha Lebus Scholarship

Three months after my graduation from college (U.C. San Diego, June 1991), I was still unemployed and desperately needing something to do. Sure, I had a marketable engineering degree. I also had letters of acceptance into graduate programs at Berkeley, Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The bad news was that none of these schools were interested enough in my application to offer me funding. Of course, it did not help matters that as an undergrad at UCSD I bought into the idea that an engineering degree is just a means to an end and not a profession for people interested in doing creative work with creative people- the ethos of my artistically-inclined family. Just the same, I needed a challenge, any challenge---the more difficult, the better.

One visit to the Space Engineering Research Center (SERC) in the Aeronautics and Astronautics Department at MIT was all I needed for inspiration. I could not believe my eyes. The whole idea that neophyte graduate students were getting \$1000 per month and their costly tuitions completely paid for by NASA to build sophisticated hardware for space shuttle astronaut experiments seemed out of this world- no pun intended. Consequently, I moved to Boston and pursued getting my foot in the door of this particular laboratory. Fortunately, my experience in testing earthquake resistant bridge prototypes at UCSD's Powell Structures Lab became instrumental in my receipt of a graduate researcher position at SERC where I designed control hardware for a large space telescope.

After graduating from MIT with an M.S. degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1993, I moved back to California with a passion for the pioneering aspects of science and engineering that I did not know existed while I was an undergrad at UCSD. I not only worked with a team of engineers at TransScience, Inc. to develop the first 100% advanced aerospace composite cable-stayed bridge, but also explored the possibility of pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. by completing ten premedical courses.

In 1997, I returned to graduate school to study systems engineering at UCSD under Professor Skelton with the intent of becoming a university professor in the emerging field of biologically-inspired robots and control systems. My pursuit of this multidisciplinary research topic has not only drawn extensively from my past experiences, but has also opened my eyes to the importance of becoming a lifetime learner. For instance, three years ago, my research came to a standstill not because I lacked a vision for original research, but because my insufficient background in graduate-level mathematics limited my ability to solve some important problems arising from my research. Since then, I have come to appreciate the benefits of mastering the fundamental areas of abstract mathematics while completing ten upper-division and graduate-level mathematics courses beyond the requirements of my major. These rigorous math courses have substantially increased my efficiency in self-initiated engineering research.

As I approach graduation, it has become exciting for me to watch how all my past experiences are becoming progressively more harmonious with my long-term goal of becoming a university professor and technology innovator. As such, I am not only very grateful for the support of the Oceanid's Bertha Lebus Scholarship, but am also very proud of the recognition and am honored to hear that I am the first male to receive this award. I have also taken the liberty of embellishing the title of this award on my resume. It reads: Oceanid's Bertha Lebus Scholarship-Future Educator Award. I think it has a nice ring to it, don't you?

Jack Aldrich

Exhibition Featuring the Work of Theodor Seuss Geisel

Jan. 5 to March 27, 2004:

"The Dr. Seuss You Never Knew" features early work from his school days at Dartmouth and Oxford, advertising and magazine work from the 1920's and '30's, World War II cartoons for PM magazine and work for the U.S. Army.

Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from the Noh Theatre

A Museum Group Tour to the San Diego Museum of Modern Art

An introduction to Noh Theatre

by Jane Jackson Takahashi

On January 13, 2004, the Oceanid Museum group toured the San Diego Museum of Arts "Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from the Noh Theatre" exhibition led by docent, MM. In order to give an historical perspective of the costumes on tour, I prepared the following notes:

Much of the characteristic Japanese arts and esthetics known today were the product of Japan's feudal age. During the Muromachi era (1338-1573), Japan was in constant strife for power. The Shogun warlords led a cultural life that sought to combine the severity of the warrior and the austerity of the Zen Buddhist monks. The rapid development of the arts and crafts in Japan was made possible by the resumption of close relations with China, from whom technological knowledge was obtained. The introduction of Chinese technologies allowed the blossoming of the uniquely Japanese esthetics strongly influenced by Zen Buddhism in its themes and treatment. Nowhere was this more evident than within the elegant court life of the capital city Kyoto. Thus the emergence of the ballet-like tea ceremony and its accoutrements, the classical flower arrangements, the poetic haiku, brocaded silk textiles for the courtiers, and, in the theatre, the austere Noh drama.

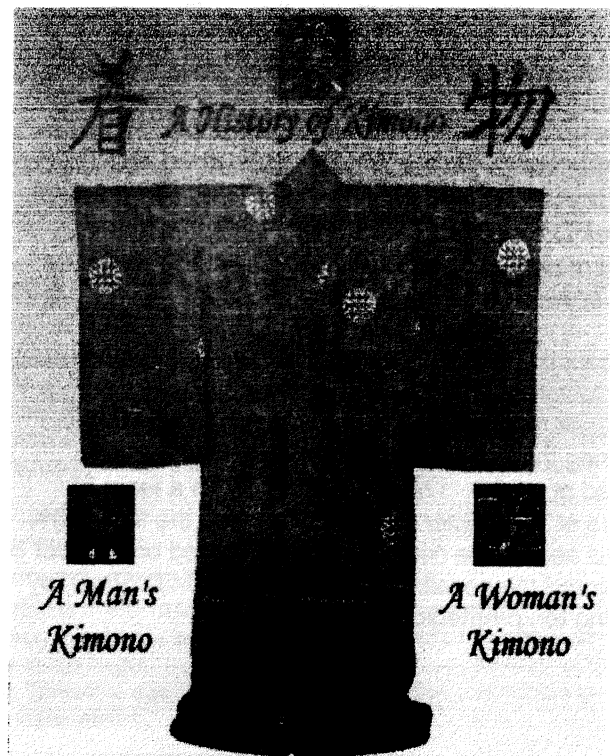
Despite their anti-scholasticism, the Zen monks influenced the development of Japan's first true dramatic form. A major purpose of Noh was to teach concepts of Buddhism. Since Noh had evolved originally from early religious rituals, symbolic dances quite naturally remained one its most important features. Noh was developed as a theatre of suggestion in which meaning is implied rather than stated. Subtle, stylized movements and gestures and the reduction of stage props to the sparsest minimum added to the drama. The masked actors move in a highly lyrical dance form while chanting rhythmical prose, full of allusions and symbolism. A chorus, whose poetic recitations evoke an atmosphere, which leaves to the spectator to fill in the rest with his own thoughts and reactions, accompanies the actors. The drama behind the mask was articulated by disciplined speech, gesture, and body movements while the sumptuous silks identified the characters, which the actors were playing.

The popularity of Noh extended into the Momoyama-Edo period (1569-1867) which was a long era of peace and prosperity. During this period, the benefits gained by the consolidation of the Shogunate power were enjoyed by people of all social classes. The textile industry (if not all of the arts and crafts) flourished in Japan. The increasingly wealthy and influential merchant class was forever demanding new and elaborate designs in textiles, which were, as a consequence, expressed in the costumes of the Noh plays. However, the text of the Noh drama remained a literary expression for the select few who appreciated its highly formalized drama and the medieval language in which it was written. It should be

mentioned that during this relatively peaceful era, lighter forms of theatre and dance emerged for the masses, such as Kabuki, Ningyo Shibai, and the Odori.

Noh performances are still occasionally staged in the larger cities of Japan. There continues to be an audience for the classical drama; even if the appreciation of Noh is limited to the austere pageantry afforded by the costume and staging. All of us can appreciate the lacquered Noh masks with their fixed expression of the characters in the play and in the sumptuous silk costumes, which fleshed out the characters.

The docent led tour of the "Sculpture in Silk" exhibition allowed our small group of textile arts enthusiasts a view of the beauty of the many layered satins of the ladies of the court, the delicate gauze of the ghost like figures, the fiery brocaded colors of demons and the fine black silks of the Buddhist priests. And for the costume connoisseur there were the details to enjoy: the closures, the variety of collars, the width of the sleeves, and the use of colors to evoke images of a time past in history



OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are here to meet the many varied needs of UCSD families, especially those new to the UCSD campus, and the community. If you do not find an activity you would like to participate in, please contact Carole Ziegler, Interest Group Coordinator@ 619-297-0798. If five or more Oceanids wish to start a new group, please let Carole know so we can inform other members. All we ask is that your members be Oceanids. If you are not yet a member of Oceanids, please consider joining us today by calling Madeleine Rast, 858453-8223 or submitting the application form in this issue.

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Sidney Bagley (858)455-1477, Lou Bowles (858)755-7102, or Joany Mosher (858)454-0017

Our birding group meets promptly at 8 a.m. the second Monday of each month during the academic year. The La Jolla group will now meet at the corner of Dunaway Drive and Glenwick Dr. in La Jolla, and the north county birders will meet at the home of Lou Bowles, 13040 Caminito Mar Villa, Del Mar. We carpool from these locations and visit sites around the county. Members will be called.

Next outing is March 8.

BOOK GROUP

Contact Odette Filloux, (858) 453-0749

March 9, at 9:30a.m.: We will meet at Carol Schultz house, 8412 Sugarman Drive, La Jolla, to discuss the book "The Snake Charmer" by Sanjay Nigam. We are very fortunate to have the writer himself as the leader of our discussion. We hope to see you all. For any questions call either Odette, Sally Kroll, 453-1322 or Carol Schultz, 453-0458.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier, (858) 459-7834

La próxima reunión de Café Español será el miércoles, **3 de marzo**, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Miki Pappone, 1865 Soledad Avenue, La Jolla. Favor de contestar a Judy (858-459-7834) si puede venir o si tiene preguntas. Please note: We now meet the first Wednesday of each month.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Lucie Walther, (858)755-8060 or Martha Morera (858)481-7723

Le prochain café français sera chez Barbara Valenta, 7070 Caminito Manresa, La Jolla, tel. 858.459.0783, mercredi le **10 mars** a 13:00 heures.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Laurette Verbinski, (858) 453-4699 or Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375. We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for socializing, and movie discussion will start at 7:30 sharp. For information call Laurette or Roswitha.
Next meeting March 14, 2004

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank (858)484-4597 (barbara@sdnal.ucsd.edu)

We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at various members' homes. We start at 10 a.m. and usually end at about 3 p.m. Everyone brings their own lunch. The hostess only provides drinks. Call for information.

Next meetings: March 2 and 16.

DEVILISH DINERS

Contact: Mary Dashen (858) 457-4631, fax 457-4371, or mdashen@san.rr.com.

On Thursday **March 25**, we will join the Gardening Group for a tour of Herban Gardens, followed by lunch at The Garden Center Cafe, located in Fallbrook at 1625 S. Mission, 760-728-4147. See en-

try under Gardening Group for more on the nursery. Patio dining in a garden setting is one of the charms of the Garden Center Cafe. One of the other obvious delights is their unique menu so beautifully served. The Garden Center has always served homemade soups or you can choose from any number of specialty salads, entrees and sandwiches at lunch. Dine inside or outside, you'll find the Garden Center Cafe a unique and special place to enjoy good food and an upbeat tempo. We will meet 9:15am at TGIFriday's in La Jolla Village Square to get directions and carpool. We will depart at 9:30am and expect to return around 2:30pm. Alternative carpool arrangements can be made for those Mary Lynn Hyde 858-488-9283.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOOK GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834.

This group meets the fourth Thursday of each month to discuss a book on environmental conservation and related topics. The next meeting will be Thursday, **March 25**, 11:30-1:00, in the conference room at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps. The book for March is Eye of the Albatross by Carl Safina. Book discussion will begin at 11:45. Parking is free for 3 hours. Bring your lunch. For more information contact Judy Vacquier, 858-459-7834 or mailto:jvacq@san.rr.com

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858)484-4597, or e-mail (barbara@sdnal.ucsd.edu)

The couples Evening Bridge Interest group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month all year long at one of our members' homes. If you wish to play on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please contact Barbara Bank.

Next meeting March 27, '04

GARDENING GROUP

Contact Mary Lynn Hyde 858-488-9283 mlhyde@san.rr.com or Irene Allison 858-453-0206 iallison@ucsd.edu

On Thursday, **March 25** we will visit Herban Gardens, 136 Ranger Road, Fallbrook 92028, 760-723-2967. www.herbangarden.com

They are known as growers, wholesalers and retailers of over 250 varieties of herbs. Herban Gardens has been growing herbs for over 20 years in Southern California, does not use pesticides or fungicides on their plants, and grows their plants outdoors year round to ensure the strongest plants possible. On March 25 we will tour their wonderful retail nursery. Jean is expecting our group at 10:30. And yes, there will be some time for purchases! Afterwards we will head over to Fallbrook for lunch at The Garden Center. See entry under Devilish Diners for more about the Garden Center Cafe. We will meet 9:15am at TGIFriday's in La Jolla Village Square to get directions and carpool. We will depart at 9:30am and expect to return around 2:30pm. Alternative carpool arrangements can be made for those coming from Del Mar or other North County location. RSVP to Mary Lynn Hyde 858-488-9283.



GRACIOUS AGING

Contact: *Elibet Marshall* (858)459-5246

This group has an age limit; you must have lived 80 years to participate. We meet at Ellen Revelle's home on the first Monday of the month from 11 a.m. to about 2 p.m. to discuss various associated subjects. Pure spring water is provided. You bring your own apple (lunch). Call Elibet for details.

Next meeting **March 1, '04**

HIKING IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Contact: *Roswitha Enright* (858)459-7375

We meet at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (October to May or June) at the La Jolla Village Shopping Center parking lot and carpool to the starting point of the hike. Bring a lunch, plenty of fluids, sturdy shoes and sun protection! Friends and family are invited. Call the week before the hike if you would like to come.

Next hike **March 13, '04.**

LA JOLLA RENAISSANCE SINGERS

Contact: *Bill Propp* at (858-459-2019) or wpropp@ucsd.edu.

The group meets **every Wednesday** at the La Jolla home of Connie Mullin, a member of the UCSD Oceanids.

The La Jolla Renaissance Singers (formerly the UCSD Madrigal Singers) has existed for 40 years as an Oceanids activity group. Directed by History and Judaic Studies professor William Propp, the choir of about 25 performs throughout the San Diego area in period costume. Experienced choral singers (especially men!) are encouraged to contact Dr. Propp at wpropp@ucsd.edu to arrange a visit and/or audition.

MOVEABLE FEAST

Contact: *Liz Fong Wills* (858) 454-6858.

This dining out group is currently at capacity but we are taking a wait list. For questions, please call Liz.

MUSEUM GROUP

Contact: *Carol Schultz* (858) 453 0458 or *Sally Kroll* (858) 459 1322..

We will occasionally have museum outings where all Oceanids are invited to join. Check the newsletter for information.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

Contact: *Carole Ziegler*, (619) 297-0798.

We will meet on Tuesday, **March 9** at 1:00pm in the Oceanids Pavilion. Our speaker will be Colin Bloor, who along with Maxine visited Bhutan last year.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: *Barbara Baehr* (858) 272-4370

Next Sounding Board after the Board Meeting on the first Thursday of the month, the **4th of March**, we will have as our guest Donna Frye, the "City Council Maverick" (6th District City Councilwoman). She is a refreshingly different representative who works unceasingly for the people she represents, not for her own political advancement.

See more information about her on page 11 in the newsletter.

Report from the
Gracious Aging Group:

Growing old is mandatory;



growing up is optional.

STAMP GROUP

Contact: *Betty Shor* (858) 453-0334

We do not meet on a regular basis, but welcome other collectors to join our informal exchange. For information call Betty.

WALKING GROUP

This is a relatively new interest group to encourage fitness by walking with friends in your neighborhood. We have 3 groups formed so far: Del Mar, North La Jolla (UCSD), and South La Jolla (Mt. Soledad/Bird Rock). Please contact *Judy Vacquier* (858) 459-7834 if you would like to join a group or start one in your neighborhood, or if you would be willing to be a team captain for your neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: *Emily Stowell*, 858 481-7938 or *Mary Bailey*, 858 755-6813.

Please come and join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students and their children **every Wednesday all through the year** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for coffee, juice and cookies at the International Center. This is a time for children and adults to make friends, and find out about strange and wonderful American customs. There is also the opportunity to visit the kitchen exchange, where newcomers can rent kitchen and household equipment, also baby things for a small fee.

For more information, please call *Emily Stowell*, or *Mary Bailey*.

WINE TASTING GROUP

Contact: *Pat Kampmann* (858) 454-1856

Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets the third Friday monthly. Members rotate as hosts, however, this group is currently at capacity. For questions, contact Pat.

WINE TASTING II

Contact: *Barbara Scholz* 858- 350-6014 or bscholz@hotmail.com.

We meet monthly. Members rotate as hosts. The cost for wine and food is shared between the people attending (approx. \$8.00/person). We will taste Italian wines in our next meeting on **March 7**. Contact Barbara for further information. (800-358-0700 x475 (work))

WITS I

Contact: *Pat Kampmann*, (858)454-1856.

This long-time investment group allows one to learn and earn on one's own. Procedures are followed which analyze all stocks before they are bought. A regular monthly investment is required along with a "buy-in". At present there are a few places open. We meet at the Oceanids Pavilion on the **4th Tuesday** of the month **all year long** from 1:30 to 3:30. Next meeting, **March 23**.

WITS II

Contact: *Ruth Reid* (619) 226-2538

WITS II meets the **4th Wednesday** of the month, **all year long**, at various members' homes. We study companies, using the stock investment guides of NAIC, educating ourselves to have a better financial understanding and competence. Come visit us for a couple of meetings. Next meeting **March 24**. Call for information.

Half WITS

Contact: *Liz Fong Wills* (858)454-6858.

HalfWits meets to learn about the stock market and other financial topics. We do not have a very firm scheduled monthly day. Please call at the beginning of the month to find out the day of the meeting. Tentative date for **March: the 18th**. But contact Liz to confirm the date, please.

In Memory of Gifford Menard



Gifford Menard, long-time member of Oceanids, died January 28, 2004, following a severe stroke.

She was born Gifford Merrill in 1917 in Brooklyn, New York and grew up on Long Island. She attended a business school and worked for several years in advertising agencies. During World War II she became secretary in the Australian War Supply Procurement Office in Washington, D.C. Frieda Urey, who interviewed Giff in 1978, learned from her that after seven rainy weekends in Washington one year Giff quit her job to move to where her brother was located: in Pasadena. She became secretary to Clark Millikan, acting head of the Aeronautics Department at the California Institute of Technology.

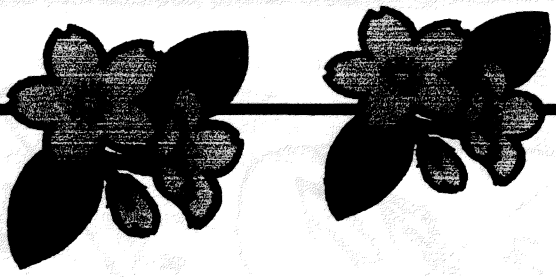
There Giff met Bill (H. William) Menard, a graduate student in geology, who had served during World War II in the Navy as photo-interpreter and air intelligence officer. Bill and Giff were married in 1946. Bill got his Master's degree at Caltech and went to Harvard for his Ph.D. In 1949 he began work at the Seafloor Studies Section of the Navy Electronics Laboratory on Point Loma, and in 1955 he joined Scripps Institution as associate professor.

Gifford finished her B.A. at San Diego State; her interests were literature, music and drama. At Scripps she joined Oceanids and many of its activities, including the book group and the staff of the newsletter, Bear Facts. She and Bill were together on his Guggenheim fellowship in England. His work also led them to Washington, D.C. in 1965 where he served as technical advisor in the Office of Science and Technology under President Lyndon Johnson. Later he became director of the U.S. Geological Survey from 1978 to 1981, and the Menards returned to La Jolla in June 1981. (Bill died in Feb. 1986.) They supported local classical music organizations, Friends of the UCSD Drama Department, and others. Giff resumed her participation in Oceanids.

Both Menards enjoyed international travel and distinctive local cuisine, such as bouillabaisse and moussaka. Giff learned to make such recipes very well. She enjoyed gardening, was a fine hostess, an excellent conversationalist - and a real lady.

The Menards had a son Andrew and two daughters: Elizabeth Kurtz and D. Merrill Crist. The family suggests that donations in memory of Gifford be sent to the San Diego Opera, 1200 Third Ave., Suite 1824, San Diego, CA 92101.

Betty Shor



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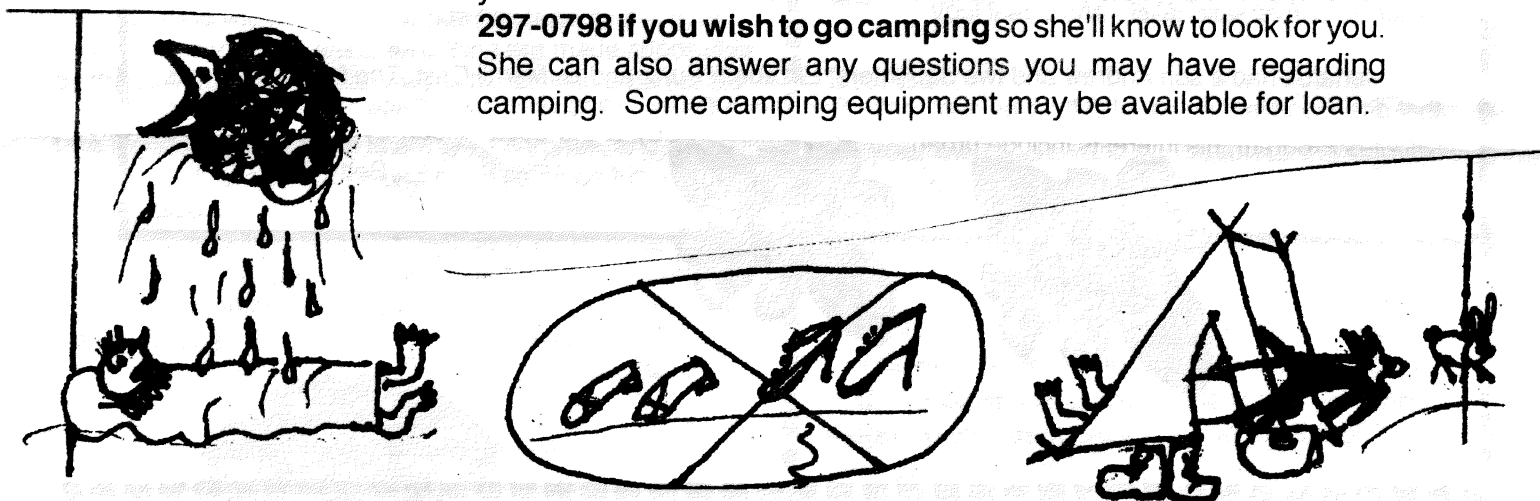
Overnight Camping at Agua Caliente Saturday, March 20

Agua Caliente is located in the Carrizo Valley Region of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. It is best known for its heated springs, which have long attracted visitors eager to soak in their soothing therapeutic mineral waters. **(Be sure to bring your bathing suits!)** Spectacular vistas and miles of trails that meander through the park's canyons and across its hillsides are additional attractions. Centuries ago, the Kumeyaay Indians were initially attracted to the springs at what we now call Agua Caliente ("hot water" in Spanish). Spanish explorers, miners, then pioneers, soldiers and prospectors eventually made their way here as well.

The seismic activity that long ago shaped the Tierra Blanca Mountains to the west and created the fault that runs beneath both parks also enabled water to come to the surface and form the park's natural springs.

A wide variety of wildlife is attracted to the springs, including foxes, coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions. The abundant water supply also supports lush plant life, such as mesquite, willows, Washingtonia palms, and acacias. Depending on the season's rainfall, wildflowers and succulents sometimes put on a colorful show in early spring. The easiest way to get there is to take Hwy. 8 out to S-2 (Exit Ocotillo). Go north for approximately 26 miles. Or you can take 78 to S-2 and go south for approximately 20 miles.

A telescope to view the stars and planets away from city lights will be available. We will sing around the campfire, so bring your musical instruments and voices. **Please call Carole at 619-297-0798 if you wish to go camping** so she'll know to look for you. She can also answer any questions you may have regarding camping. Some camping equipment may be available for loan.



Desert Day Outing Sunday, March 21

Meet at the parking lot behind the UCSD International Center at 8 a.m. for carpooling and a map. (Please let us know if you have space in your car for more passengers).

We will drive to Borrego Palm Canyon and go to the Visitors' Center to look at their exhibits (see the backside of this flyer for a full description). We will meet the campers for lunch. Afterwards, Carole will lead us on a hike to see geologic formations and give us time to stop and search for desert flowers. Bring a picnic lunch and water. Wear light colored clothes for hiking (long pants and long sleeved shirt is advisable), sturdy shoes, socks and a hat. Sunscreen is a good idea. Give your driver \$5.00 for gas money if you carpool.

In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled.

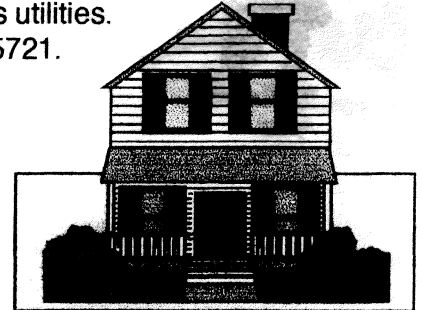
For questions or reservations, call Liz at 858-454-6858, or e-mail Georgina at gbsham@san.rr.com

Rental Wanted

1-bedroom apartment or guest house, unfurnished OK, for long-term rental. For occasional use by tidy and unobtrusive East County resident with outstanding references. Must be quiet. La Jolla, UC, PB, Del Mar, Solana Beach. Julie 760 765-1500 or jolfe@abac.com

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May through September 2004(flexible). Three bedrooms plus office, beautiful living area and European style kitchen, large patio and lovely garden with green canyon view and spa. 12 minute commute to UCSD for visitors. \$2,100/month includes utilities. Please, call (858)455-5721.



Sounding Board Speaker in April: Steve Erie

"Water for Southern California's Past, Present & Future"

UCSD political scientist Steve Erie is a well-known specialist in public infrastructure investment. He is quoted frequently in the news when any infrastructure situations arise, such as the devastating fires, or southern California's Water Wars.

Most of us are curious to know if arid San Diego will have enough water--how is growth affecting supply? He will explain where our water comes from and current plans for the future.

Steve is Associate Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Associate Professor of History, but as Director, Urban Studies Program, his interests include urban politics, ethnic/minority group politics, public enterprise and the politics of growth. He is the author of several prize-winning books and numerous journal articles.

VERY IMPORTANT

Since we are preparing a new directory for our members, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you check the information about you (name, address, phone, cell phone and e-mail) in the current directory. **If there have been any changes, please, please get them to our membership chair, Madeleine Rast, immediately, muy pronto, sofort at**

GMRast@aol.com

or mail them to

**Oceanids Membership, UCSD,
9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0049.**

Otherwise there will be the wrong info about you in the directory and there is nothing we can do about it.

If you have supplied changes during the year to Madeleine, I am sure they have already been corrected in the list.

Sounding Board Speaker on March 4: Donna Frye

Donna represents San Diego's 6th District, which includes Mission Bay. She understands the needs of the community & believes passionately that government should be open & accessible to her constituents, so spends much time meeting with them. She was elected by 65% of the vote.

She is an environmental activist who has worked to keep Mission Bay & the ocean clean by strengthening SD City policies about polluted runoff, posting warning signs in front of storm drains, monitoring discharges at storm drain outfalls & diversion of dry weather low-flow runoff into the sewer system.

Public participation in local government is vitally important to Donna, to help ensure that development in District 6 complies with Community Plans to speed up burying utility lines underground, to expand Branch Library services, to protect canyons, parks & open spaces, to repair/replace aging infrastructure & to slow driving through neighborhoods.

Her dog's name is Diogenes-which should be a clue.

Save the Dates!!

The Friends of the International Center will be serving a Brazilian Dinner and have a showing of power point pictures taken in the Pantanel by Chris Wills on **Saturday, April 17.**

Also, please save **Saturday, April 24** for a house tour of the home of Caroline and Nico Nierenberg. Both events are fundraisers for the Scholarship Fund.

More information will be available in the March or April issue of the Friends of the International Center newsletter. Liz Fong Wills



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