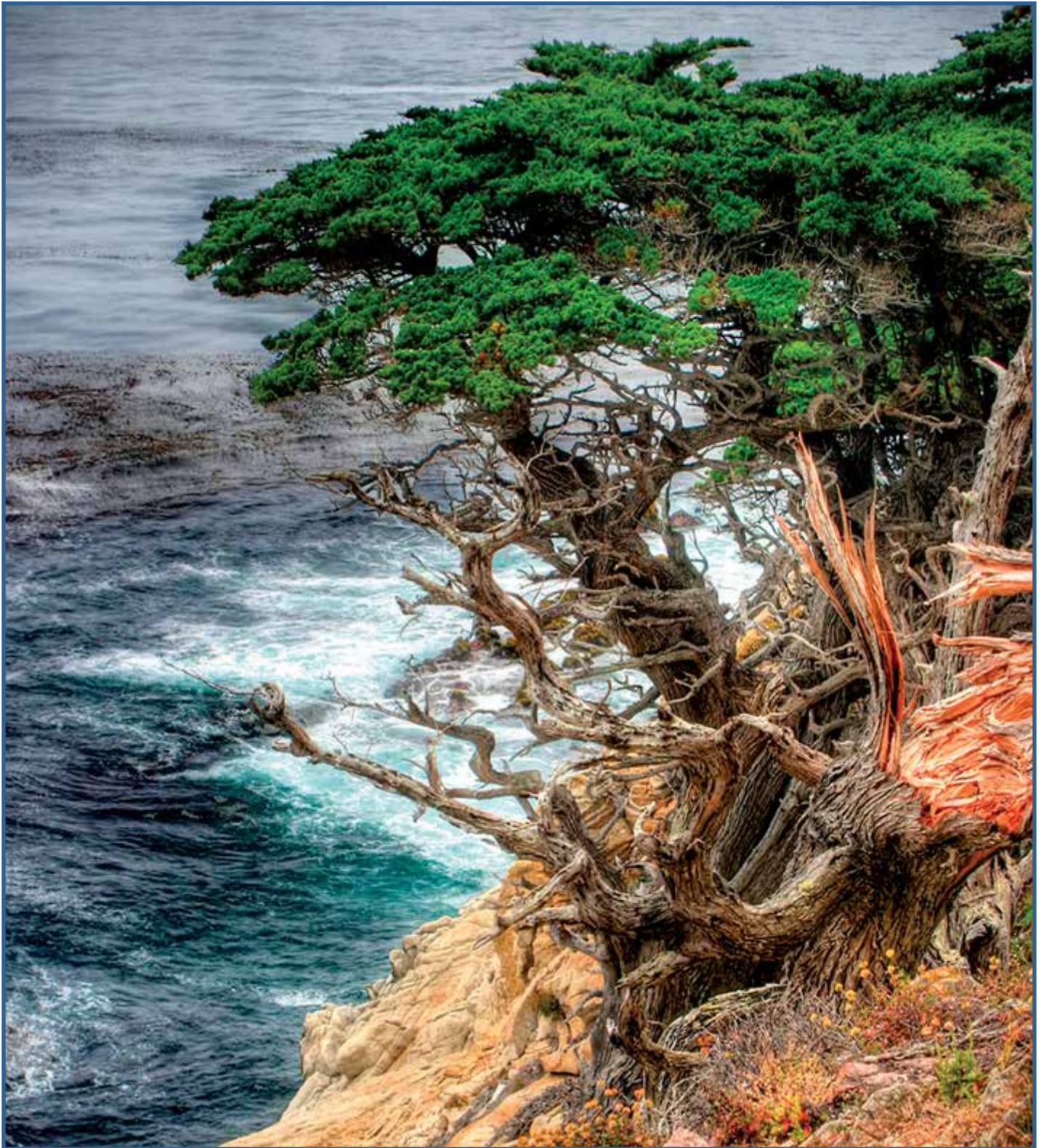
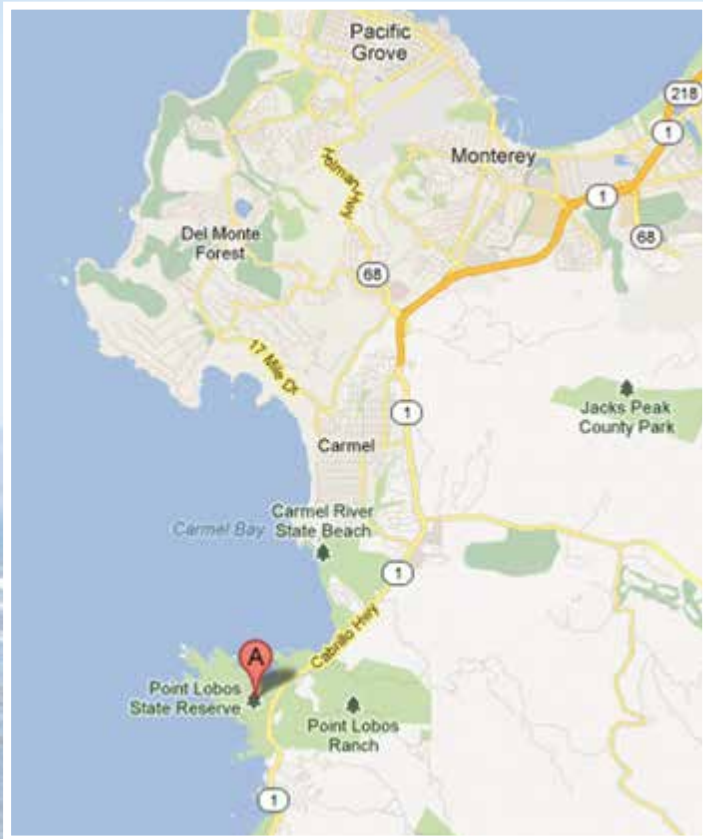


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# Message from the President

Augie Louis



I've just returned from a morning walk in Point Lobos. The air is crisp and clean, the ground is moist with the recent rains, and the summer visitors have thinned out a bit. Lovely, lovely, lovely. Part of me welcomes the coming of winter and the rest that it promises. The foundation has had a wonderful summer and fall with many successes and rich experiences. For those members who came to the Moonlight Walk, I believe the event was one of our best. Plenty of food, music, wonderful weather, and moonlight. I hope all our members understand how much we appreciate their support and the Moonlight Walk is intended to show our thanks. We also hosted a Carmel Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Point Lobos this fall. So launched our mission to demonstrate to our local businesses the importance of Point Lobos to the fabric of the community. I hope this venture can engage a broader group in the mission of our foundation.

We have been working hard for some time to build our organizational capacity (generally this is a pretty dry subject). Many of our members have met Anna Patterson and seen the energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism she brings to our fund raising efforts and communications. You may not know that we now undergo full CPA-directed audits of our finances. These are just two examples of our efforts to build our organization. The fruits of this work are beginning to show. We were recently awarded a \$100,000 grant, written by Anna, from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation (this group operates the AT&T golf tournament) toward our Lace Lichen Trail Improvement project. This put us pretty close to our fund raising goal for this project. It is a big step forward for the foundation and this very worthy trail improvement. The construction work should begin in January, and we're very excited.

I hope all our readers will join us on January 10th at Asilomar's Merrill Hall. This is our annual

membership meeting. We will have Julie Packard with us as our featured speaker. Julie has been working very hard as a commissioner of the Parks Forward Initiative. They are close to issuing their final report. This should be a very insightful presentation. Julie has led the Monterey Bay Aquarium to world class success. The experience of holding true to your organizational mission while visitors are flocking towards your doors is a very interesting parallel between Point Lobos and the Aquarium. Please come to Merrill Hall at 9 am to enjoy a cup of coffee before we gather for our meeting.

While I started my message in a restful winter mood I've now gotten myself worked up again with my review of some of our fall activities. The foundation has enjoyed so much success this year. I'm afraid my rest is over as I look toward the holiday season (what crazy notion caught me that the winter season is restful?) Christmas is upon us. While I could complain about the commercial trappings, I think the better approach is to embrace the season of giving. Personally, I always find some time to support the projects that are important to me. In prior years I have cooked dinner for 40 homeless men who participate in the *ihelp* program sponsored by our community churches. Other times it is giving funds to the organizations that I'm passionate about.

We are presenting a gift membership program in this magazine issue. A gift membership will support our foundation's efforts as well as involve your gift recipient in what Point Lobos has to offer. A new member may be encouraged to come to Point Lobos for a restful walk or even get jazzed up by attending one of our membership events. Either way, what a wonderful gift to give.

Thank you for all your support this year. I look forward to greeting you at our annual meeting. Happy Holidays!



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# Observations

## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

by Sparky Starkweather, State Park Squirrel



It's that time of the year when one of the most beautiful flowers comes into bloom. The field is full of brilliant green foliage with lavender blossoms. (When I first saw this bloom I was inspired by the paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe.)

And at the same time this can be one of the most poisonous plants to fool around with.

From "The Vaults of Erowid" website ([www.erowid.org](http://www.erowid.org)):

Jimson weed is a common weed along roadsides, in cornfields and pastures, and in waste areas. The plant is native to Asia, but is also found in the West Indies, Canada, and the United States. Many names have been given to this plant, including Jimson weed, locoweed, angel's trumpet, thorn apple, devil's trumpet, mad apple, stink weed, sacred datura, and green dragon. *Datura stramonium* is an annual. It grows

four to six feet tall and has dark green, long-stemmed, lobed leaves which [*sic*] exude a foul odor. Its flower, which blooms in late spring is usually white, sometimes lavender, solitary, and tubular. A four-lobed, thorny, green seed pod ripens in early fall. Each lobe contains 50 to 100, two to three millimeter, kidney-shaped, black/brown seeds. All parts of the plant are toxic.

The plant has been described throughout history as a toxin famous for its mind-altering properties. There are references to it in Homer's *Odyssey* and in Shakespeare's plays: "Hamlet," "Romeo and Juliet," and "Anthony and Cleopatra."

Ranger Chuck (retired) spent early mornings trying to capture the essence of *Datura*. Here are several images including the foliage, the seed pod, and the incredible flower.







# THE PYGMY FOREST OF POINT LOBOS

*By Amy Palkovic*  
Environmental Scientist  
California State Parks

In the eastern portion of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, a rare pygmy forest can be found. It is comprised of Gowen cypress (*Hesperocyparis goveniana* ssp. *goviana*), a small coniferous tree in the cypress family that was named after horticulturist James Robert Gowen. The Gowen cypress is a close relative of the Mendocino cypress (*H. goveniana* ssp. *pigmaea*), which occurs on the coast of Mendocino County, and some taxonomists lump both the Mendocino cypress and Santa Cruz cypress (*H. abramsiana*) as variations of the Gowen cypress.

The Gowen cypress is known from only two native populations, one within the Del Monte Forest in the Huckleberry Hill Preserve and the other within Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and the A.M. Allan Ranch property. The Point Lobos stand is the smaller of the two populations, consisting of approximately 20 acres. The tree is listed as Threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act, and it has a California rare plant rank of 1B.2, which means it is considered rare or endangered and moderately threatened in California.

Typically growing to a height of 13 to 30 feet

(some trees grow a little taller), the Gowen cypress forms a distinctive forest of low, stunted trees, dwarfed by the limits of the nutrient poor soil in which they grow. At Point Lobos, the Gowen cypress occurs on a late marine terrace in shallow, partially podzolized soil weathered from granitic rock. The pygmy forest gives way to a mixed pine forest where soils become deeper and more fertile. It also grows within and grades into maritime chaparral, which is another plant community that grows in nutrient poor soils.

The cypress's range is limited by its inability to compete effectively with other vegetation. Where it grades to a Monterey pine dominated forest, it is quickly overtopped and suppressed. It is in this zone of deeper soils that the cypress trees grow larger. In areas where the cypress is the dominant species, it grows densely enough that there is little room for the establishment of competing vegetation with the exception of a few chaparral species.

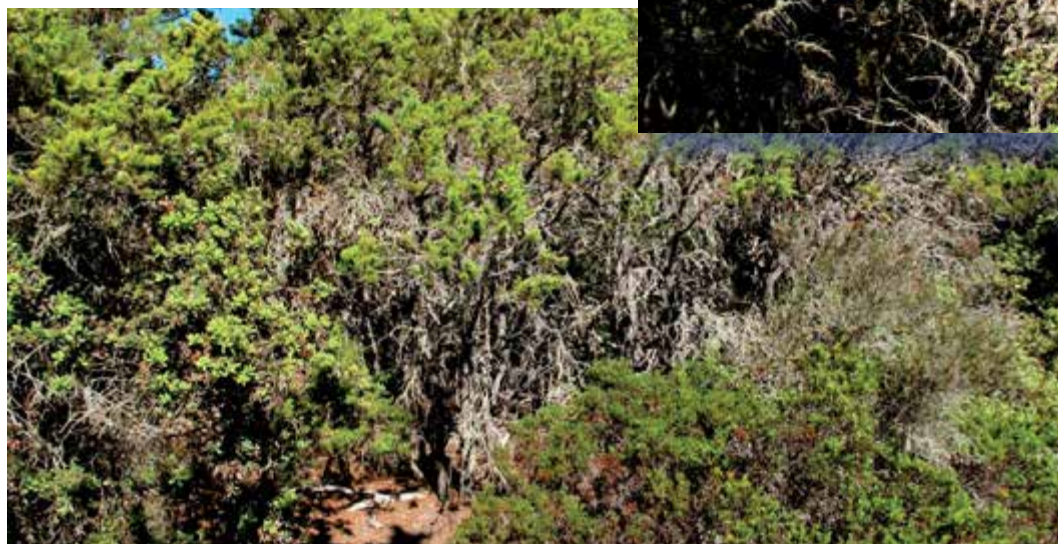
Some information is known about the age and average growth rates of the Point Lobos Gowen cypresses, because in 1998 and 1999 researchers from UC Santa Cruz took increment cores from multiple trees. They observed differences between the cypresses growing within the chaparral and those growing within the pine forest. More age classes



were represented and more regeneration was observed in the pine forest. The trees in the chaparral were skewed toward the older age classes, with around 30% of the population between 75 and 85 years old (between 90 and 100 years old today). The oldest trees were found to be 85 to 127 years old, which would make them 100 to 142 years old today. Growth rates were found to be higher in the less dense, pine habitat than in the chaparral habitat, where the cypress grows as a dense thicket.

A fire may have burned through the chaparral more than 100 years ago, clearing the ground and prompting a pulse of Gowen cypress recruitment. It is considered to be a fire-adapted species; its cones will open and release seeds in response to heat from fire, as well as during periods of hot, dry weather. Cones will also open with age, so a more important role of fire is to open the ground and canopy for the establishment of seedlings. An unshaded, mineral soil surface appears to be ideal for germination.

The Gowen cypress forest is an interesting and rare resource with a very restricted habitat. The species is considered to be threatened by habitat alteration, including changes to the critical soil characteristics of its habitat, and to the disruption of natural fire cycles. Additional threats may include non-native, invasive plant species, introduced insects or disease, and genetic contamination from planted trees. California State Parks is exploring management options to preserve and enhance this species' habitat.





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# Q & A with Two of Point Lobos' Newest State Park Stars

**Jim Bilz is the new Monterey Sector Superintendent, California State Parks, and agreed to talk to *Point Lobos Magazine* about what brought him to this position.**

*Tell us a little about yourself and family.  
Where were you born and raised?*

I was born and raised in San Diego, California, and grew up near San Diego State University. My parents were very sports orientated and persuaded my two brothers and three sisters to participate in competitive swimming and water polo. Today, having raised two children of my own, I realize my parents did this to keep us busy and out of trouble. You don't have much energy left after swimming 10,000 yards a day. Now looking back at my youth I know competing in sports at a college level helped prepare me for the challenges of everyday life. The discipline learned and sacrifices made along the way can be easily transferred into the success and failures we face every day. My wife and I met over twenty-five years ago and we have raised two children. My wife Catherine is a very good athlete in her own right, and is a school teacher who has worked over twenty years with San Diego Unified School District. She is now working part-time with Carmel Unified School District. Like their parents, our two children started swimming at an early age, and played competitive water polo through their childhood and now into college. The apple doesn't fall too far from the tree. My son is now a senior studying business at Santa Clara University and will graduate this June. My daughter is a freshman at San Diego State University and plans on majoring in speech pathology. She found out yesterday she is one of only three freshman to make the travel team on San Diego State women's water polo team.

*Please tell us about your education and career.*

While attending college in San Diego I was majoring in biology and was desperately in need of a job. San Diego State's men's athletic programs were being cut, and along with those cuts went my scholarship. I tried out for a couple of lifeguard



departments and chose California State Parks. It was an easy decision; at the time State Parks paid over \$2.00 more an hour than any other agency. It took me about four or five seasons as a seasonal lifeguard until I thought about State Parks as a career—or it may have been my unsuccessful attempts to get through organic chemistry. Regardless, I continued in school and spent weekends and summers lifeguarding San Diego's north county beaches. As we tell our incoming seasonal lifeguards, "At some time in your life you will look back and realize being a lifeguard is the best job you may have ever had." The true essence of saving someone's life and the camaraderie you share with your fellow employees is second to none. I advanced my career with State Parks working as a State Park Ranger, Lifeguard Supervisor I, Lifeguard Supervisor II, and here as a Sector Superintendent. In my previous assignment I managed rangers,

lifeguards, and a seasonal staff of approximately 140 lifeguards. Our sector's responsibility covers over 13 miles of coastline with average attendance of nearly 7 million park visitors accounting for nearly 2,000 rescues and 500 major medicals a year.

***What attracted you to Point Lobos?***

Monterey had always been a family vacation destination for me growing up as a child. More recently my wife and I would take our children camping at Big Sur and Morro Bay. We spent a great deal of time as a family hiking the Central Coast. During the seven months of training I spent at Asilomar I developed an appreciation for Point Lobos. With the jagged and rugged coastline and its unique rock formations protruding up through the ocean water I felt a connection with this beautiful park. If I wasn't driving home for the weekend I spent the weekend hiking Point Lobos and Big Sur. Now that both my children are in college it afforded me the opportunity to compete for the Monterey Sector Superintendent position. I consider myself very fortunate to have been selected to manage this beautiful sector. I am forever grateful to my wife who has been very supportive in our decision to move north.

**Kelly McCague is a California State Parks ranger, pilot, and firearms instructor. We thank her for agreeing to be interviewed by this magazine.**

***Tell us a little about yourself and family. Where were you born and raised?***

I was born and raised in the San Diego area. I'm from a family of four who enjoyed yearly family camping trips to Yosemite National Park. Also, I spent many days at the beach growing up.

***Please tell us about your education and career.***

I graduated from San Diego State University in 1990 with a degree in Recreation Administration with an emphasis in Outdoors. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work as a park ranger in numerous parks in California, like Yosemite, Sequoia, Big Sur, Malibu, Cabrillo National Monument, Torrey Pines, Anza-Borrego Desert, and in the North Coast Redwoods.

I accepted my first full time job with California State Parks in 1994 and went into a five-month academy in Monterey for law enforcement, park management, and interpretive training. While at the academy I learned that there was one position in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as a ranger /



pilot. I transferred to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in 2000 as a patrol ranger, and with much encouragement from the staff I received my pilot's license in March 2002. In October 2003, I became the third pilot in the history of California State Parks and the first female State Park Pilot. As the Ranger/Pilot for Anza-Borrego, I flew a Husky Aviat A-1 tail wheel airplane.

I have been a firearms instructor for 20 years and teach as a Staff Firearms Instructor for State Parks. I enjoy teaching at our academy and classes in the Monterey area.

***How did you first come to be involved with CA State Parks?***

While growing up, our family took annual camping trips to Yosemite. Each year I would see the rangers and thought "what a cool job." When I was about 8-years-old, I had my picture taken with a ranger on a horse. I look at that picture now and think he had a lot to do with the career choice I made. I got my degree while volunteering at Cabrillo National Monument. I worked seasonally at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and Torrey Pines State Reserve. I loved parks and really was looking forward to a permanent job as a ranger.

***What attracted you to Point Lobos?***

Point Lobos is such a beautiful park; one of the jewels of the state park system. I love the ocean with all its mysteries. Where else can you dive, hike amazing trails through pine trees, look at the gorgeous ocean and sunsets, learn history of the area, discover tide pools, and go on guided walks with the volunteers? It's a peaceful park with lots to offer.





# *A Celebration of Our State Parks*

by Sandy Hale

On September 18, Point Lobos Foundation President Augie Louis and his wife Holly Hudson-Louis hosted a dinner for the California State Parks and Recreation Commission. Preceded by a State Parks meeting in Monterey along with a tour of Point Lobos and other local state parks, the gathering provided an ideal opportunity for PLF board members and staff to highlight issues facing Point Lobos and adjacent properties, to discuss likely impacts of new statewide initiatives such as Parks Forward, and to showcase the collaborative Lobos-Corona Parklands project being undertaken by State Parks, Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks, the Big Sur Land Trust, and the PLF. Holly is a direct descendant of A.M. Allan (the person who saved Point Lobos from development), and the Hudson-Louis home is located directly across the highway from Point Lobos in what is known as Point Lobos East or A.M. Allan Ranch. Owned by State Parks for over twenty years and never opened to the public, it provided the perfect venue for lively discussion.

Guests included Chair Ernest Chung and other Parks and Recreation Commissioners; Ken Wiseman, Executive Director of Parks Forward; State

Parks Acting Director Lisa Mangat, Chief Deputy Director Aaron Robertson, Monterey District Superintendent Mat Fuzie, and many other State Parks representatives; our Lobos-Corona Parklands partners; sister cooperating associations such as Lighthouse Keepers, the Monterey State Historic Parks Association, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, and the Coe Park Preservation Fund; and representatives of other important state and national organizations including the National Parks Service, California State Parks Foundation, Save the Redwoods League, California Invasive Plants Council, Audubon, and others.

Board member Cindy Walter and her husband Ted, owners of the five-star restaurant Passionfish in Pacific Grove, donated delicious bouillabaisse and pulled pork main courses; other board members provided appetizers, side dishes, and libations. Small group conversations lasted well into evening, broken up only when the driver of the van carrying commissioners and others insisted on leaving. It was a wonderful evening devoted to caring for our parks, building closer relationships with decision-makers in California, and to highlighting Point Lobos. Thank you, Holly and Augie!



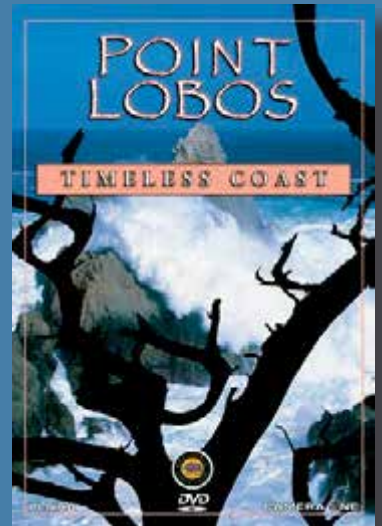
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by

*Greg and Louise Erickson*

*Happy Anniversary! Just wanted to share one of our favorite places with you. Enjoy.*



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# Notes from the Docent Log

compiled by Ruthann Donahue

**Happy Birthday California State Parks**  
**Fred Brown**  
**10/26/14**

October 26 was a beautiful Sunday at the Reserve for the 150th anniversary of the founding of California State Parks. As part of the recognition of the outstanding support of the docent program, Point Lobos Foundation members were invited to join in the festivities for free. There were nature walks every hour from various points, scoping stations at Sea Lion Point and Bird Island, and many other activities for kids and adults all day long. Over 50 docent volunteers helped interpret Point Lobos' natural wonders for visitors, and offered our newest fleece vest and hat for purchase. Thanks also to local media for their publication of the day's events.



**Seen Everything?**  
**Paul Reps**  
**9/30/14**

Or so I thought! While doing parking checks at the Reserve I was driving toward China Cove when I saw this tremendous bouquet of rainbow colors between Piney Woods and Weston Beach. The display was way out on the rocks, so I parked and proceeded to climb out to discover what was going on. I lost sight of the colors and continued exploring trying to determine where and what they might be: I was thinking wedding proposal, anniversary celebration with champagne... what could it be?

I finally came across a young couple from Virginia Beach, she holding a very colorful bouquet of some fifty balloons. A young man, complete with a tank of helium gas, was busily blowing up more balloons. Affixed to the balloons was a platform holding a GoPro camera. They had a tremendous spool of fishing line and they intended to launch the whole package in order to record the Reserve from many hundreds of feet above!

I alerted them to the obvious dangers to our sea and wildlife; the bouquet was very beautiful, just needed to be somewhere else!

**Overwhelmingly Blessed**  
**Dave Evans**  
**10/8/14**

Several docents had an incredible time at Mary Conway, Lorna Claerbout, and Dan Turner's Weston Beach tide pool walk. Truly an amazing experience for all that joined. Even found a lone sea palm, which was not quite ready to call it quits for the year. Will be fun to see how



long it can hold on. After the walk, the fog accelerated its march inland and a quick trip to Coal Chute Point seemed in order. The view reminded me of a Celie Plazek saying: always turn around! Not sure what others will see in the view I shot, but just a few details that struck me: Ed Clifton's famous contact point between the granite and Carmelo Formation, the amazing granite sculptures of the Pit, maybe the very cave that inspired Robert Louis Stevenson's treasure cave, a small portion of the "blue serengeti" and its vibrant kelp forests, an otter that helps make it so vibrant, harbor seals that forage, swim, and play in that kelp, and tide pools that the Kodani children used to forage in as well. Overwhelmingly blessed.



**Whalers Cabin Wildlife**  
**Paula Johnson**  
**9/27/14**

My shift at Whalers Cabin was particularly fun today. I'm not usually at the Reserve on a Saturday, so I enjoyed the number of people coming through. The fun part was showing them a bat that was sleeping behind the plexiglas covering the WWII signatures. One lady rounded her friends up and kept coming back for another look. Occasionally the little guy would stretch his wings and scratch. It was right at the top of the display, so we all got an eye level view. I'm sure

he'll move on out when it's dinner time, but check for him during your next shift at Whalers Cabin.

**Whalers Cabin Wilder Life**  
**Glen Eubanks**  
**9/20/14**

What a day at Point Lobos! The wildlife was really active. To top the report in the cabin journal of a sighting of someone standing on the rock on Granite Point I saw TWO people on the rock. Then using my trusty binoculars, I saw a woman at the boat ramp strip to her undies and go swimming! Not for long though. Then while standing in the cabin door, something flew past me. No, not one of the resident bats, but a wren. It landed on the beef/dairy exhibit, then flew into the window, knocking itself out. I finally got it out of the cabin—I thought. After ending my shift and proceeding north, what did I see—a trombone player serenading the ocean near the Hudson House. Is the moon full?

**Wren-ched Saga Continues**  
**Russell Schwanz**  
**9/19/2014**

A Bewicks wren became trapped in the cabin. I offered him a tour, but he wanted his own mis-guided tour. Stan Dryden led a capture and release. Although the wren found his visit a little stunning, he appeared to be OK.

**Bird Rescue Team Report**  
**Stan Dryden**  
**9/19/14**

- Received a report at 15:45 hours from Docent Russ Schwanz regarding a small bird in Whalers Cabin. Docent concerned that closing the cabin with bird inside could result in an alarm from system.

- Suggestions for eviction were made, but docent called back at 16:25 hours to report that the bird was not cooperative.
- Arrived at scene at 16:45 hours and observed the culprit—identified as a Bewick's wren—between the wall and the base to the diving suit.
- Visitors in cabin were evacuated to allow the bird rescue to proceed.
- Docent Schwanz stood in doorway to

side room to discourage bird from entering. Main cabin door left open.

- Approached bird, which scampered behind the box holding the Japanese helmet. Was able to coax it out, whereupon it flew to the window over the desk and attached itself firmly.

- Eventually coaxed subject into butterfly net and carried it outside.

### **Recipe for Staying Young** **Randy Warren** **10/25/14**

Docent duties introduce us to every kind of visitor. Today this 70-year-old vegan traveling from Lake County to Los Angeles on a bike—peddle-powered—stopped by. He's a mean lean machine... with a blender attached to his bike wheel that whirls his blender as he peddles along. During the Information Station shift I shared with LaVerne Whitmill, this bike rider showed up and blended one of his green smoothies. He let me try some, and I must admit it was quite tasty. He told me that as far as he could tell this smoothie would provide calories for about 2 hours on his bike trip—needs lot of smoothies. Heading for Arizona after Los Angeles.

### **Hoary Bat Hibernation** **Nelson Balcar** **9/1/14**

Last week during a school walk, a Belgian exchange student spotted a superbly well-camouflaged animal roosting in a deep furrow of a Monterey pine. It wasn't seen again until today—in exactly the same place! Initial guesses at the time ranged from rodent, bat, owl to “I don't have any idea.”

Today's expedition with Tom Clifton and Dave Evans yielded photos and subsequent research that helped Dave nail it down to a hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*). It appears to have settled into a favorite pine on Mound Meadow Trail, and is so well-camouflaged that Dave's photo is really remarkable.

### **Return of the Hoary Bat** **Nelson Balcar** **10/10/14**

For the first time, I held a vote by the students on which fork to take from Piney Woods on the Pine Ridge Trail, left or right. I don't remember

what teaser I offered but a unanimous south vote had us touring the Monterey pine forest in detail: a lace lichen intro, counting tree rings, finding a tree about their age: 12-13 years. They liked that.

At least two minutes of really silent walking (sneaking) down the trail and only silently pointing if any animal was heard or seen yielded some discoveries: heard a woodpecker,



some crows, saw a dark-eyed junco, a western gray squirrel. We then took the Mound Meadow fork and went off to see the Pacific!

Stopping at a Mound Meadow pine tree, I related the story from last winter of a student spotting a thought-to-be hibernating bat, showing where, on the same tree, it had hunkered down for several months. Only *after* stepping back and glancing around a little higher—**A HOARY BAT!** The same bat? Looks most likely that it is—same tree, a little higher. I can't justly describe the WOW factor for those kids—it was major league.

### **Lingo Lesson** **Deborah Ju** **9/17/14**

I was doing a trail watch and scoping on the Cypress Grove Trail. A lovely mother and daughter from Germany stopped me. Their English was





excellent but they were perplexed by a conversation they had just had with a different docent. The docent had told them that there were many humpback whales offshore and that the whales were “feeding.” This is a term we throw around all the time, with certainty that it is clear as a bell, but come to think of it, I have never seen a clear bell! The women had spent the intervening 10 minutes trying to understand who or what the whales were feeding. They understood the term to refer to feeding one’s child, or feeding a friend, but couldn’t understand what it meant in this context. I explained that the whales were “eating” and they were grateful. It made me wonder how many other phrases and idioms we use daily without guessing that they can cause such confusion! Food for thought!

**Sunday Morning**  
**Rick Pettit**  
**8/18/14**

A tranquil Sunday morning at Point Lobos. Toward Sand Hill Cove, delicate lavender flowers of branching beach aster border the dusty trail. Coyote brush and mock heather are entering their own season of blossom. A brush rabbit scurries across the trail and vanishes beneath the sagewort. A chip-chip-chipping gang of bushtits flits through, animating the scrub. The spreading sea is summer-calm, blue-gray, fringed with white surf. Egrets patiently balance on the kelp. A line of pelicans rhythmically wings past. Suddenly, to the southwest, a startling column of light as a humpback breaches, shattering the still surface into a white myriad of reflections. Then all fall back, and the light flattens into a pool, then fades to gray, restoring the stillness.

# Memorials, Tributes, Grants, and Community Support

July 16, 2014 - October 15, 2014



Guests enjoying a wonderful sunset at the 2014 Moonlight Walk. Photo: Dave Evans.

## MEMORIALS

In memory of Tink Boutin  
Jean Artz

In memory of Stephanie Drum  
Jared Ikeda

In memory of Josef Herold  
Karin Herold Leonard

In memory of Steven Vincent Mills  
Kathleen Armstrong  
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Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation,  
Conservation Action Fund, *for invasive  
plant removal*

Monterey Peninsula Foundation, *for the  
Lace Lichen Trail Expansion Project*

## GRANTS (continued)

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## SISTER ANNA VOSS FUND

*Donations made to the Sister Anna Voss Memorial Fund, and the income generated by it, is restricted to the education and direct support of the Point Lobos Docent Program and the school education outreach programs relating to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve.*

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*Several of the gifts at left were made to the Sister Anna Voss Fund. Those gifts are printed once with the person being honored.*

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## *The Point Lobos Foundation Annual Members Meeting*

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015**  
Merrill Hall at Asilomar  
Conference Grounds,  
Pacific Grove, CA.

Social hour begins at 9 am;  
program starts at 9:30 am.

Our special speaker this year will be Julie Packard,  
Executive Director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium,  
discussing the new Parks Forward program.

**Attention Members:** Please send your RSVP to  
[tracy@pointlobos.org](mailto:tracy@pointlobos.org)

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## **UNDERWATER PARKS DAY**

Saturday, Jan. 24, 11 am-2 pm

Whalers Cove, Point Lobos State  
Natural Reserve

Learn about our Marine Protected Areas,  
visit with local coastal conservation groups,  
and get close-up-and-personal with marine  
invertebrates. Great for families!



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