

To the Point

January—March 2014

Surfing Films by Fred Windisch

The Firehouse Film Series Continues



by Danny Estrella

The showing of the documentary film 'Hearts of the Dulcimer' was a huge success. This film was made by local (San Pedro Valley) filmmakers Patricia Delich & Wayne Jiang. We had the largest turnout for any of our films yet. See picture above.

The next films we plan to show at the Firehouse were made by local surfer/photographer Fred Windisch (1945 – 1994). Fred's photos and videos artistically captured the early days of modern surfing in the San Francisco area. Fred's photos were recently featured in an exhibition at the Madrone Art Bar on Divisadero in San Francisco. He made two surf films in 1969 and the early 70s. His most noted film, 'The Natural Art,' is an expression of the lifestyles, sports, art and surfing at the end of the 60s era. The film blends surfing footage with images of rock concerts in Golden Gate Park, yoga exercises and skiing with splashes of psychedelia thrown in. Fred's

The Firehouse was packed for the dulcimer performance and documentary film "Hearts of the Dulcimer"

artistic sensibilities and intimate knowledge of surfing and the blossoming intellectual movement are brought together in somewhat of a period piece that does an excellent job of capturing the feeling of the time. Local Pedro Point surfer Dick Keating is featured in much of the surfing footage, where he captured performing innovative maneuvers that few have repeated since.

The second of Fred's films is 'City Slikker' which is an extensive collection of surfing footage shot in San Francisco at Ocean Beach, Fort Point and a break called Deadman's, which is located near the Palace of the Legion of Honor. The show dates have not been set yet but watch for announcements for showings in March and April.

Save the Date

Devil's Slide
Recreation Trail
Opens March 22!



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Upcoming Events

- ♦ *PPCA Board Meeting, Jan. 16, 2014*
- ♦ *First Headlands Restoration of 2014, Jan. 26*
- ♦ *Bird Walk, Feb. 9*
- ♦ *Surfing Films, TBD*
- ♦ *Devil's Slide Recreation Trail Opens March 22!*

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President's Message

by Bruce Ferry

With the fall season, often things seem to slow down a little: kids are back in school, the days get shorter and everyone "hunkers down" for winter. However, the Firehouse has kept up the summer momentum with films (Hearts of the Dulcimer), holiday markets (Madrigalli Market), and social gatherings (potlucks and Halloween kids party). As the holiday season went into full swing, we had the Pacifica Land Trust's fundraiser "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree" event where families got to cut down small Monterey Pine trees up on the Pedro Point Headlands on what seemed to be the coldest day of the year! They also made homemade wreaths and enjoyed hot chocolate and treats. On December 22, the Pedro Point Carolers toured the neighborhood spreading good cheer with their

warm voices!

All in all, 2013 was a good year for the Firehouse and the neighborhood - now we just need some rain to clean our streets. Happy New Year - I look forward to seeing you in 2014!

If you haven't been to the NextDoor website for our neighborhood, please check it out and join. There are a lot of informative posts including upcoming events, garage sales, and missing pets. About 194 neighbors have joined (12 more than last quarter), which is quite a lot, but I know we've got more than that. It's a great way to get to know your neighborhood... virtually! Go to www.nextdoor.com and sign in!
Sincerely, Bruce Ferry, President



Firehouse Maintenance Report

by Danny Estrella

Maintenance activity for this past quarter consisted of replacing a screen over a wall vent in the downstairs dirt room where a raccoon and rats were entering. The vent is now secured with a heavy gauge steel screen.

Good News We have acquired a new Weber BBQ grill so we're prepared for upcoming BBQs at the Firehouse.

Make a Donation

I'd like to make a request for donations to our chair and table fund. Our chairs and tables are breaking down and are in need of replacement. Donations for the purchase of any number of chairs and tables would be much appreciated. Tables are priced at about \$70, chairs are priced at about \$87.



Recycle Reminder and Environmental Tips

Recycling reminders and environmental tips for the new year:

1. Avoid using Styrofoam because it is not recyclable - and it sits in the landfill for hundreds of years!
2. Use biodegradable bags for your gray can waste. They will decompose in less than 5 years in the landfill.
3. Recology free shredding day is Jan. 25.
4. Unless it is your only source of heat, avoid burning wood in your fireplace. The smoke particulates give us unhealthy air (smog).



Pacifica Land Trust

The Pacifica Land Trust Charlie Brown Tree & Wreath Event a Huge Success!

by Lynn Adams

Scores of people joined the Pacifica Land Trust for a very merry Charlie Brown Tree & Wreath event. Dressed in warm jackets, hats, and scarves they braved the very chilly weather and celebrated winter. The holiday season on the headlands began by planting 234 native plants, honoring dozens of Charlie Brown trees, making wooden ornaments and creating wreaths and other nature-inspired holiday decor. Many took a chance and purchased wrapped "mystery" gifts all to benefit the Pacifica Land Trust, which works to protect and preserve our open space for future generations.



Next Potluck—Sunday, January 26, 3pm

The next potluck at the Firehouse will be on **Sunday, January 26**. Watch your inbox for a detailed announcement. Potluck will start at 3pm. Our potlucks are fun and free! Everyone brings a dish to share. This time, the food assignments are: last names starting with A-H, side dish or appetizer, I-R dessert, S-Z main dish. Good food, good conversation, meet your neighbors, catch up on events, get involved in your community. Questions? Contact *Marcia Settler*: 650-355-8731; gilset1158@gmail.com



Pedro Point Headlands Bird Walk

BIRD WALK ON THE PEDRO POINT HEADLANDS, FEB. 9

by Lynn Adams

With its diverse habitats of coastal scrub, coastal prairie, Monterey Pine woods and Eucalyptus forest, all accessible via a good trail system, the Pedro Point Headlands is a great place to become more familiar with Pacifica's winter avifauna. About 30 species of birds can readily be found here on a typical winter day. We'll meet at the firehouse on Pedro Point in Pacifica at 8:30 AM and carpool up to the headlands from there. Once up on the headlands, we'll walk about a two mile loop that will take us through the representative habitats and along the top of the high bluff with its spectacular views out over the Pacific. We'll aim to be back at the trailhead about 11 am.

As we will be looking primarily at small birds in the vegetation, binoculars are strongly recommended. More information about the Pedro Point Headlands, including a trail map, descriptions of the habitats, and a list of the area's birds can be found at

www.pedropointheadlands.org. This hike is brought to you by the Pacifica Land Trust, supported by the California Coastal Conservancy and the Pedro Point Community Association



Bewick's Wren, a bird characteristic of the coastal scrub on the Pedro Point Headlands

Bird Walk Details:

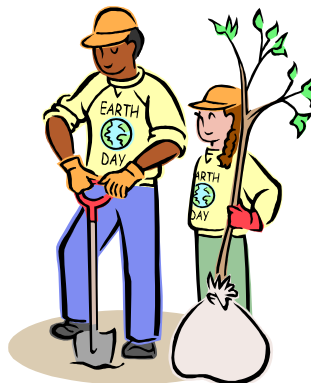
When: Sunday, Feb. 9

Meet at **8:30 am**,
finished by 11 am

Where: Pedro Point
Firehouse,
1227 Danmann Ave.
Pacifica

How Much: Free!

Hike Leader: Paul Donahue



Save the Date!

Earth Day 2014 will be celebrated in Pacifica with a day of action on Saturday, April 26th. Volunteer opportunities will include litter pickup, habitat restoration, and gardening throughout Pacifica. Locations include Pacifica State Beach (Linda Mar),

the San Pedro Creek at the north side of the Pedro Point Shopping Center, the Pedro Point Headlands and Pacifica Gardens, among others.



Pedro Point Headlands 2014 Restoration Schedule

Jan 26

Feb 9 (Bird Walk, see left)

Feb 23

Mar 30

**April 26 (Saturday Earth Day
9–11.30 am)**

May 18

June 29

Aug 24

Sept 28

Oct 26

Nov 23

Young and old are invited to join us for a variety of tasks that vary with the season. Unless noted, times are 9:45 am to 1:00 pm. Meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse to carpool to the work site.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for some habitat restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands on January 26th. We will be checking waterbars and trails for downed wood, removing invasive plants and monitoring trees hindering the coastal scrub habitat. Please meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9.45 am. We will carpool up to the site and return to the firehouse between 1 and 1:30 pm. Future work dates are scheduled for February 23rd and March 30th.

Last month a small team of people cleared the drainage way at the base of the Arroyo Trail and restored the waterbars up the Arroyo trail. If you would like to learn more and help some, we'd love for you to join us. Old, young, and everyone in between are encouraged! We have fun and we make a difference for this special coastal headland habitat, please join us. The Pedro Point Habitation Restoration work is directed by the Pacifica Land Trust, supported by the Pedro Point Community Association, and funded through a CA Coastal Conservancy Grant. For more information please go to

www.pedropointheadlands.org.



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PPCA Board Meeting Minutes—Oct. 17, 2013

Meeting was called to order on October 17 at 7:35 pm. Officers present: Bruce Ferry, Breck Hitz, Sam Casillas, Joanne Gold, Danny Estrella. A quorum was not present.

1. Approval of the October meeting's minutes: It was decided that the minutes would need to be approved by email since a quorum was not present. [Post meeting note: the minutes of the 17 October 2013 meeting were approved by email.]

2. Breck Hitz presented the treasurer's report.

3. Committee Reports:

Firehouse Committee report was presented by Danny Estrella: A proposal was made to obtain bids to repair the east wall of the Firehouse and to include the installation of a sliding glass door to the northeast office. The door would be necessary for improvements to that room to be used as a staging area for parties using the playground. A proposal was made to schedule a work party to attend to routine maintenance of the Firehouse. Danny agreed to prepare a list of maintenance tasks and schedule a date in the new year.

Parents Group report was presented by Jennifer Hoover: A proposal to hold a Saturday morning pancake breakfast as a community building event so as to include families that may not be attending the potluck dinners. The scheduling of this event would be coordinated with Marcia Settel.

New Business: Breck Hitz discussed the CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training that he has been participating in and the campaign to map the neighborhood for community emergency preparedness. Breck has been working with the Pacifica Police department to coordinate cells within the Pedro Point community. Breck will be scheduling meetings with interested folk to continue with the 'Map Your Neighborhood' program.

Respectfully submitted—Danny Estrella, Vice President

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Agenda for the Jan. 16, 2014 PPCA Board Meeting, 4th Quarter

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Oct. 17, 2013 Minutes
- III. Seating of the New Board and Selection of Officers
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through Dec. 31, 2013
- V. Committee Updates
 - Firehouse Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Parents Group Committee

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment

Nominations for Board:

Claire Ervin Lee, Marcia Settel, Camille Keating, Jennifer Hoover, Andy Anderson, Bruce Ferry, Danny Estrella, Breck Hitz, Joanne Gold, Sam Casillas, Tony Brockman

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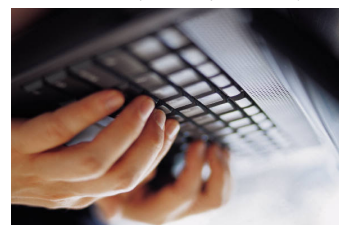
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Upcoming Events Being Planned

Progressive Dinner:

It has been a few years since we've held our progressive dinner and it's time to organize one again for later this spring. In case you're new to the Point, the event serves as both a fundraiser and as a way to meet your neighbors. Neighbors host 10-12 folks for appetizers, then different homes host 6-8 people for entrée, and



finally, we all get together at one house for dessert.

Although this is an adults-only event, we would like to make it more accessible to parents so ideas about childcare are requested. Does anyone have a home where we could provide childcare for 4-6 kids? Know babysitters we could hire for the evening for a reasonable amount? Or would you rather just make your own childcare arrangements?

Rummage Sale:

There has also been some chatter that it's time for a spring neighborhood garage sale. Tables are made available at the Firehouse for a nominal charge (\$15-20) and then the PPCA handles the advertising. As there

is church at the Firehouse on Sunday, the event would be Saturday only.

Please let me know if you are interested in either event!
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