

To the Point

April—June 2016

Earth Day 2016

Saturday, April 23

A Chance to Help Sea Otters,

Make New Friends, and Learn about Our Ocean

by Lynn Adams

Gather the family, collect the troops, mark the calendars. Earth Day is coming and everyone is needed to make our coast just a little bit better for Mother Earth! From Mussel Rock to Pedro Point, from our beaches to Skyline Drive, there is litter, invasive weeds, and some gardens that need tending. Why not join a team, tackle a project, take action, and be an Earth Hero our community needs?

On April 23rd the Pacifica Beach Coalition (PBC) will be hosting its 12th Annual Earth Day Celebration and invites you to join in the fun. The morning action is scheduled from 9 to 11 am and includes gardening, habitat restoration, and litter removal projects, many within walking distance from the Point!

Following the action, everyone is invited to attend the EcoFest, a celebration and educational event in honor of Earth Day held at Linda Mar State Beach from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Featuring the famous Celtic band Golden Bough, a speaker discussing sea otters, youth entertainment, awards, kids activities, environmental booths, and refreshments, there is something at EcoFest for everyone!

This year Earth Day & EcoFest will honor sea otters and invite everyone to work for "Healthy Waters, Healthy Otters." We hope you will make time to join in the action and have fun at the EcoFest and follow it up every day by being an Earth Hero!

Pacifica Beach Coalition EARTH DAY 2016 Saturday, April 23



Volunteer

9 - 11 am

- CleanUps
- Habitat Restoration
- Gardening

EcoFest

11am - 2:30pm

- Refreshments
- EcoBooths
- Activities

Linda Mar Beach,
South Lot

Music by:



HEALTHY WATERS.
HEALTHY OTTERS.



Photo by
Randy Davis

Info and Sign-up at: pacificabeachcoalition.org



Pedro Point Area Earth Day Action Projects:

- ◆ San Pedro Creek - meet at the Pedro Point Shopping Center next to the creek mouth
- ◆ San Pedro Creek flood plain - meet at the rehabilitation home
- ◆ Linda Mar State Beach Cleanup (meet at the seawall just north of Taco Bell)
- ◆ Linda Mar Park and Ride
- ◆ Pacifica Community Center - meet in the west parking lot by the Portola statue
- ◆ Be a site captain for the project of your choice - visit the Pacifica Beach Coalition website:
www.pacificabeachcoalition.org for more information.

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Upcoming Events:

▼ PPCA General Meeting, Thurs, April 21 at 7:30pm

▼ Grand Opening of New Firehouse Restrooms, Sun, May 1 from 2 to 5pm

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Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is here, the time of renewal and with the PPCA there is much that is new. There have been additions to the PPCA Board of Directors: welcome Barbara Lubben and Andy Narraway. We are very pleased to have them join us. Joanne Gold has shifted her role from being President to board member. I've been elected to be the current president. Continuing as vice president is Marcia Settler, Bruce Ferry as treasurer and Breck Hitz as secretary. We are in good hands with the board members as we have a broad and rich source of work and life experience to draw on to manage the issues that we deal with as a community association. This is especially valuable since we have a community that is rich in culture and caring.

I want to thank Joanne for her leadership, positive (yet realistic) energy, strategic thinking and commitment to our community during her tenure as president. Her contributions were critical to the

outcome for the issues we managed.

What else is new? The improvements and upgrades to the Firehouse. Please see my article (page 3) about the changes in our community hall. Come see the improved space at the grand re-opening open house on Sunday, May 1.

It is moving to see the outpouring of participation and support by the community to preserve the Firehouse hall in which we come together to, literally, break bread at our potluck dinners and other events, to celebrate birthdays and weddings, watch in joy as the children hunt for Easter eggs or play in the community-built playground, and to mourn the passing of our beloved friends and neighbors. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this community and thank you all for your participation.

Sincerely, Danny Estrella, President



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Operation Access a Success! by Danny Estrella

The renovation of the Firehouse restrooms is complete. Both the ladies' and men's restrooms now meet the ADA compliance code. The work required replacing the floor and ceiling joists as well as the wall that separates the rooms. There was minor rot in the exterior wall studs that was readily replaced with fresh wood. All new plumbing and electrical wiring were installed. New windows, doors, light fixtures, toilets, grab bars, sinks and mirrors were installed. It was a complete tear down and rebuild. It came out great. The special touches include the penny floors and brass porthole windows on the doors.

We took advantage of the down time during this work and repainted the interior hall. The painting was not part of the restroom renovation plans and was made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor (thank you). This included patching the many pinholes, cracks and uneven surfaces. Hundreds of staples were removed from the walls and ceiling trusses as well as tape that was used to support decorations during private parties. The room was painted in two tones of off white with pure white used on the trim. An added touch is a chair-rail trim that separates the lower walls from the upper walls. The total effect is a significant upgrade to the look and feel of the room: bright, classy and charming.

Many people came together to make all of this possible. Andy Anderson acted as the general contractor for the restroom renovation, coordinating the different teams doing carpentry, electrical, plumbing and the floor installation as well as managing the design plans and obtaining the necessary permits. John Peterson donated his time to install the electrical service. Much credit goes to Frank Lazzari, local contractor and foreman for Firehouse maintenance. Frank repaired the leak in the roof that has plagued the Firehouse for

a long time. He did the technical patching and 'mudding' of the walls during the preparation for painting. He provided valuable guidance to the volunteers during the preparation and painting phase. He came up with the idea to apply a texture to the walls for enhanced effect and applied this texturing (on his own) and cut, installed and painted the chair-rail trim (his idea, too). He also installed the coat hangers near the restrooms.

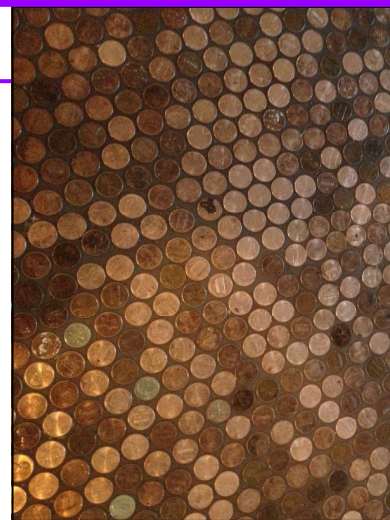
Much gratitude is due to the volunteers who came out to patch, sand, tape, paint, sweep and clean up during the painting parties: Andy Narraway, Barbara Lubben, Breck Hitz, Bruce Ferry, Camille Keating, Cherie Chan (thanks for the banana nut bread and noodles), Daniel Kim, David Skadeland, Ed Gold, Gary Helmling, Greg Hirsch, Kathy Long, Hearty, Helen Bronte-Stewart, Joanne Gold (thanks for the Bloody Marys), Julian Brock, Marcia Settel, Robin Park, Sarah Jain, Shanna Yonenaka, Sherman Lee and Steve Jain. At times the work hustle resembled a team at a Los Angeles car wash. I cannot thank you enough. You're all magnificent. The Operation Access team coordinated the fund raising and event planning.

Thank you Anne Evers Hitz, Debbie Lynch, Joanne Gold, Kathleen Shugar, Kathy Long, and Marcia Settel. And, none of the restroom renovation could

have been done without the very generous donations of cash and goods from those who were able to make contributions. The Operation Access fundraising team wants to convey our deep gratitude for your participation.

I also want to thank Brad and Julie Wahrlich for their donation of the Weber BBQ grill to the Firehouse.

In addition, there is a continuing need to replace broken chairs and tables. Your donations to purchase new equipment are much appreciated and will be acknowledged.



Summary of PPCA Meeting Minutes Jan. 21, 2016

Individuals nominated to the Board of Directors for 2016-17:

Andy Anderson, Sam Casillas, Danny Estrella
Bruce Ferry, Joanne Gold, Breck Hitz, Camille Keating
Barbara Lubben, Andy Narraway, Marcia Settlet
By unanimous consent, all nominated individuals were named to the Board.

The Board members nominated and approved the following officers for 2016-17:

President: Danny Estrella
Vice President: Marcia Settlet
Treasurer: Bruce Ferry
Secretary: Breck Hitz

Treasurer's Report: Bruce reported that he was near the end of the complex, multi-year project to change the institution's official name from *Pedro Point Improvement Association* to *Pedro Point Community Association*. Even though we've been calling ourselves PPCA for many years, the official name registered with the state is "...Improvement...", that's the name on our bank accounts, which causes confusion.

Bruce said that 2015 had seen a net gain in our liquid assets of about \$10,000, and our gross from rentals had been about \$44,000. A second checking account for the bathroom project had been established and about \$28,000 was transferred from the existing account to the new account. Together with about \$2,000 worth of restroom renovation bills already paid from the existing account, \$30,000 has been transferred from the PPCA treasury to the restroom project. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Firehouse Committee: Danny reported that the restroom project was essentially on schedule, despite a few minor problems that Andy Anderson described. Andy added that these problems would not have significant impact on the project's cost, and that he was "on pace" to complete the project within the \$40-to-\$50k budget. Danny reported that enough penny tiles to cover the floors of both restrooms – 140 of them – had been assembled. Once the restrooms are completed, Danny wants to repaint the inside of the building. An anonymous donor has agreed to fund the cost of the painting supplies. As far as fundraising is concerned, Joanne reported that about \$17,000 had been raised from the community, including gifts from many Pedro Point residents.

Events Committee Marcia reported that the kickoff for Operation Access (the restroom project) had been very successful, with a good turnout for both showings of the film about the Firehouse history. There will be a combined potluck and Grand Opening of the refurbished Firehouse, with the new restrooms, sometime in March or perhaps April. The committee plans for the annual Chili Cook-Off to return in the fall of 2016. Joanne has graciously offered to chair the event.

New Business

Gwen Holden proposed that a "Little Library" be installed at the Firehouse, and she offered to pay for it and maintain it once installed. Gwen's proposal was unanimously approved by the Board, and the Board expressed appreciation for her generosity.

Agenda for the April 21, 2016 PPCA Meeting, 7:30 pm 1st Quarter of 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Jan. 21, 2016 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through March 31, 2016
- IV. Committee Updates
 - Firehouse Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Operation Access Finance Committee
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

Sam reported on the Land Trust's progress in restoring the Pedro Point Headlands. The existing motorcycle trails will be decommissioned, and new pedestrian trails will be constructed. The Headlands will eventually be turned over to San Mateo County. The Land Trust has several sources of funding, including \$1.1 million from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of California State Parks, and \$350,000 from San Mateo County Measure A.

The full Board minutes will be available after approval at the next PPCA Board meeting.

- Breck Hitz, PPCA Secretary



Pedro Point Blues
Photo by Lisa Warns

IPOP - Interesting People on the Point

Featuring Robin Jaquith, Guest Services
at the San Francisco Giants Ballpark

by Lisa Warns

When Robin retired from a career as an elementary school principal in 2004, he was asked what are you going to do during your retirement? A friend at the San Francisco Giants suggested working at the ballpark. Twelve years later, Robin is still enjoying his work at the park as a Rapid Responder in Guest Services. His main responsibility as a Rapid Responder is to help guests enjoy their ballpark experience to the max. Rapid Responders address issues and handle altercations that come up such as obnoxious behavior, drunkenness, smoking and general questions. Fans can anonymously text their concerns to the number on the scoreboard. If a situation looks intense, Robin will call for backup. The park has a zero tolerance policy regarding bad behavior.

When he started, he assumed it was volunteer work but was pleased to hear it pays a little. The commitment is 30 games per season and he gets to choose the games he wants to work. He has worked some post-season games and the energy at the park is very different than during regular season games. Robin likes working for the SF Giants

because they treat the employees like family and are an equal opportunity employer—there is diversity and opportunity for differently-abled. The best part of the job, he says, is that “it’s always a nice day and a good time at the ballpark.” Robin also is a volunteer docent at SFMOMA and he and his wife Ginny like to travel and play golf at courses around the world. They have lived together on Pedro Point for 45 years, plus five more for Ginny.

Go Giants!!

If you know of someone who lives on the Point who would like to be featured in IPOP, please e-mail Lisa at: seaotteratpedro@yahoo.com



Pedro Point Headlands News

Join the Headlands Restoration Team!

Old, young, and everyone in between are encouraged to help out! We have fun, we learn and we make a difference, so please join us. We meet at the Firehouse at 9:45 am and usually return around 1 pm. There are always multiple projects to choose from to match your interests and abilities. Be a part of something special. Join us when you can, see schedule below. If you would like more information go to www.pedropointheadlands.org or contact volunteer coordinator, Lynn Adams at: lynn4promos@aol.com

Pedro Point Headlands Restoration

When: Sunday, May 1st

Time: 9:45 am to 1:30 pm

Where: Meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9:45 am to carpool to the worksite.

Plan to return to the Firehouse by 1 or 1:30 pm. Please wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, long sleeves and pants. We always have several projects to choose from so you can pick the difficulty level right for you.



With these wonderful rains, the wildflowers have been just terrific on the Headlands this year — Wild Iris, buttercups, Indian Paint Brush, Blue-eyed grass, Footsteps of Spring, Clarkia and more. We’ve been seeing a hundred shades of green, running water through the arroyo, and a whole new crop of Soap Plant, Angelica, and Cow Parsnip. Please join us on the headlands for our monthly work party to help a little and learn a lot.

Future upcoming workdays will be on:

May 22, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 18, October 30, and November 27

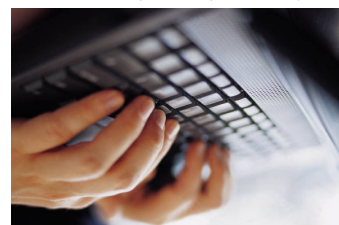
Save the date for November 27 for another “Escape to the Headlands” hike!

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Upcoming Events

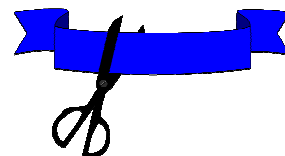
- ◆ PPCA General Meeting at the Firehouse, Thursday, April 21, at 7:30pm
- ◆ Earth Day festivities, Saturday, April 23, see front page
- ◆ **Grand Opening of New Firehouse Restrooms, Sunday, May 1 from 2 to 5pm**
- ◆ Pedro Point Headlands Restoration, Sunday, May 1, meet at Firehouse at 9:45am



Successful and Fun! Dinner on the Point, Feb. 2016 — If you didn't join us on February 20th, you really missed a swell party. Good food, good music, good neighbors. What else would you want for an evening out? We raised \$1000 and will do it again as soon as the cooks and hosts are ready to go. Thank you all for coming. And a special thanks to our hosts: Kathleen and Dan Shugar, Breck and Anne Hitz, Debbie Lynch, Ginny and Robin Jaquith, Dave Gilson and Marcia Settel, Andy Narraway, Andrea Masters, Helen Bronte-Stewart - stay tuned for an announcement of the next Dinner on the Point!

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, May 1 from 2 to 5 pm THE FIREHOUSE GRAND REOPENING

Please come and bring your friends to celebrate the Firehouse's new restrooms. The Firehouse may never have looked this good. We're still working on the details but we'll certainly cut a ribbon and bake a cake!
Food to eat and drinks to buy.



Join the Events Planning Committee

The Pedro Point Community Association Event Committee needs your ideas, creativity and a little of your time to plan and put on events. We need planners for upcoming events this year and beyond that would be fun for all ages - movies, spaghetti feed, pancake breakfast, chili cook-off, etc. and we'd love to see Pedro Point parents involved to make events enjoyable for the kids. The committee meets once a month. If you are interested, please contact Marcia with the Events Committee at: gilset1158@gmail.com