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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER:

Oct 11	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Botanic Garden Docents Visit
Oct 14	Sat	10:00 a.m.	<u>Regular Monthly Docent Meeting</u>
Oct 29	Sun	1:30 p.m.	Annual CLF Awards Potluck.
Nov 11	Sat	10:00 a.m.	<u>Regular Monthly Docent Meeting</u>
Dec 9	Sat	10:00 a.m.	<u>Regular Monthly Docent Meeting</u>

NATURE CENTER WORK DAYS:

It has become a custom to have a general work day each Wednesday between about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Linda Taylor, as exhibit chairperson, has been generally in charge of these sessions and providing the motivation. A number of worthwhile projects, and many little ones, have been completed during these periods. If you have time, and feel so inclined, join us for these work/socializing sessions. However, best to check with Linda each week to be sure that one is scheduled.

In years gone by it was the custom to have a work session after the regular monthly meeting. Docents would bring their lunches and have a picnic after the meeting. Then people would go to work for a couple of hours doing little tasks around the Nature Center. Let's start making this a habit again: Bring a lunch and become acquainted with each other!

DOCENT TRAINING:

At the present time we have four (4) new Docent Trainees undergoing training. They are undergoing our new one-at-a-time instruction program during which trainees fulfill the requirements thru individual, or small group, instruction. We are ready to accept new tainees on this basis at any time. It is anticipated that through this flexibility we will be able to enlarge our Docent staff.

EXHIBITS:

No major exhibit changes been made during the last three months. However, we did move closer to having the second aquarium display in that the aquarium has been installed, except for the cooling system (55° water for trout.)

The mirrored glass window, recently installed with Page Foundation funds, has proven to be a real boon to bird watching as we now have many undisturbed visitors to our bird feeder and bath.

The electrical "guess" board has also brought a lot of attention as can be attested by several docents that have had to listen to the "BUZZ" of a wrong guess while doing their tour of duty. We hope to have a nice "bell" for a right answer soon. This should break up the monotony of "BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ, buzz....."

ACCESS ROAD:

The access road paving job has finally been completed!

AWARDS POTLUCK:

The Cachuma Lake Foundation annual awards picnic, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th, is going to be semi-potluck this year to reduce the cost of the event. The Foundation will supply the main entree and beverages, and the participants will each bring some supporting dish.

Invitations with more information will be mailed to every Foundation member, Docent, and affiliate. Everyone should try to attend as this is the one big event of the year when we all have a chance to meet each other (Foundation, Docents, and Park employees) and get acquainted. Also, it will be a chance to recognise those among us who have won awards for outstanding service.

BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENTS VISIT

On Wednesday, October 11th, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Docents will be visiting Cachuma Lake and the Nature Center. Any Docents wishing to participate in hosting this group should contact George Smith, who, as well as being our Docent President, is also a docent trainee at the Botanic Garden. This might be a good chance to exchange a bit of knowledge about the flora of our area.