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THE NEWSLETTER WITHOUT A NAME

We are proud to offer you the first issue of the Cachuma Lake Museum and Nature Center Newsletter. With the purpose of informing all present and potential volunteers, this letter will focus on the status of the Center building, on the training programs for new volunteers, on the activities currently offered by the Center, and on the calendar of coming events. Articles of information regarding the natural and human history of the area will be included occasionally.

We hope that this small publication will be of interest to you and that you will offer suggestions for items of interest from time to time. A clever title and logo are needed. Please call Linda Addison at 687-1023 with suggestions. With our regards for and hopes for a continuing friendship with you,

The Cachuma Lake Docents

WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION?

The Cachuma Lake Foundation is a non-profit foundation in its infant stage of formation. To develop the Museum and Nature Center and to promote a better understanding of the area that surrounds the lake through organized hikes, classes, exhibits, demonstrations, and other programs, the Foundation separates these activities from the county operation of the park, which is governed by the Santa Barbara County Parks Department. A board of directors for the Foundation will be appointed by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors as soon as possible.

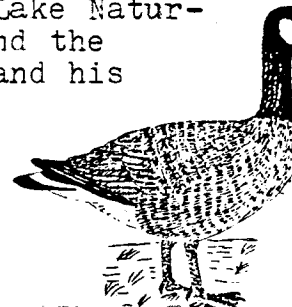
THE RANCH HOUSE

The "ranch house" which is in the process of being converted to a museum-nature center, will be leased for a minimal annual fee to the Cachuma Lake Foundation by the Parks Department. A charming California-style ranch house with wide eaves, wood floors, brick fireplaces, and open beam ceilings, the house has thirteen rooms and is surrounded by enormous oaks and attractive patio and lawn areas.

Volunteers have spent hours washing walls, painting, weeding, trimming, and washing down the exterior. Estimates have been made on a new roof for the building, which is essential before additional painting is done inside. Re-roofing will cost approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. A search for a source of funding is underway.

NEAL TAYLOR'S ROLE

Anyone who has visited the museum-nature center or taken a boat ride or a nature walk at Cachuma Lake is aware of the impact of Neal Taylor on activities at the park. Neal, Cachuma Lake Naturalist, is the force behind the formation of the center and the volunteer program. His enthusiasm for the Cachuma area and his



ability to motivate people to participate have been the foundation on which this project is based. Neal acts as an advisor to the docent group, liason with the Park Department and is an inspiration for those who contribute their time and talents to the center.

LABOR DAY OPENING

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On Labor Day weekend, the museum-nature center was opened to the public for the first time. Approximately 400 people visited the center. On display were numerous Chumash artifacts found in the Cachuma area, examples of Chumash implements loaned by Juanita Centeno and Jose Castillo, Chumash historians, rock and plant samples native to the area, paintings of early Chumash life by Shirley Lennox, and other items. Docents, Neal, Jose, Juanita, and Jennie Guillen answered questions and offered explanations of objects on display.

PARTY TIME

On December 14, docents held a wine and cheese party for Park Commissioners and Board of Supervisors at the ranch house to give them an opportunity to see the efforts made by volunteers thus far and to hear about plans for future developments and activities. Approximately forty people attended.

TRAINING FOR NEW DOCENTS

At the ranch house on January 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the second group of docent training classes is scheduled to begin and are open to anyone willing to commit fifty hours of service during the coming twelve months. The schedule of classes which follows is tentative; topics and speakers may change.

The first group of volunteers trained in a similar series of classes a year ago is the source of manpower for most projects undertaken thus far. Individuals who have participated throughout the year are Maggie and Ralph Klages, Connie Howerton, Pat Foxen, Juanita Centeno, Jennie Guillen, Jose Castillo. Other volunteers are George Hughes, John Hughes, Dean Jones, Shirley Lennox, and Linda Addison.

January 21	Howard Alcott, Head of Operations of the Cachuma Project, B.L.M. Topic: Water Management, Dam Construction
January 28	Maggie Klages, Docent Topic: Pre-History of the Lake Area
February 4	Jan Timbrook, Museum of Natural History Topic: Ethnography of the Chumash
February 11	Juanita Centeno, Native American Historian Topic: Chumash Daily Life

February 18 Pat Foxen, Docent
Topic: Geology of the Lake Area

February 25 Speaker to be announced
Topic: History of the Lake Area 1542 to Present

March 4 Speaker to be announced
Topic: Birds of the Cachuma Lake

March 11 Speaker to be announced
Topic: Mammals of the Lake Area

March 18 Neal Taylor, Cachuma Naturalist
Topic: Fish and Fishing at Cachuma

March 25 No program scheduled

April 1 Barbara Bergreen, Museum of Natural History
Topic: Teaching Techniques

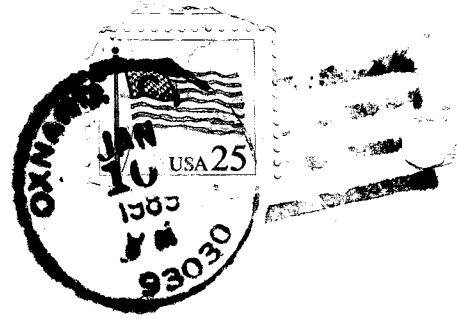
April 8 Ralph Klages, Docent
Topic: Botany

April 15 Five minute talks by new docents

April 22 Graduation of new docent class



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