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CALENDAR FOR APRIL - MAY - JUNE

Apr 13	Sat	10:00 a.m.	Regular Monthly Docent Meeting
Apr 16	Tues	10:00 a.m.	Flower Walk
Apr 21	Sun	4:00 p.m.	Wine And Cheese Meeting
Apr 27-28	Sat-Sun	All Day	Trout Derby
Apr 28	Sun	4:00 p.m.	After-Derby Potluck
May 8	Wed	1:00 p.m.	Aliso Trail Walk
May 11	Sat	10:00 a.m.	Regular Monthly Docent Meeting
May 25-27	Sat-Mon	All Day	Memorial Day Weekend
Jun 8	Sat	10:00 a.m.	Regular Monthly Docent Meeting

NEW OFFICERS

President	Connie Howerton
Vice President	Don Wimpress
Secretary	Bob Runnels
Treasurer	Olive Saunders
Gift Shop	Betty Wimpress, Olive Saunders, George Hughes
Exhibit Committee	Linda Taylor
Trail Boss	George Smith
Scheduling	Nancy Henderson
Training	Don Wimpress
Librarian	Rachel Kimbrough
Time Keeper	Fred Blaser
Supplies Shopper	Betty Wimpress
Newsletter Editor	Donna Shorts

FLOWER WALK

On Tuesday, April 16, at 10:00 Don Wimpress will lead a flower walk on the Aliso Canyon Trail or on Figueroa Mountain. Get details at the April 13th Docent meeting or call Don at 688-2967. Bring lunch and drinking water.

WINE AND CHEESE MEETING

A Wine and Cheese meeting will be held at the Nature Center on April 21, 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center for all people who are working at the Trout Derby. Essential information regarding rules, scheduling, event details and social gatherings will be discussed at this time. All individuals are requested by Derby Chairperson, Kim Albright, to attend to insure the success of the event.

TROUT DERBY APRIL 27 and 28

Coordinated by Board Member Kim Albright, a huge team of Docents, Board Members, Foundation members and other volunteers has been hard at work organizing a Trout Derby which will be the most ambitious fund-raising effort since the founding of the Nature Center.

Committee chairs are Kim Albright and Noreen Pond: registrations; Helen Logan and Judy Johnson: publicity; Carol Smagala and Dave Saunders: prizes; Linda Taylor: scheduling and prize display; Don Wimpress: Barbeque; Liz Mason: parking.

With financial backing from the Park Department, Cachuma Lake Boat Rentals and Cachuma Lake Store a \$25,000 tagged fish is the first prize. Several hundred dollars in other cash prizes and merchandise and gift certificates have been contributed by businesses both local and from the greater Los Angeles area. The event has been widely advertised throughout Southern California.

Special Nature Center Programs are planned for the weekend. Hikes will be led by Don Wimpress and George Smith. Karen Harris will conduct a tracking walk for children. Billy McCabe is planning an astronomy program Saturday evening. The Center will be open for extended hours. A BBQ dinner (\$6.00) will be available from 11:00 a.m. until dark on Saturday at Pawnee Plateau by Ken Sexton, Park Concessionaire.

All individuals associated with our Organization are encouraged to help. Please call Linda Taylor (687-1023) for more info. or to volunteer your assistance.

"This is a great opportunity to develop team work and at the same time to raise funds for the future growth of our Nature Center" says Neal Taylor, who has been a major source of information and inspiration for the event

AFTER DERBY BARBEQUE

Several of the workers at the Trout Derby will be camping at the Park for the weekend. After the Derby, starting at approximately 4 p.m., there will be a "wind-down " barbeque in the camping area for all workers. This will be a pot-luck affair. Plan on being there for a relaxing evening.

Botanic Garden/ Nature Center Joint Flower Walk Wednesday, May 8th, 1:00-4:00 p.m

The Botanic Garden Docents have invited the Cachuma Lake Docents to join them on a flower walk on the Aliso Canyon Trail. We will meet them at Sage Hill Campground at 1:00 p.m. for lunch and then a walk up the canyon. This walk will be led by Jim Mann of the Botanic Garden and Don Wimpress. For more info call Don at 688-2967.

DOCENT TRAINING

The recent Docent Training Program which accomodates individual rather than large class training has proven very successful in that the last group of seven all completed and are now active docents. Three more potential docents are awaiting the next session . If anyone is interested in this training, or knows of someone who might be interested, please contact Don Wimpress, 688-2967.

AMGEN GRANT

Recently the Amgen Foundation of Thousand Oaks contributed \$500.00 to the Nature Center to finance the refrigeration unit for the Trout Aquarium. All equipment has now been purchased to heat or cool and light both the warm water and the cold water tanks. Common fish of Cachuma Lake will be exhibited in the two aquaria. Charlie Jack and Fred Blaser have installed a ventillation system for the aquarium room. The Amgen Foundation is a non-profit agency sponsored by Amgen Corporation, a bio-technology company.

RING TWICE - HANG UP - CALL AGAIN

Have you been frustrated because you haven't been able to reach the docents at the Nature Center? The telephone in the Docent room is an extension of the Nauralists' Office phone. If Docents answer the phone they are usually intercepting a call for that office. To prevent this from happening Docents should not answer the telephone but let the incoming call go to the answering machine.

If you wish to call the Nature Center Docent Room, let the phone ring TWICE , hang up, then redial. A docent hearing this will answer.