



Lake Views

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To everyone who spoke up and answered our question - should we remain a club - I say "Thank you!" The Board and I took your support and have tried to create some new paths to attract new members while keeping some of our favorite activities on-going. I hope you see the changes as improvements. The Board's goal is to rebuild our foundation of people who are enthusiastic about native plants.

You'll be hearing about our new website: same name, new look and more information. LHNPC.org was first launched in 2006 with the help of David and Katherine Barto, and input from Peter Benson. The internet has grown in the last 17 years, as well as the development of social media to spread the word about our club. We have updated our FaceBook page, and created an Instagram page. I welcome your feedback on any and all of the changes we have made.

I also want to make another plea for help with some of our Committee roles.

New Website Launch

Follow LHNPC on Instagram & Facebook

The Facebook 'f' logo and the Instagram camera logo are displayed side-by-side.

We have many open positions. Remember when Bob and Evelyn Kroeker would bring two or three native plants to the meeting and raffle them off? It was a fun activity, it raised money for the club, and we got to learn about native plants. That is just one example of a 'committee' role that could be filled by a member, and it really wouldn't take much time. Other roles that need filling are Membership Chairperson (to keep our membership list up to date), and an Editor of this newsletter. If you are interested, or have questions that I could answer, please contact me at: lakehodgesnativeplantclub@gmail.com

So welcome back. Let's work together to get this club back on its feet.

• **Judy LaVine**

Summer Blooms

1. Chaparral Mallow
2. Phacelia grandiflora
3. Weed's Mariposa Lily
4. Coastal cholla
5. California Centaury
6. Showy Penstemon
7. Sacred Datura
8. White Sage

Scientific names are located under each image.



1. *Malacothamnus fasciculatus*



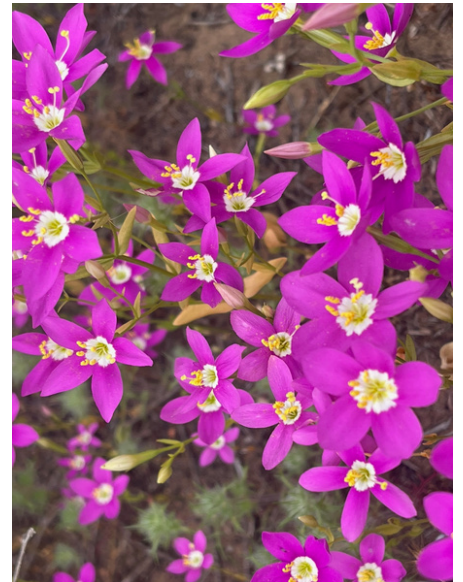
2. *Largeflower Phacelia*



3. *Calochortus weedii*



4. *Cylindropuntia prolifera*



5. *Zeltnera venusta*



6. *Penstemon spectabilis*



7. *Datura wrightii*



8. *Salvia apiana.*

LHNPC 2023 - 2024



September (Meeting)

Monday 25th - 6:30PM (Rancho Bernardo library)

- Website introduction

October (Presentation)

Monday 23rd - 6:15PM (Rancho Bernardo library)

- Joseph Rivera “Next to Nature” (San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy)

November (Plant Exchange - **MEMBERS ONLY**)

Saturday 18th 9:00AM

- Peter Benson’s home

December (Potluck - **MEMBERS ONLY**)

TBD Date/Time

- **TBD Location**

January (Presentation)

Monday 22nd 6:15PM (Rancho Bernardo library)

- “Restoring California” - Vincent Bellino

February

Monday 26th 6:15PM (Rancho Bernardo library)

- **TBD Presenter**

March

Saturday 23rd 10:00AM (Member Garden Tours - **MEMBERS ONLY**)

- **TBD Location**

April

Saturday 20th 10:00AM (Palomar College Hort. Garden - **MEMBERS ONLY**)

May

Saturday 25th 9:00AM (TBD Wildflower Hike - **MEMBERS ONLY**)

- **TBD Location**

June (Potluck - **MEMBERS ONLY**)

- **TBD Date/Time**

- **TBD Location**

Member Spotlight

Our member spotlight is Jim Gordon. Jim is a volunteer at the NativeScape Garden at the SDZ Safari Park. He is also an active member of our Lake Hodges Native plant Club, and his home garden has been featured on our member garden tour.



1. How did you get interested in gardening?
 - I got interested in gardening by seeing the beautiful native annuals my high school biology teacher grew in his yard.
2. What do you like about gardening?
 - Gardening is peaceful and joyful for me.
3. Do you have any favorite plants?
 - My favorite plants are lupines, California poppies, desert bluebells and peonies. I don't know why I like them, but they are pretty.
4. What is your least favorite gardening task?
 - My least favorite gardening task is removing large numbers of small, persistent weeds--yuck!!
5. What are your other interests?
 - My other interests include playing guitar, growing fruit trees, and vegetable gardening.
6. Do you have any advice for other gardeners?
 - Two pieces of advice: Learn from your friends and keep trying even when the things you plant don't survive.

YOU Can Help! Volunteer Leadership & Support Roles

PUBLICITY

- Print (brochure, notices, newsletter, etc)
- On-line (Facebook, website, newsletter, etc)

PROGRAMMING

- Presentations, Field Trips, Snacks, Events

FUND RAISING

- Plant Sale, Raffles

SOCIAL SECRETARY

- Birthdays, Greeting cards, Pot Lucks

PUBLIC GARDENS

- Nativescapes (Safari Park) Sykes Adobe

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

NativeScapes Garden Update

Let me take you back a few years when Covid first hit. The Safari Park closed for a few months and we were not allowed to garden, and it was springtime! Wow, did the plants and the weeds take over! The volunteers were allowed in to work a short time before the Park re-opened to the public so we were able to spend some time getting the garden into acceptable shape. There was one other short shut down, and there were times when we were asked to wear masks - although since most of the time we were naturally socially distant in our own areas, it didn't feel like we had to mask up very often.

Our pool of volunteers has shrunk over the last three years - we had a few folks move away, and there were a few folks who did not return after the covid shut-down for personal reasons, We were also sad to learn of the passing of Terry Badger, a long time volunteer and club member.

The Volunteer Staff has changed 100% over the last three years, and the Horticulture Staff has also had its share of new employees, as well as a few different Heads of the department. The most difficult part of all the changes are figuring out who is who, and who does what - but the support for the garden still remains good.

Volunteering at the NativeScape garden has changed since the garden was established. The Park is now the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, part of the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance. To volunteer to work in the garden , you must first go through training as a SDZSP volunteer. We can no longer simply ask our club members to come and work in the park. This seems to have decreased our volunteer pool rather than enlarging it. Those of us who do volunteer at the park have been working with the volunteer staff to find existing park volunteers who may also want to volunteer in the garden. New opportunities to sign up and receive training will hopefully happen in the next 6 months.

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Club Officers

President Judy LaVine
Vice President Jim Bouey
Treasurer Norine Bouey
Recording Secretary Adrienne Brown

Time to Pay Your Dues!

Name Address
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Single membership \$15.00
Dual membership \$20.00

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