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UCSD OCEANIDS BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Over the campus and through the trees
To Holiday Party we'll go
Oceanids are there with smiles to share
With holiday thoughts aglow.



December 6th from 4 to 7 p.m.

*At the International Center
of UCSD*

\$15 for dinner and entertainment.

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Over the campus and through the trees
December 6th date is set
To greet old friends and make amends
Center International is where its at.



Over the campus and through the trees
Between 4 and 7 do come
Music and dinner provided is
For \$15 it's done.



So over the campus and through the trees
to the Holiday Party do come
We'll see you there, with spirits to share.
Greet the Holidays with someone.

Barbara Starkey

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE !!!!

Oceanids one and only major fundraising event is coming up in February.



On Thursday, February fifth we will have our fabulous *yearly Theatre party and a performance of*

Moliere's "The Misanthrope"

We will meet at **6:00 pm in the foyer of the Mandell Weiss Theatre for drinks and appetizers**
and walk over to **the Mandell Weiss Forum for the performance at 7:30 pm.**

Please do not miss this wonderful occasion and buy your tickets (\$50) at the Holiday Party or by making out a check to "UCSD Foundation" (memo line: theatre) and mail it to

Molli Wagner. 1145 Crest Road, Del Mar, CA 92014-2619

to secure your seats.

Remember it is a fundraiser and important to Oceanids' ability to continue its scholarships and operation. Thank you. *For information about the director of this play, Jim Winker, see page 3*

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BOARD MEETINGS: first Thursday every month

Oceanids Pavilion, International Center

Coffee and refreshments: 9:15 am, meeting starts at 9:45 am

President's Prattle

This Fall Oceanids have been very busy. On October 17 Board members participated in the 13th Annual Chancellors Challenge 5 K Run/Walk for Scholars. I can attest that Freddie, Rosie Enright's dog, was the cutest runner there. The next day Oceanids gathered to start the social season at our Fall Luncheon at the International Center. Judy Skelton and Margaret Acampora proved once more that they are gracious and talented event planners. "It was great!" "We had so much fun". Those are some of the comments I heard. I was disappointed that I could not attend because we were on an early morning flight to Frankfurt. Judy Vacquier kindly welcomed all to the brunch. On October 25 Judy Vacquier and Jan Ouren represented us at UCSD Family weekend sharing a table with the International Center on Library Walk. On Nov. 1, Ellen Revelle once again generously opened her home for the Oceanids annual Garden Wine Party for Newcomers to the University. It is a very special event, Liz Fong Wills and Georgina Sham joined by their busy helpers help make it a success.



The celebrating continues December 6 at our Holiday Party at the International Center. We had a wonderful time last year at this event that opens with wine, appetizers, and live music, proceeds to a delicious dinner, and concludes with a holiday songfest. It is the perfect way to begin the Holiday Season.

Please plan to attend our annual Theatre Party Fundraiser for our six Undergraduate Service Awards on Thursday February 5th. Under Molli Wagner's leadership it is the highlight of the winter season. In conjunction with the Theatre Party, Campus Focus organized by Carole Ziegler, will be a tour of our growing Theater District. February is going to be a fun month.

I am very proud of the Oceanids and the vibrant program of activities we have. Thank you to all who work for the success and vitality of our organization.


Barbara Bank

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT:
<http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/oceanids/>

The OCEANIDS HOLIDAY PARTY.....
will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 4-7 P.M. at the UCSD International Center

There will be entertainment, food, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages.
You may participate in traditional Carol Singing and meet with old friends and make new ones.
Wear your holiday or ethnic clothing.
Oceanids, friends, and ADULT family members are invited. The cost is only \$15 per person at the door.
UCSD Newcomers are free.
In the Holiday Spirit we will accept donations for the UCSD Student-run Free Clinic.
Checks may be made to UCSD Foundation and on the memo line write UCSD Student-run Free Clinic Project.

Questions?
Barbara Starkey 858-4530779



Oceanids has an e-mail mailing list!

The purpose of the listserv or email distribution list is to allow our President, Board members, Interest Group chairs or anyone else with an important announcement to contact our membership.
Also, the Oceanids news will be sent electronically as a PDF-file which you can read online or print out.
If you have questions, have an announcement for Oceanids, or are a new subscriber, please email the listserv administrator, Judy Vacquier, at jvacq@sbcglobal.net

Also, anyone who would like to make corrections to the directory and/or to our database (from which we obtain the addresses for 'Oceanids news' mailings,) please e-mail me.

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JAMES WINKER (MFA, University of Wisconsin) Acting Faculty. Academic Senate Distinguished Teacher, 1998. Winker enjoys an active career as a professional actor. He has performed at a variety of theatres, including the Mark Taper Forum, the Guthrie Theatre, South Coast Repertory, American Conservatory Theatre, Hartford Stage Company, and the Globe Theatres in San Diego where he is an Associate Artist.
James Winker will direct "The Misanthrope" by Jean Baptiste Moliere (born 1622) at the Mandell Weiss Forum at UCSD in February. It is a play about a Frenchman called Alceste who is in love with Celimene and very cynical about people and the way they act.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fourth of July report: part Two

Dear Editor,

It was disappointing to see the change to the October masthead of this newsletter. "The Bear Facts", a whimsical, punny, unique, long-standing title has been jettisoned in the name of.....branding? What kind of nonsense is this? Why do we need to " 'brand' ourselves to the UC community and gain more recognition." to quote from that issue? How will this change cause more recognition to occur? Why is more recognition necessary? We know who we are - we are a bunch of interest groups under the same umbrella - an association with UCSD, linked through the newsletter.

It is regrettable that the membership at large was not given a chance to be a part of the decision making process. One could argue that this is a trivial matter, all things considered; I regard it as yet another small erosion of the past and a move towards the ordinary.

Janet Goff

Dear Fellow Oceanids,

Thanks to all of you who joined us at our annual Fall Brunch. The interest groups did an excellent job decorating our tables. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy seeing old friends and celebrating the start of our academic year.

I have been asked to explain the \$30 charge for the luncheon which some members felt was too expensive. Margaret Acampora has done an excellent job through the years negotiating the cost of the fall brunch with UCSD catering. The cost of food has dramatically increased in the past few years.

After not raising prices for a long time, UCSD catering had to make an increase this year. We also have to pay for linens, table settings, and servers. It all adds up to the \$30 charge.

We make no profit on this event.

In fact, I personally donated the sparkling apple cider that was served before the luncheon.

I hope this answers your questions. Margaret and I will strive to find a good location for our spring luncheon. We hope you will support Oceanids by joining us in May for this luncheon.

Sincerely,

At the September Oceanids Board meeting, I was encouraged to tell another story about the 4th of July picnic. The morning after the celebration, I unloaded my car at home and discovered that the twenty or so tablecloths we had used and that I usually wash were missing. I had put all of them into a large garbage bag at the International Center the night before, and I realized to my horror that a helper must have put the bag in the Dumpster. So I had to go dumpster diving! Because I am vertically challenged, I grabbed a ladder from home to help me get in and out of the Dumpster. Then I raced up the hill, hoping to retrieve the bag of tablecloths before the Dumpster was emptied. (My husband claimed to be too busy working to go Dumpster diving, but Nan Oselett, a great friend and helper, volunteered to come along.) So, there I am digging through the big black plastic bags when my cell phone rings and a voice says: "If you don't move your car immediately, it will be towed away. It is parked in a fire lane." As you can imagine I was puzzled, as my car was parked legally right next to me and the Dumpster. I then asked who she was and how she got my number. She explained that she was an employee at the La Scala Apartments and that my number was on a slip of paper on the car's dashboard that said to call this number if the car was parked in the wrong place. I then realized that the car belonged to one of the 170 or so attendees at the 4th of July celebration and that, more specifically, it belonged to someone who went to see the fireworks at the beach. (People who walk to the La Jolla Cove with Chris to see the fireworks up close get a different piece of paper to put on their dashboard giving Chris' cell phone number to call in case that car is parked in the wrong place.) All of these cars are supposed to park at the homes of various neighbors in La Jolla Shores as street parking is gone by 7 AM on the 4th. I have always worried that a New-comer might accidentally park at the wrong house, and tried to anticipate this problem by providing sheets of paper giving my and Chris' cell phone numbers. In the 25 years or so that we have been doing this, no one has parked at the wrong house yet.

Thus, I could have helped if I had been at home and had access to the names and license numbers on my master sheet. If the car's owner had been a resident at La Scala the employee would be able to track him/her down. But I had to explain to the lady who called that I was standing in a Dumpster at UCSD and that I could not leave the Dumpster until I found the tablecloths that Maxine White had made for Oceanids nearly thirty years ago. I'm sure that she thought that I was nuts.

After all these crazy events, you will be relieved to know that I did find the tablecloths. Luckily they were in the fourth bag that I opened, so I didn't have to burrow down too far! I hope I never have to go Dumpster diving again!

Liz Fong Willis

SAVE THE DATE:

February 5: Theatre Party

March 27-29:

Desert outing at Agua Caliente in Anza Borrego with Carole Ziegler.

CONSTANTS

Each year, as early as October and this year even earlier because of the financial crisis, I am overwhelmed by the brashness of the Christmas displays springing up here and there, almost everywhere, be it as decorations, advertisings, music, toys, long bearded Santas, or you name it...: all glitter and ringing bells.

Christmas is forced upon me, when I am still involved with lingering summer memories, when I barely have had time to welcome autumn and some of its miraculously crystal clear and crisp days. And so, I rebel. No, I tell myself, this time I will not submit to this premature propaganda; I will not indulge in dreaming of ideal family gatherings, nor will I draw up lists of presents, pondering endlessly whether this or that will prove to be better or worse; I will not be haunted by children pleas of “I can’t wait ‘til Christmas”. No, I will remain, tranquil and focused in my garden, tending my plants and enjoying quiet moments of peace.

And so, as I am watering, my mind always wanders at will. Recently I was thinking of Saint-Exupery’s Little Prince on his planet overrun with baobab seeds which, he tells us, if not conscientiously pulled out every day would most likely come to “spread over the entire planet, boring clear through it with its roots”, and possibly making it “explode”. And I went on reflecting that, in my garden, there on my bank, I-like everybody else- did have my own versions of baobab seeds which I had to go on pulling out, year after year, always hoping that only wholesome plants will finally remain and flourish, lush and colorful. So I persisted on watering and hoping all at once. And as I did, I would sometimes see tiny hummingbirds playing into the sprays of my hosing nozzle. Days would go by and my eyes would follow them up to the fence at the top of my bank where the fleshy and pointed aloes, in their gray-green uniform, with their spiny edged leaves seemed to stand guard like an exuberant army.

And one day as I was looking, I couldn’t believe that what I was seeing was truly there, already. I insisted in my mind that it could not be so. I kept repeating to myself “so soon” or “too soon” several times, and yet as I felt bound to look more carefully just in case, I had to admit that indeed what I was seeing, pointing out from inside the aloes’ cluster of leaves, in a small but vigorous spike, could not but be the springing up of those long bright vermillion flowers which I had seen without fail come to full bloom each year from December through February, a constant feast to my eyes.

So, in the end, I was forced to come to the conclusion that advertised or not, whether in my backyard or in town, December will be heralded one way or another and I might as well rejoice that, in my case, I could still count on my garden’s aloes, to remind me of it, in this gentle, simple, beautiful and unobtrusive way.

Odette Filloux

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POET’S CORNER:

October, bright, clear:
but underneath, touch of fear,
fires swoop and sear.

Good Morning, EMU!
Steps so high, with prideful eye -
We march together.

Raccoon finds new grubs,
slips behind the tree and UP!
when the big dog barks.

Maryruth Cox

There’s a Calling.
“Go and catch a Falling” Stock.
I cannot move: I got stuck.

Mihoko Vacquier

Several years ago while serving as parliamentarian Maxine Bloor saw a need for the Oceanids Board to have a written history, a collected memory, of who we are and how we operate as a governing body. After giving much thought to what the contents should be, Maxine set to work gathering information. At September's Board Meeting she was pleased to announce that the first edition of the Oceanids Policies and Procedures Manual was complete. The manual's twenty-four sections contain our by-laws, membership policy, duties of officers and committee chairs, Oceanids Service Awards, Interest Groups, Pavilion use policy, procedures for wall plaques and memorials, support group status, and parking policies at the International Center lot. It is a wonderful resource for the board, and an amazing gift of time and talent from Maxine.

Because we are a living board that continues to evolve, the manual is collected in binder form for ease of updating. There are three copies, one each for the president and parliamentarian, and one to be kept in the pavilion for the use of all board members. Now when the question of how we did this or that comes up, we have a resource to consult. This will be a valuable tool for Oceanids Board members to use. It is truly a very special gift. Thank you Maxine for seeing the need and generously providing a great resource. We are grateful for the many hours that you have devoted to this important project.

Barbara Bank

White Christmas

I never want a white Christmas.
I don't like driving in the snow
Or digging out my drive-way
With slush along the highway
And chilly winds wherever I may go.

I'd not enjoy another white Christmas
With all the frost and all the rime.
So where I'm going
I hope it won't be snowing.
I'd rather it was sunny all the time.

Save us, we beg, from any white Christmas
Save us from snowy winds that blow,
In drought or warmer rains
I don't need any chains.
I hate the thought of all that fallen snow.

Please save us from a white Christmas.
Let warmer autumn breezes blow.
Snow isn't funny.
So keep things warm and sunny
And please do not send us any snow.

Ralph Lewin

Chinese New Year is early this year (Jan. 26), so we are celebrating on Saturday, Jan. 24 with a 7 course Chinese dinner at the International Center. For the seventh year in a row, it will be prepared by Theresa Song and Peggy Cheong as a fund-raiser for scholarships. After dinner entertainment will consist of a Power Point presentation by Chris Wills of photos taken in Tana Toraja, middle of Sulawesi, Indonesia, and in Mongolia. The people in Tana Toraja say that their ancestors arrived from Taiwan over one thousand years ago and built their houses to resemble the boats. The connection with Mongolia is more complicated.....China was part of Mongolia and vice versa for many years.

If you are interested, please fill out the coupon and send it with your check to Georgina Sham, Friends of the International Center, UCSD 0018, La Jolla 92093-0018. The cost will be \$30 for members of the Friends of the International Center, \$35 for non-members, with all but \$8 tax-deductible. For further information, you may call Liz at 858 232-7545 between 8 AM and 5 PM any day. Liz Fong Wills

**Reservation for the Chinese Dinner at the International Center
Saturday, January 24, 2009, 6:30 pm**

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Number of reservations at \$30 (members), \$35 (non-members) per person: _____

Total cost: _____

Please make out check to Friends of the International Center and mail together with reservation form to:

Georgina Sham, Friends of the International Center, UCSD 0018, La Jolla 92093-0018.

SOUNDING BOARD

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EVERY 1ST THURSDAY AT 12 NOON.....
 • Oceanids and friends of the university meet
 • at the Faculty Club, convene in a specially
 • designated room to eat lunch and listen to
 • fascinating speakers. You can be sure of a
 • lively discussion!
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• Steven Schick, Music Director and Conductor of the
 • La Jolla Symphony and Chorus 2007 - Present



Steven Schick was born in Iowa and raised in a farming family. For the past 30 years he has championed contemporary percussion music as a performer and teacher. He studied at the University of Iowa and received the Soloists Diploma from the Staatliche Hochschule fur

Musik in Freiburg, Germany. Schick is Professor of Music at the University of California, San Diego and Lecturer in Percussion at the Manhattan School of Music. Steven Schick is the founder and Artistic Director of the percussion group, "red fish blue fish." In 2006, Schick released three important publications. His book on solo percussion music, *The Percussionist's Art: Same Bed, Different Dreams*, was published by the University of Rochester Press; his recording of "The Mathematics of Resonant Bodies" by John Luther Adams was released by Cantaloupe Music; and a 3-CD set in collaboration with the percussion group, "red fish blue fish," of the complete percussion music of Iannis Xenakis was released by Mode Records.

Attention: Sounding Board Attendees!
 In order to get the room for the lectures without cost we had to promise that the people who attend the talks will purchase their lunch (all you can eat and drink, including dessert, for \$12.50 for guests and \$8 for Faculty Club members!! Coffee and ice tea is provided in the meeting room) at the Faculty Club. The lunch should only be eaten in the meeting room, not in the dining room, please. The speaker is introduced at about **12:20** and talks for about 20 to 25 minutes. A discussion period follows. Interruptions with questions or statements during the talk are allowed, even welcome-- it's very informal. Sounding Board is usually over by 1:00-1:15 p.m.

December 4, 2008 Steven Schick, Music Dir. and Conductor LJ Symph. & Chorus
NO SOUNDING BOARD IN JANUARY
February 5, 2009 Mary Beebe, "The Stuart Collection"

OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

• Print your name as you would like it to appear in the OCEANIDS DIRECTORY. Check here if you don't want to be listed: _____

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OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are here to meet the many varied needs of UCSD families, especially those new to the UCSD campus and the community. If you don't find an activity you would like to participate in, please contact Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834, Interest Group Coordinator. If five or more Oceanids wish to start a new group, please let her know so we can inform other members. All we ask is that your members be Oceanids. If you are not yet a member of Oceanids, please consider joining us by calling Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or by submitting the application form in this issue.

ALL ABOARD

Contacts: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu
In November the All Aboard Train took a trip to San Juan Capistrano for a walking tour and lunch. Our next train trip will be in February to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. We will take the train to Union Station in Los Angeles where we will catch the Metro to the museum. All Oceanids are welcome on this outing. Please contact Barbara Bank if you wish to come. I will coordinate with interested travelers to find a date that is most convenient.
.Next meeting: TBA.

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Sidney Bagley (858) 455-1477, Lou Bowles (858) 755-7102, or Joany Mosher (858) 454-0017
Our birding group meets promptly at 8am the second Monday of each month **during the academic year**. The La Jolla group will meet at the corner of Dunaway Dr. and Glenwick Pl. in La Jolla. The North County birders will meet at the home of Lou Bowles in Del Mar. We will carpool from these locations to sites around the county. Members will be called.
Next outings: December 8 and January 13.

BOOK GROUP

Contact : Tobe Barban Rothaus (858) 551-8083 or Janet Goff (760) 753-3472
We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM for chatting; 10:00 AM for discussion. All readers are welcome; please join us. (Title & Author/Host/Discussion Leader)
December 9: "Sepharad" by Antonio Munoz Molina / Coyla Wilson; 858 453 5803 / Ruth Stern
January 13: "So Long, See You Tomorrow" by William Maxwell / Charlotte Mamorsky; 858 454 1694 / TBA.
Next meetings: December 9 and January 13

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net
La próxima reunión de Café Español será el miércoles, 3 de diciembre, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Marianne Burkenroad.
Favor de contestar a Marianne, maburk1@yahoo.com, 858-454-5931. La reunión en enero será el 7 de enero, 1:30-3:30 en la casa de Silvia Berchtold, La Jolla. Llame a Silvia, 858-454-1764 o jbsiberchtold@mac.com por favor.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Diana Vines (858) 459-8248 ou Patricia Stone (858) 454-5949
Le Cafe francais de decembre est annule mais nous nous retrouverons l'annee prochaine des le mois de janvier. La date precise est le 14 janvier de 13 heures a 15 heures comme d'habitude. Notre hotesse sera Hulya Saygin.
Veulliez lui telephoner si vous avez l'intention de venir (858 350-8081) ou s'il vous faut des directions.

Si vous pouvez faire du co-voiturage, cela evitera des problemes de parking (parking tres limite!).
Nous cherchons des hotesses pour le Cafe francais de fevrier.
Next meeting: January 14.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375
The group meets at a designated home on the second Sunday of each month (all year long) at 7:00pm for socializing; movie discussion starts at 7:30pm sharp. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Roswitha.
Next meetings: December 14 and January 11.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel (610) 401-1557 or jrblmenzel@sbcglobal.net
We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month all year long at various members' homes. We start at 10am and usually end at 3pm. Everyone brings her/his own lunch. The hostess will provide drinks. Call for information.
Next meetings: December 2+16 and January 6+20.

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu
The couples Evening Bridge Interest Group meets at 7:30pm on the fourth Saturday of the month all year long at one of our members' homes. If you wish to play on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please contact Barbara Bank.
Next meetings: December ? and January 24.

GERMAN KAFFEEKLATSCH

Contact: Roswitha Enright 858 459-7375 (renright@ucsd.edu)
This group is for beginners and experienced German speakers alike. Guaranteed no pressure. Just come on the 3rd Tuesday at 4 pm and have a good time. Only German spoken. We meet at Roswitha's house in La Jolla. If you want to join, please call contact.
Next meetings: December 16 and January 20.

GOURMET GROUP

Contact: Susan Starr 858 455 1630 or susanstarr1@ucsd.edu
We meet for dinner, usually on the weekends, twice in the fall and twice in the spring. Each dinner has a theme and each attendee is assigned a type of dish to bring. This group is for all who like to cook new things and learn about new foods.
Next meeting: call Susan.

GRACIOUS AGING

Contact: Elibet Marshall (858) 459-5246
This group has an age requirement. You must have lived 80 years to participate!
We meet on the first Monday of the month from 11am- 2pm at the home of Ellen Revelle to discuss a variety of subjects. Bring your own apple (lunch). Pure spring water is provided. Call Elibet for details.
Next meeting: December 1 and January 5.

Report from the
Gracious Aging Group:
Growing old is mandatory.



Growing up is optional.

HIKING IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Contact: Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375, renright@ucsd.edu

We meet at 8:30am on the second Saturday of each month (October to May or June) at the La Jolla Village Shopping Center parking lot and carpool to the starting point of the hike. Bring a lunch, plenty of fluids, sturdy shoes and sun protection! Friends and family are invited. Call the week before the hike if you would like to come.
Next hike: December 13 and January 10.

MOVEABLE FEAST I

Contact: Liz Fong Wills (858) 454-6858; lizfongwills@yahoo.com

This dining-out group is currently at capacity but we are taking a wait list.

Next meeting: contact Liz Fong Wills

MOVEABLE FEAST II

Contact: Shirley Babior (619) 542-0536 or Babior@earthlink.net or

Mary Cutchin (858) 459-8074 or marycutchin@yahoo.com

This group meets (usually) on the third Sunday of each month for drinks at a member's house. From there we carpool to the restaurant. Contact Shirley Babior or Mary Cutchin for information and reservations.

Next meeting: Call contact.

MUSEUM GROUP alternating with GARDENING CLUB

Contact: Barbara Starkey (858) 453-0779; bstarkey@ucsd.edu for Museum and

Mary Lynn Hyde 858-488-9283 or mlyhde@san.rr.com for Garden Club

Pansies, Poinsettias & a pot-luck Picnic". Join us for a trip to Weidner's Gardens in Encinitas.

Garden Outings: Dec. 5 and January 21. PLEASE SEE PAGE 10

PHOTO DIGERATI

Contact: Jane Takahashi (858) 622-1993

NEW INFORMATION:

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm each month. 1st meeting is at the Pavilion, 2nd will involve outdoor picture taking. This is for all who are interested in learning more about digital photography. For more information call Jane.

Next meetings: December 9+23 and January 13+27.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

The December Soiree will be at the home of Carol Manifold, on Sunday December 21st, at 7:30 pm.

RSVP to Carol at 858-456-7259 or rmanifo1@san.rr.com. The January Soiree will be held on Sunday, January 25th, at 4:00 pm, at the home of Marsha Sewell, 619-696-7575, m.sewell@cox.net and to get directions.

Next meeting: December 21 and January 25.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Keitha A. Libman ; klibman@ucsd.edu

Our speaker at the luncheon after the first board meeting is Steven Schick, Music Director and Conductor of the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus

Next meeting: December 4

NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

STAMP GROUP

Contact: Betty Shor (858) 453-0334 orbshor@sio.ucsd.edu

We do not meet on a regular basis, but welcome other collectors to join our informal exchange.

Next meeting: contact Betty Shor

WALKING GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

This interest group encourages fitness and friendship by walking with other Oceanids in your neighborhood. You decide the time and route. Contact Judy Vacquier at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858 459 7834 for a list of walkers in your neighborhood. Areas: North La Jolla/UCSD, Mt Soledad/South La Jolla, Del Mar, University City, Pacific Beach, North County, Poway, Mission Hills, and El Cajon.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Renate Berthold (858) 720-9276 or

Georgina Sham (858) 459-1336

Come join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students, and their children for refreshments at the International Center every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon during the academic year. You'll make friends and learn strange and wonderful American customs.

Visit the Kitchen Exchange where newcomers can rent kitchen, household, and baby equipment for a small fee.

WINE TASTING I

Contact: Pat Kampmann (858) 454-1856

Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets the third Friday monthly. Members rotate as hosts. However, this group is currently at capacity. For questions, contact Pat Kampmann.

Next meetings: December 19 and January 16.

WINE TASTING II

Contact: Barbara Scholz (858) 350-6014 or bscholz@hotmail.com

We meet monthly. Members rotate as hosts. The cost for wine and food is shared among the people attending (approximately \$8.00 per person).

Next meeting: call contact.

WITS I

Contact: Pat Kampmann (858) 454-1856

This long-time investment group allows one to learn and earn on one's own. Procedures are followed to analyze stocks before they are bought. A regular monthly investment is required along with a "buy-in." At present, there are a few places open. We meet at the Oceanids Pavilion on the 4th Tuesday of the month all year long from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

Next meetings: December 23? and January 27.

WITS II

Contact: Bev Douglas (858) 453-4938 and Carol Steinitz (858) 755-7612

WITS II meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at various members' homes all year long. We study companies using the NAIC stock investment guides in order to increase our financial understanding and competence. Come visit us!

Next meeting: January 28.

Half WITS

Contact: Liz Fong Wills (858) 454-6858

Unlike Wits I and II, the Half Wits don't buy stocks. We discuss financial and investment topics informally covering subjects ranging from longterm care insurance to pension options, as well as stocks and bonds. Our philosophy is, "There are no dumb questions." We usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Oceanids Pavilion. Pat Kampmann and Eleanor tum Suden are our guides through the financial jungles.

Next meetings: December 18 and January 15.

NEW INTEREST GROUP ?

NON-FICTION BOOKS

There are so many events today that are impacting our lives and so many books that attempt to clarify what is occurring, that it seems a good idea to explore these issues. Some subjects might be: the environment, our political system, our relationship to the rest of the world and our changing economic profile. There are some important books [not all of which, of course, agree with one another] which could help us better understand what is happening.

Are you interested in reading the books seminar style and having a serious small group discussion?

Call Zella Brown at 858-453-3050

December: "Pansies, Poinsettias & a pot-luck Picnic". Join us for a trip to of Weidner's Gardens in Encinitas on Friday December 5. We will first tour the nursery grounds and then have an opportunity to dig our own pansies and cyclamens for our winter garden and buy poinsettias to decorate our homes for the Holidays. And finally we'll enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds. We'll supply the beverage; you bring something to share. (i.e cheese & crackers, fruit, humus, etc). We'll rendezvous for carpooling at 10am near TGIFriday's parking lot, corner Nobel & Villa LaJolla Drive in La Jolla Village Square. We'll depart for Weidner's at 10:15am. Tour begins at 11am. Weidner's Gardens is located 695 Normandy Road, Encinitas, CA 92024. For directions & map: <http://www.weidners.com/location.html> Please Note: The Gardening Group is open to all Oceanids. Everyone is welcome despite your gardening skills. A Tour of Weidner's Gardens <http://www.weidners.com> may stand out as one of our best outings of the season. If we have 15 people or more, we qualify for a mini-demonstration such as Front Door Show Stoppers or Creative Poinsettia Display Ideas. RSVP: Please let Mary Lynn Hyde <mlhyde@san.rr.com> or 858-488-9283 know if you plan to attend and whether you will carpool from TGIFriday's or meet us at Weidner's.

January: The plan is for the Gardening Group to alternate monthly excursions with Museum Group. Except our schedule doesn't always work with the exhibit schedule. This year we will have Gardening excursions in December & January and Museum outings in November and February. The tentative plan is for an excursion on Wednesday Jan 21 to Simpson's Nursery in Jamul. Tentative because who can predict the weather in January? Or maybe we'll have a better idea. In any case, save the date and watch for an email update in January. Or just check with Mary Lynn Hyde or Barbara Starkey (see Museum Group).

PLEASE CUT OUT AND PUT INTO YOUR DIRECTORY

We welcome the following new members:

Christine Amlie, 858-457-4361 (home), 949-293-3152 (cell), christine_amlie@gmail.com
Marsha Sewell, 619-234-8815 (home), 619-696-7575 (work), m.sewell@cox.net
Nadine Wilson, 619-574-8783 (home), 858-822-6625 (work), now154@yahoo.com

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Cell phone numbers and changes of address will appear in the new Directory coming in the beginning of 2009.

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• **Book share** Remember the Book Share
• basket is in the Ellen Revelle Pavilion. You
• can borrow any book in the basket, read
• it, and then return it. The authors include
• James Patterson, John Grisham, Nora Rob-
• erts, Jeffery Deaver, Robert Tannenbaum,
• Brad Meltzer, Harlen Coben, Lee Child,
• Catherine Coulter, James Rollins, Dick Fran-
• ces, Stephen Cannell, David Baldacci, and
• Patricia Cornwell to name a few.

Barbara Starkey

DECEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Gracious Aging 1	Day Bridge 2	Café Español 3	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board 4	Garden Club 5	HOLIDAY PARTY 6
Moveable Feast II 7	Avi Set Birders 8	Photo-Digerati 9	KitX Wed. Coffee 10	11	12	Hiking 13
Cinema Soireé 14	15	Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch 16	KitX Wed. Coffee 17	Half-WITS 18	Wine Tasting I 19	20
Piano and Chamber Soireé 21	22	Photo-Digerati WITS I 23	KitX Wed. Coffee WITS II 24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2009

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