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OCEANIDS FALL BRUNCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019



Oceanids members will again be treated to our Fall Brunch by Thespine Kavoulakis, spouse of UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep Khosla and Associate of the Chancellor on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at Audrey Geisel University House. Members may register (receive their name tags) beginning at 10:00 a.m. The event will have the theme:

“Day of the Dead”

Brunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. at tables both inside and outside.



Members may choose to sit at one of the tables hosted by the Chairs of our many interest groups, and, at select tables, converse with a current UCSD undergraduate Service Award recipient. Please note that *invitations will be by e-mail only* (those members not on e-mail will receive invitations in the USPS mail). Your invitation is non-transferable. Because seating is limited, you may not bring a guest. Please respond promptly when you receive your invitation. Valet parking on site will provide an additional “treat” for guests.

If you have questions, please contact 2nd Vice President, Nellie High, 858-886-9223.



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BOARD MEETINGS: first Thursday every month

Oceanids **new office**, part of the International Faculty and Scholar Office, McGill Hall, Muir College

Coffee and refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting starts at 10:00 am.

(You are welcome to attend!)

President's Message

It is such an honor to be the new President. Thank you so much for electing me to this position, and it is a pleasure for me to serve Oceanids. I am also very grateful that we have such an experienced and helpful board including our immediate Past President, Kim Signoret-Parr to guide me.



University House and I would like to thank Thespine Kavoulakis for graciously hosting us again.

Nigella Hillgarth

See also page 10 for an interview with Nigella

The President's Message in the Feb/March 2018 Newsletter is about the Newsletter Archive at the UCSD Library.

Here is the link to our online newsletter and the actual PDF is attached.

http://ccom.ucsd.edu/~oceanids/newsletters/2017-2018/2018_02FebMarNewsletter.pdf

I have known about Oceanids ever since I first came to live in La Jolla in 2002 to be the Executive Director of the Birch Aquarium. Being part of the community at Scripps Institution of Oceanography meant that I got to know several members of Oceanids including Ellen Revelle and Sybil York. These early members of this remarkable group instilled in me a great interest and respect for Oceanids. I was a member of Oceanids for several years before I went to Boston in 2014. When I came back in 2018 I immediately rejoined and became part of the Birding group again and started attending the iPhone photography group.

It is the unique mixture of interest groups, philanthropy and support for UC San Diego, especially students, visitors and newcomers, that makes Oceanids a wonderful group for the university and the community. I think it is definitely a reason why UC San Diego has the reputation for being a welcoming university.

During my term as president I would like to see us focus on growing our membership to ensure a great future for Oceanids. I believe we need to continue to support our groups; encourage new groups and interests, and engage a wider group of members without losing the special ingredients of who we are.

I look forward to getting to know many of you better and to meeting those members whom I have not had the pleasure of getting to know before. I am looking forward to the fall luncheon on November 2 at

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- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
- We have a number of volunteer opportunities for Oceanids. Please see if any of the following interest you!
- We would love to involve more members in Oceanids activities. Please email Kim Signoret Paar kspaar@ucsd.edu and she will answer any questions about the "job" and connect you to the right person.
- **Hiking San Diego Interest Group – Drivers**
- A great opportunity to meet visiting scholars and students from around the world. They do not have cars, but look forward to hiking around San Diego County with this interest group. Consider joining the group and being one of the drivers for our International Newcomers.
- **Data input person to help with membership**
- Easy and not very time-consuming. Please call Mary Cutchin, membership chair at 858 459-8074.
- **Computer software installation and database conversion**
- This summer we will be installing a new computer for the Oceanids office and will be moving our membership database to a new program. If this is something that you love to do, please contact us.
- **Kitchen Exchange Volunteers**
- A great group of volunteers works with Liz Fong-Wills (858 454-6858) on this signature project.
- New volunteers always welcomed.
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Invitation to Friends of the International Center's Scholarship Fundraiser

**Saturday,
November 16, 2019
6:30 pm
Great Hall, I-House
UC San Diego**



Ethnic Dinner



Unexplored PNG
Papua New Guinea
**Post-Dinner Illustrated
Presentation by
UC San Diego Professor Chris Wills**

For More Information and Reservations visit:

<https://ficPNG2019.eventbrite.com>

reservations due by Wednesday November 6, 2019



\$75 Friends Member

\$100 Community

\$25 UCSD Post Docs, Scholars,
Degree Students & Partners
(we regret no children)



OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

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All gifts, memorials and dues are **tax deductible** when made payable to "UC San Diego Foundation".

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CAMPUS FOCUS EVENT

You are invited to a UC San Diego Oceanids Campus Focus event, Sunday, October 27, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at UC San Diego Peterson Hall. Take this guided tour of AKWAY NYEWA'A: Coming Back Home - reproductions of photographs taken in San Diego's Native American communities around the turn of the century.

Meet at the benches at the entrance of Peterson Hall on Muir Lane (across the street from the Faculty Club Parking Lot). A tour of the exhibit will be led by Maryann Callery, an honorary fellow of Thurgood Marshall College, and Dr. Ross H. Frank, Ethnic Studies, UCSD. There is no charge for this tour; an optional no-host lunch at OceanView follows. Questions? email Cactus12Carole@gmail.com or jouren@san.rr.com.

Exhibit History:

In 1989, before Third College was named for Justice Thurgood Marshall, then Provost Cecil Lytle commissioned this exhibition as part of the college's 1990 Cultural Celebration. Titled *Close to Home*, the show was co-curated by Ken Hedges, then Head Curator at the San Diego Museum of Man and Cliff Trafzer, then Chair of Native American Studies at San Diego State University. The exhibit, mounted at the Grove Gallery, consisted of reproductions of selected photographs from the collections of the San Diego Museum of Man, taken in San Diego's Native American communities around the turn of the 20th century. The show was then loaned to the galleries of the newly opened Price Center for a year.

UCSD's 2007-2008 California Native American Day (CANA-Day) Celebration Committee refurbished and remounted the exhibition at the Center for Library and Instructional Computing (CLICS) Library, where it was retitled AKWAY NYEWA'A: Coming Back Home under co-curators Tere Ceseña and Julie Holder. After CLICS closed in 2011, the photographs appeared briefly at the Loft, Cross-Cultural Center, and Geisel Library.

UC San Diego's 2013-2014 CANA-Day Celebration Committee facilitated its move to a permanent home in Peterson Hall in April of 2014.

Exhibit Statement: The Kumeyaay-Diegueño nation encompasses sections of San Diego and Imperial counties, as well as northern Baja California, Mexico. The UCSD campus sits on Kumeyaay land. This exhibit is an effort to make connections between the people in the photographs and present generations; recognizing and honoring historical and living communities in this region.

Jan Ouren and Carole Ziegler

Membership Update

We are working through the renewals and have the following updates / new member to report. There will be more in the next newsletter.

New Member: Marilyn Gelber (Gary); C: 415-407-0148; Email: marilyn.gelber@gmail.com

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Mary Cutchin, Membership Chair



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 Interest Group Coordinator *Judy Vacquier* (858) 361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net. 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 contacting Mary Cutchin, 858-459-8074, marycutchin@yahoo.com or by submitting the application form in this issue.

Since the newsletter is posted on the Oceanids website we will, for security reasons, not publish addresses (with occasional exceptions). Please call the contact for the necessary information.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL INTEREST GROUP Chairs: Register your event at least 7 days in advance:

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Liz Winant (858) 481-7447, lizwinant@gmail.com

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 a TBD location. We will carpool from these locations to sites around the county. Members will be called or e-mailed.

Next outings: October 14 and November 11.

BOOK GROUP

Contacts: Janet Goff (760) 753-3472, Liz Winant (858) 481-7447

We meet on the second Tuesday morning of every month at 9:30 AM for chatting and 10 AM for review. Everyone is welcome; we are happy to greet new members who like to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction and who value good writing and a lively discussion. Please join us.

Date	"Title"	by Author /	Host /	Reviewer
Oct 8	"The Infatuations"	Javier Marias /	Barbara Penn /	TBA
Nov 12	"TBA" /		Ruth Stern /	Barbara Nemirof

Next meetings: October 8 and November 12.

Café ESPAÑOL

Contacts: Beate Menzel jrbmlmenzel@cox.net or 619 401 1557

Vicky Lindblade vlindblade@mac.com or 858 452 1739

This conversation group is designed for fluent Spanish speakers who wish to keep up their Spanish and learn new vocabulary. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion. Call chair for more information.

Next meetings: October 8 and November 12.

Café FRANÇAIS

Contact: Hulya Saygin; hulyasaygin@yahoo.com

Chères amies,

La réunion première de Café Français en Octobre le 9, sera chez Trudy Synodis comme d'habitude. Monica Valentino sera co-hôtesse généreusement. Le 13 de Novembre nous allons réunir chez Klelia Mouzaki et le co-hôtesse est Sahar Adams qui est une nouvelle member de notre groupe. S'il vous plaît, veuillez contacter via à Trudy, tsynodis@gmail.com et Klelia klelia.mouzaki@gmail.com si vous avez l'intention d'aller.

Next meetings: October 9 and November 13.

CELLPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Contact: Kim Signoret-Paar, kspaar@ucsd.edu

The group meets at a designated home on the second Thursday of each month at 11am for discussion and sharing of our cellphone photographs. Activities, such as field trips, will be communicated to the group's email list. For more information, please contact Kim.

Next meetings: October 10 and November 14.

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CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Katie Boyer, ktpb@san.rr.com; 858 273-6505

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. You will be contacted by e-mail about which movie to see and where to meet. For more information call Katie.

Next meetings: October 13 and November 10.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel jrbmlmenzel@cox.net or 619 401 1557

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 or before 3pm. Everyone brings her/his own lunch. The hostess will provide drinks. Call for information.

Next meetings: October 1+15 and November 5+19..

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu

The couples Evening Bridge Interest Group meets at 7:00pm on the **fourth Saturday** of the month all year long at one of our members' homes.

Next meetings: October 26 and November 23.

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 3pm** and have a good time. Only German spoken. If you want to join, please ccontact Roswitha.

TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM

Next meetings: October 15 and November 19.

GOURMET GROUP

Contact: Susan Starr 858 455 1630 or susanstarr1@gmail.com

This is a group for those who like to try cooking new things. We meet several times a year, at members' homes, and each person brings an assigned dish or course. The group is currently full but if you'd like to be notified when there is an opening, or a new group is forming, please email Susan Starr at the address above.

Next meetings: Please call contact.

HIKING IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Contact: Jim Bunch 858 453-5765

We need drivers to take interested hikers to the start of the hikes. If you are interested in hiking please cll the chair. If there are going to be enough drivers the hike will be on.

Next possible hikes: October 12 and November 9.

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: Mary Cutchin (858) 459-8074 or marycutchin@yahoo.com
This group meets every other month for drinks at a member's house. From there we carpool to the restaurant. Contact Mary Cutchin for information and reservations.

Next meeting: October 20.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net
Piano Soiree: This group is for amateurs who need a motivation to practice and want to perform in a relaxed, fun setting among friends. We welcome piano, chamber instruments and voice, classical, jazz and popular music, solos and ensembles. We usually meet the third or fourth Sunday at 3 pm.

Next meetings: Please contact Judy Vacquier for meetings in October and November.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Nellie High, 858-886 9223; nellie@looklajollahomes.com
Sounding Boards are always on the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Faculty Club.

Next meetings: October 3 and November 7. See page 9.

TAPAS ON THURSDAY

Contact: Barbara Bank <bbank@ucsd.edu>.

This is a new interest group started last June and has continued over the summer to the delight of all attendees. We meet at noon on the third Thursday of the month at members' homes to enjoy tapas and conversation. Depending on the number of members at the monthly gathering either half or all the attendees bring a tap to share. We have enjoyed new and delicious treats and best of all enjoyed the delightful company of fellow Oceanids. If you would like to join our group, please contact the chairperson.
Next meetings: October 17 and November 7.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336
Mary Woo 481-6998 & 336-3642 (cell)
Jennie Chin enjen1@hotmail.com

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.

WE HAVE MOVED TO THE CONTAINER next to the former International Center parking lot, at parking lot P 416.

Next meetings: Wednesdays.

WINE TASTING I

Contact: Alicia Flores Meneses at virginiacisne@yahoo.com or 858-353 3878

Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets on Fridays or Sundays. Members rotate as hosts. This group is again open to new members.

Next meeting: Please call chair.

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 \$10.00 per person).

Please call chair about next meeting

WITS II

Contact: Bev Douglas (858) 453-4938

WITS II uses the principles of NAIC to study and evaluate companies for stock purchases. We meet on the 4th Wednesday from 3:30 to 5pm.

Next meeting: Please call chair.

MORE INTEREST GROUPS NEWS

Couples (Evening) Bridge is looking for more players

Do you enjoy a clever finesse, cheerful company, and a glass of good wine? If you do, please join us on the fourth Saturday of the month at 7 PM. We are a very friendly, fun loving group, and play party bridge while sipping wine and eating cheese and treats. In recent years our "Couples" have included both married couples, and two friends who want to play monthly. We are always in need of substitutes, single players and couples. We would love to have you join us monthly, or occasionally as a substitute.

Please contact Barbara Bank, bbank@ucsd.edu.

Gardening with California Native Plants

Have you been thinking about switching your garden to native plants, and want some help learning what's available, and how to make the switch? This interest group will meet monthly to visit native plant gardens and nurseries, and we will share references and information as we learn about all the ways we can attract hummingbirds and other birds, butterflies, native bees and other native insects, and help the environment and save water at the same time. Native plants are becoming widely available in nurseries and you can make small, gradual changes in your garden to natives. Contact Judy Vacquier at jvacq@sbcglobal.net if you would like to join.

Exciting Changes at the Faculty Club

I was delighted to learn that the new contract for The Faculty Club was awarded to Miho. They have catered the recent Oceanids Fall Brunches that Thespine Kavoulakis has hosted at Geisel University House. It isn't just the chef that has changed, Miho is refurbishing the lobby and O'Brien Dining Room. Because of that Lunch service was on the patio when I visited for lunch with my husband, and it was delicious. I am so curious to see what the new décor will be. I know the food will be wonderful. Coming to Sounding Board this academic year will be both a delightful an enlightening experience. Barbara Bank

Oceanids 20/19 – 20/20 Fellowships Awarded -- Putting your gifts to work

Oceanids is awarding three fellowships this fiscal year; a \$3,000 Oceanids Frieda Daum Urey Fellowship, a \$3,000 Oceanids Memorial Fellowship, and a \$3,000 Oceanids Bertha Lebus Fellowship. With guidance from the Graduate Student Financial Support office we have three outstanding recipients.

Ms Kate Durkin is a graduate student at Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Geosciences Division, and recipient of the Oceanids Frieda Daum Urey Fellowship. She graduated from Smith College and spent a couple of years taking courses at the University of Rochester and working, before coming to Scripps. Her main Ph.D project is to constrain the relationship between slab input and slab output in the Izu-Bonin arc system in the western Pacific. In addition to being an accomplished researcher she has been a teaching assistant since her sophomore year and constantly reaches out to the community, teaching and tutoring all grades of students and participating in teacher training workshops. Her advisor describes her as "an exemplary model of a young woman pursuing a career in science". Her ultimate goal is to be a geoscience educator at the university level.

Mr Eric Lybrand is a Ph.D candidate at UCSD Mathematics Department and recipient of the Oceanids Memorial Fellowship. The nomination letter from his advisor says he is "easily one of our best mathematics graduate students". On joining UCSD Eric started working on a project whose aim was to develop a theory of quantization for low-rank matrix recovery, and he has since branched out to other problems in the mathematics of data science. He has already published one journal paper and is in the process of submitting another two. He is also a TA and has been appointed as the Senior TA in recognition of his excellent work, a position that is a strong testament to Eric's leadership, mentorship and commitment to education and service. Eric wants to pursue a career in academia and with this fellowship he hopes to be able to attend more conferences and workshops to get exposure and interact with leading research academics.

Mr Bolun Zhang is a graduate student at the UCSD Department of Sociology and recipient of the Oceanids Bertha Lebus Fellowship. Requirements for this Fellowship are, a period of at least one year between receiving an undergraduate degree and starting graduate studies, and having the long range goal of becoming a teacher at any educational level. Mr Zhang's letter of recommendation says that he graduated from Peking University, with an exemplary academic record. He then took a year off to work as an editor & translator and joined the Department of Sociology in the Fall of 2016. He sailed through the first of his Ph.D qualifying exams a year ahead of schedule, and is "an outgoing and intellectually generous social scientist". His letter of recommendation goes on to say that during the period between undergraduate & graduate studies he volunteered for an NGO that aimed to reduce inequality of opportunity between urban & rural areas in China. He is currently involved in a UC San Diego faculty-led project concerned with urban-rural inequality in educational opportunities in the United States. He intends to be a teacher in a university setting.

We will invite these students to our Spring Luncheon and look forward to meeting them.

Liz Winant

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Dear Oceanids Members,

Please consider joining us for Friends of the **International's Friends Dinner Social** as we celebrate the Marvelous Midwest USA.

Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm, Time: 6:00 pm

Location: The Village 15th Floor Meeting Rooms

Should you wonder why we offer American-themed events, please remember that many of our guests are international and they very much appreciate learning more about our vast country and its regional differences. After dinner we will have two popular up-and-coming local musicians performing jazz music.

Price: Non-Friends members are \$30; Friends members price is \$25; UCSD Degree Students & International Scholars are \$20; children 5 - 17 are \$10; and children under 5 are free

Reservations are due by Friday, October 4th and can be made via Eventbrite at <https://fdsmidwestusa2019.eventbrite.com>. To avoid disappointment, please register early as our dinners always sell out quickly.

Katya Newmark

SOUNDING BOARD

Sounding Board is a series of seven lectures during the academic year, the first Thursday at 12 noon, sponsored by UC San Diego Oceanids and the UC San Diego Faculty Club. Oceanids, faculty and friends meet at the UCSD Faculty Club in the Lounge to eat lunch and listen to fascinating speakers. Purchase of lunch is required (\$16.50 for guests and \$13.00 for Faculty Club members). A parking permit can be obtained at the front desk. You can be sure of a lively discussion! You do not need to RSVP. Contact Nellie High, Sounding Board Program Chair, @nellie@nellihigh.com for more information.

October 3, 2019:

Jordan Peimer, ArtPower Executive Director

Molly Clark, Associate Director of Artistic Planning & Education

“An overview of the upcoming ArtPower season and a look at how the performances will impact UC San Diego students’ lives”

We will be provided a sneak peek of the 2019-2020 multi-arts season, featuring innovative artists in Chamber Music, Dance, Jazz, Global Music, American Routes, and Special Events. Along with the new season they will also share about the diverse variety of student and community engagement programming that coincides with the performances that happen on stage.

Jordan Peimer leads a team which oversees a multi-arts season devoted to performance, engagement, and residencies. He is responsible for all aspects of the development, production, and presentation of ArtPower’s public programs and artistic and educational residencies.

Molly is the main liaison for visiting ArtPower artists, ensuring that their experience is a fulfilling and smooth one. She uses her passion for the performing arts while assisting the executive director in planning the multi-arts season.



November 7, 2019

Steffanie Strathdee, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Global Health Sciences, Harold Simon Professor, UCSD Department of Medicine, Co-Director, Center for Innovative Phage Applications and Therapeutics

Thomas Patterson, Ph.D.

In November of 2015, epidemiologist Steffanie Strathdee and her husband, psychologist Tom Patterson, were vacationing in Egypt when Tom came down with a stomach bug. What at first seemed like a case of severe food poisoning quickly turned critical, and by the time Tom had been transferred via emergency medevac to the world-class medical center at UC San Diego, where both he and Steffanie were on staff, blood work revealed why modern medicine was failing: Tom was fighting one of the most dangerous, antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the world. This story led them to the launch of IPATH at UCSD, which is the first phage therapy center in North America.

Dr. Strathdee is an infectious disease epidemiologist renowned for her research on the intersection of HIV and drug use, having generated >600 scholarly publications. She is Associate Dean of Global Health Sciences and Harold Simon Professor of Medicine at the University of California San Diego where she codirects the Center for Innovative Phage Applications and Therapeutics. She is married to Thomas L. Patterson, Professor of Psychiatry at UC San Diego, where they co-direct a research and training program on the Mexico-US border.



Idyllic Background Shapes Her Career—
an Interview with Dr. Nigella Hillgarth, Oceanids' New President
By Jan Ouren

Born in County Tipperary, the Republic of Ireland, Nigella Hillgarth lived close to Lough Derg, a large lake on the River Shannon, bordering counties Clare, Galway and Tipperary. Here, she developed her passion for birds and for water, playing outside near the lake and in the woods, and riding horses. She had three brothers, all older. At age eight, she followed them to boarding school in England, a common practice then to get a good education.

After some nine years in school, she traveled widely and took her first steps toward her lifelong career—she worked for the British Wild Fowl and Wetlands Trust. She later returned to school at Oxford University where she earned a D. Phil. in Evolutionary Biology. Her field of study was pheasants and their evolutionary progress. From Oxford, Nigella was invited to UC Riverside for post-doctoral work. This was followed by a NATO fellowship to the University of Washington and then to the University of Utah as a Research Professor. Not leaving academia but broadening her experience to non-profit administration, she served as the Director of the Tracy Aviary in Utah. Following this, Nigella moved back to California to lead the UC San Diego Birch Aquarium for 12 years, then on to the New England Aquarium as its CEO.

Most recently, Nigella returned to California. She remains focused on environmental advocacy and photography. She is a Research Scientist at the Center for Ecosystem Sentinels, University of Washington, Seattle, and a founding member of the Ocean Collectiv. And luckily for Oceanids, she is our new President. We welcome her and look forward to her leadership.



Nigella (5) and friend

In case you didn't already know this little tidbit of wonderful trivia. . . .

On July 20, 1969, as commander of the apollo 11 lunar module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon, "that's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to earth and heard by millions.

But, just before he re-entered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark "good luck, mr. gorsky."

Many people at nasa thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival soviet cosmonaut.

However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs.

Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the 'good luck, Mr. Gorsky' statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On july 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year-old question about Mr.Gorsky and this time he finally responded because his Mr Gorsky had just died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could now answer the question.

here is the answer to

"who was Mr. Gorsky?":

In 1938, when he was a kid in a small mid-western town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball, which landed in his neighbor's yard by their bedroom window.

His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky, "sex! you want sex?! you'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"


It broke the place up.

Neil Armstrong's family confirmed that this is a true story.

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Day Bridge 1	KitX Wed. Coffee 2	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board 3	4	5
6	7	Book Group 8	KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais 9	Café Español Cellphone Photography 10	11	Hiking ? 12
Cinema Soireé 13	Avi Set Birders 14	Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch 15	KitX Wed. Coffee 16	Tapas Thursday 17	Wine Tasting I 18	19
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