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

You are welcome to attend.

Oceanids Gallery of Arts and Crafts

Oceanids News announces the opening of the Oceanids Gallery of Arts and Crafts, a virtual art exhibition space. As our membership includes many artists, we are offering Oceanids members an opportunity to show and share their creations. We encourage you to submit one of your art works, along with a short bio of yourself, to be published in our newsletter--available online to members and the public.

To get this going, I am showing a mosaic I created during the ongoing quarantine. I started painting as a teenager, minored in art at the University of Arizona and have been painting ever since, mostly abstracts and portraits. Now and again, a mosaic idea presents itself: friends' dogs, palm trees, etc. Here then is "Bird Conversations" by Jan Ouren, San Diego, 2020. To exhibit your work in our newsletter, please send a .jpg of your work and a short bio to jouren5353@gmail.com. Members only please!

Jan Ouren



We not only have talented artists among our members but also thoughtful and capable writers (see next page). It would be wonderful if they would submit some piece of theirs, a short description of an interesting experience they have had, musings about our times, poems, recommendations of a book or film they have seen, the sky is the limit.

Our newsletter is somewhat cut off from the happenings at the university-- but we still like to keep in touch. Thank you.

Please send your contributions to renright@ucsd.edu

Life at the start of a pandemic in the 21st Century

I did not see this coming, but there were experts who did. It is hard to be in the business of trying to forecast crises, and our current administration despises and ignores experts anyway. It was only after a virus officially became a pandemic, that I learned that this had been expected by the people who study the spread of infectious diseases. This meant that we were in the thick of it before we knew what was happening.

As America started to grasp the scope of Covid-19, as the virus was called, I discovered I was still playing catch up. In the very early days, before governors had started to take control, I went to my local Vons to do my regular food shop, and discovered there was not a single parking place. This had never happened before. I finally parked and went into a mob scene. More like shopping before Thanksgiving. The number of items that had sold out astonished me, and not a roll of toilet paper to be seen. Finally it dawned on me. People were feeling under seige and hoarding was rampant. I even saw a young woman in tears in front of empty shelves where Pampers should have been.

In my mind I wondered if this was how the British people felt at the start of WWII. Then, first responders worked to put out fires, while bombs fell. Instead of falling bombs and fires, we have an invisible enemy that can strike and kill us. Then, as now, medical staff worked in appalling conditions to care for the sick and wounded. At the start of the Second World War, citizens' experiences varied considerably depending on where they lived in the country. London was ground zero. A similar thing is happening today with New York being ground zero. Another aspect that I felt mirrored wartime Britain was the desire to help each other. I felt a novel sense of community, with friends sharing ideas on how to get by, and even sharing toilet rolls! My neighbour left flowers on my garden table, and told me to help myself to her vegetable garden. We were swamped with recipes for using the staples in your pantry. We were encouraged to support our local restaurants, by ordering curb side pick up. The similarities between wartime Britain and pandemic ravaged America are probably small, but at this stage we have only just started our war and really do not know the full extent of the damage that will be done to the country and its people.

I struggle to find words to express what it feels like, this time of suspended animation. My life has become slower with no appointments to keep, but the weeks fly by. When did my life go from "before COVID" to "COVID?" It is hard to pinpoint because it happened gradually, and the goal posts continue to be moved farther and farther away. Death is a part of life at the moment, much as it was for Britain facing the start of the Second World War, almost eighty years ago.

Liz Winant

OCEANIDS INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are here to meet the many varied needs of the UCSD 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:
Send a copy of the registration form to Beate L. Menzel : jrbmlmenzel@cox.net**

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: ??.

.How do you keep an interest group, that brought people together to watch birds, going during a time when group activities are banned? The answer is with creative ideas and willingness to try something different. Aviset, Oceanids birding group, has tried several ideas, all enthusiastically supported by our Aviset members. In the early days we took note of the birds in our back yards and neighbourhoods and shared them on-line. Then we got more ambitious and Nigella Hillgarth gave a Zoom presentation on the disappearing birds in our county. Our next adventure will be a Zoom meeting where each participant has about 5 minutes to show photos, and talk about something "birdy" that interests them.

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.

Next meetings: ???

Thanks to the miracle of Zoom we are able to sit in the comfort of our homes and discuss the book the group has read. The only thing missing is the food we used to share!! At our first meeting one member noted that she really missed baking cookies, but we do not miss having to drive the freeway to someone's home. Call chair to find out which book is to be discussed.

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: ??

About 6 members of Café Español met by Zoom in June at our normally scheduled time. Alicia Flores, our Peruvian Oceanids

member, did us the favor of hosting it. Some were new to Zoom, but once we "Zoomed in," we all compared notes about our experiences with physically isolating and then read and discussed an interesting article about the 1960 Valdivia earthquake in Chile, the strongest earthquake (9.5) ever recorded. It was so strong it generated tsunamis in Hawaii and Japan as well as other areas of Asia. Alicia was helpful not only in responding to our questions about Spanish vocabulary and grammar, but also with seismology as her husband is a seismologist and, due to his work, they have lived in places like Japan and California.

We will meet twice a month instead of just monthly. Alicia has been kind enough to accommodate us by hosting the meetings as she does with her Spanish classes. While we miss the face-to-face contact that we usually have with the group--not to mention the array of refreshments provided by each hostess-- it's been wonderful to have Alicia as an important part of our group and she hasn't had to make the long and time-consuming commute from her home in Oceanside. It's also been fun to "get together" and practice Spanish a bit more frequently. The extra session has given us a chance to get together more often and get more practice with an expert!

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: *Hulya Saygin* hulyasaygin@yahoo.com

Dear Francophiles;

I hope this email finds you well, during this pandemic period. Since Oceanids activities are suspended, group CF also did not do much. Our last Café Francais meeting was in March 11th . We were at Anne-France Saillot 's house in Solana Beach. That day many of our francophiles didn't show up, but 14 attendees were very cautious, there was no hugging or kissing . Next day UCSD announced that all academic meetings and social gatherings are banned. Other than my personal phone calls to some of our members who were alone or sick Group Café Francais didn't do anything interesting till the 14th of July last week.

It was the Bastille day in France and we had a zoom meeting to talk about it. Monica Valentino was the host as a first timer with the help of her daughter Dominique. We listened to the Marseillaise and watched a short celebration of fireworks.

We've decided to have another zoom meeting in August. It will be the second Wednesday the 12, at 12 pm like our regular meeting's day and time..

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: ??

The Cellphone Photography Group is meeting on Zoom monthly – the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am. We share photos and tips about taking photographs with our cellphones. We have started to select a topic for the photos we share. We've done trees, food, and views in, around and from our homes. In August we are starting to use a website/book for our projects: "Seeing Fresh: The Practice of Contemplative Photography" <http://seeingfresh.com/> The first topic will be COLOR. If you are interested in joining us, contact Kim Signoret-Paar kspaar@outlook.com

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: ??

The Cinema Soiree bunch is watching movies on Netflix or Prime and holding our meetings via Zoom. Interest is good and an amazing number of movies is available on those 2 sites. We are enjoying being able to stay in touch. We are lucky to have a Zoom connection that accommodates an unlimited number, so if anyone is interested in joining, contact Katie Boyer at ktpb@san.rr.com..

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: ??

Our bridge meetings cannot happen in person at this time. Several of us are meeting online for an hour of our favorite game. If you are interested to participate, please contact the chair person.

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: ??

See above

GARDENING WITH CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS:

This is a new interest group focusing on learning how to use California native plants in our gardens to attract wildlife, birds, butterflies and pollinators, and to reduce the need for water and chemicals. We will meet at each others' homes, and take field trips to local nurseries, public and private garden tours, plant workshops, and more. Contact Judy Vacquier at jvacq@sbcglobal.net for details.

Next meeting:??

The Gardening with California Native Plants group met once by Zoom since the shutdown. In February, several of us had made a field trip to Walter Anderson's nursery in Poway, and purchased many native plants for our gardens. We all planted them before our March rains, and then came the shutdown. Around May we wanted to show people how our plants had adapted and even bloomed, so we took photos of our native plants and shared them on Zoom. We plan to meet again soon.

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 contact Roswitha.

TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM

Next meetings: ??

We are meeting for our German conversation per zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3 pm. If you want to join us please contact Jim Bunch (858) 453-5765 for the zoom information.

GOURMET GROUP

Contact: Susan Starr (858) 455-1630 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 call the chair. If there are going to be enough drivers the hike will be on.

Next possible hikes: on hiatus for lack of drivers.

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: ??

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

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. On February 23 we will meet at the home of Michael Gorman. Ple

Next meetings: ??

The Piano and Chamber Music Soiree has been meeting monthly by Zoom since the University and our regular meetings shut down. We had very well-attended meetings in April, May and June, and plan to continue throughout the summer and fall by Zoom. Attendance has been maximum, with about 24 people attending, and we've been meeting for three hours each time. Members record their piece using Voice Memos, or the video camera on their cell phone, and send it to Michael, who acts as our emcee. Each performer introduces their composer and piece, then we all mute ourselves (that took some training for some people!) and he plays our pieces. Then we unmute, applaud and briefly discuss the performance. Some ensemble groups, like our flute players Lori and Annette, have used software to record multiple instruments and then mix them together. Although we miss the personal interaction, and the live music, there are some advantages, such as no driving and parking, and no host is needed to provide refreshments. The major difference is that, since we are recording ourselves and submitting our best effort (sometimes Take 8 or 10!), we are learning a lot by hearing how we sound, and there are no performance jitters. Also, our former member Martine, who moved to Texas, can attend now!

Next zoom meetings: Aug. 23 and Sep. 27 at 3 pm.

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: Please call contact.

TAPAS ON THURSDAY

Contact: Barbara Bank <bbank@ucsd.edu>

This is a new interest group. We meet at noon on the third Thursday of the month to enjoy tapas and conversation. Depending on the number of members at the monthly gathering either half or all the attendees bring tapas 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: ??

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336

Mary Woo (858) 481-6998 & (858) 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: call Liz Wills (858 454-6858), please, before you go.

WINE TASTING I

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

WINE TASTING II

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

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.

Alicia will send an Online Zoom invite by email 30 minutes prior to our meeting (6:30pm).

You can join the meeting by opening the link of the invite in your Laptop, I pad, cellphone and loading the Zoom app., or by calling with your phone at the phone number given in the invite (in this case you will join the meeting without the video)

At your place you will have a bottle of the chosen type wine that you selected and get the following information about your wine: brand, year, properties, price, and store where you buy it.

You will try your chosen wine and rate it from 1 to 4 during our meeting.

We can treat ourselves with cheese, bread, grapes and some snacks!!!

We will have our social time as always for 1 hour and we can talk about how we can do our next meetings and other informal topics

At 8:00 pm everyone will describe their own wine and give your rate from 1 to 4 and recommendation.

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.

Tired of staring at a screen?

No computer?

No printer?

If you cannot print out the newsletter from the website we can still send it to you by snail mail. It might get there a couple of days late and it will only be in black and white.

Just let me know and tell a friend.

Roswitha Enright- renright@ucsd.edu



In Memoriam: Marjorie Jackson and Marianne Burkenroad

contributed by Judy Vacquier and Christa McReynolds

It is with great sadness we note the passing of two remarkable Oceanids. Both ladies, who were good friends, were lively, engaging and led very interesting, long lives, and died a few weeks apart. They contributed their wit and stories to Café Espanol and other interest groups for decades. Marjorie died May 26 at 99 and Marianne passed away on June 8 and was 102.

Marianne Schweitzer Burkenroad grew up in Berlin. Her family fled the Nazis in 1939, and she arrived in New York when the war broke out. She was given the opportunity to get a college degree at Bryn Mawr, followed by a MA Degree in Anthropology from Yale.

In 1947 she married Martin Burkenroad, a marine biologist. They lived in North Carolina, Pacific Beach and Texas, before moving to Panama in 1954, where Marianne taught German at the National University of Panama, and learned Spanish. Her three children grew up in Panama. When they moved to La Jolla in 1964, she became an Instructor of German at UCSD and volunteered at the Museum of Man.



Marianne was a long-time member of UCSD Oceanids. Besides being a charter member of Café Espanol in 2000, she started two (short-lived but lively) interest groups in Board Games and Ping Pong. She beat her grandchildren at backgammon when she was 101. She attended Café Espanol, Kaffeeklatsch and Sounding Board until she was 100. She loved yoga and the beach. She loved swimming and won the La Jolla Rough Water Swim in her age category (55 and older) in 1974. Her collection of Mexican arts and crafts, especially pottery from Mata Ortiz, was museum quality.

After Martin died in 1986, Marianne remarried a long time friend, Charles Fuchsman, a chemist and scholar, *Oceanids*

who had also been widowed.

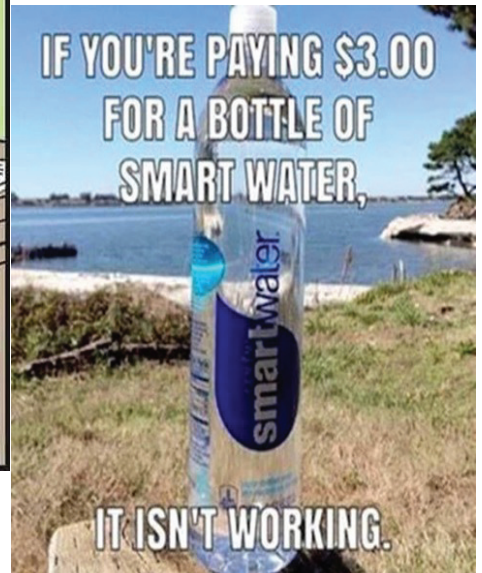
An interview with Marianne by the La Jolla Light in 2019 can be found here:
<https://www.lajollalight.com/lifestyle/story/2019-06-18/la-jolla-centenarian-marianne-burkenroad>

Marjorie was born in New York and grew up in Los Angeles after age 7. She attended UCLA and majored in education with a minor in theater arts. At age 21, she landed a teaching position at Mills College. However, she left the position and joined the Women's Reserve of the US Marine Corps during World War II. She attended Officer Training School and became a second lieutenant.

After the War, she received her M.Ed. degree at UCLA and worked as a guidance counselor. In 1957 she and her family moved to Mexico. She lived 35 years in Mexico City with her attorney husband and three children, where she became fluent in Spanish, taught and received another master's degree in bilingual education. She loved indigenous textiles and cuisine, and made many adventurous road trips into the mountains of Oaxaca, Puebla and other states meeting indigenous people and collecting their textiles. She had an enormous textile collection, which she donated to the Mexican Folk Art Museum in Chicago. Her daughter Laurie Lynn Barnett moved to La Jolla in 1977 and Marjorie and her husband Alvin joined her in La Jolla in 1992. Alvin passed away in 1996. Marjorie was active in Café Espanol, attended Cinema Soiree, and was



a tutor with the Friends of the International Center, and was a volunteer with the Mingei International Museum. An interview with Marjorie from a UCLA publication can be found at:
<https://ampersand.gseis.ucla.edu/marjorie-l-jackson-alumna-guided-wwii-pilot-trainees-new-teachers/>



Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter
This one I caught in the Denver Recorder the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this.
It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!!
They put in a correction the next day.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says Really? You reckon....?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death
Good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace
I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
You think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
Who would have thought!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Murder
They may be onto something!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
Weren't they fat enough?!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is....
Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Many of you may have seen the cartoons in this newsletter already. If so, I apologize. They are being supplied to me by our member Jim Bunch. Thanks so much for the almost daily laugh, Jim.

Roswitha Enright



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