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President's Message *"The Art of Walking"*

I have met with but one or two persons in the course of my life who understood the art of Walking, that is, of taking walks, who had a genius, so to speak, for sauntering...

-Henry David Thoreau

I spend most of my time thinking about the park as a place to go and do *something* – visit a museum, listen to a concert, view an exhibit, attend a special event. This summer I've had the chance to spend time in the park doing nothing. I highly recommend it.

Thoreau reminds us that sauntering is nothing like taking exercise, its only purpose is enjoyment and the route doesn't matter. Walking of this sort allows us to live not in the past or future but to be fully aware of the present – he called it 'the Gospel according to this moment.'

The first time I did nothing in the park was by accident. In June I absentmindedly arrived for a meeting a whole day early. Frustration turned to joy as I realized I had the afternoon free of responsibility. I put my folders, purse, and watch in the trunk and set off without thinking about where I

was headed.

As I sauntered about, I saw a bird feed her young near the Aerospace museum. I watched a father toss a ball to his son while his wife and baby napped on a blanket. I admired a bride arranging herself on the lawn while a photographer captured her special day. When I returned home, I felt calm, my thoughts full of sunshine and air as Thoreau said in his essay *Walking*.

I've strolled the park several more times with the spirit of adventure. I heard the laughter of girls riding bicycles and watched fish lazily swim about in the reflecting pond while the sun danced on the water. I watched gentlemen play checkers and children play leapfrog.

In this issue you'll find the usual display of what to see, things to do, and places to go. In the spirit of autumn we even list a few of the classes and lectures for those of us who equate this time of year with learning. But let's not forget that part of the romance of Balboa Park is that it is the perfect place to do nothing.

Susan Hoekenga

Save the Date! *Fifth Annual Millennium Awards Luncheon to Honor Kay Porter and Roger Showley November 15, 2005*

On Tuesday, November 15, 2005, the Friends of Balboa Park will host the Fifth Annual Millennium Awards Luncheon at the Balboa Park Club. Each year outstanding citizens in the Balboa Park community are selected to receive the Friends' highest honor--The Millennium Award. This year's honorees are **Kay Porter**, a community leader and long-time Balboa

Park advocate, and **Roger Showley**, author and columnist for the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Kay's contributions to the Park include serving as president of the San Diego Historical Society, co-chairing the "Celebrate the Holidays" and "Designer Showcase," and serving on various committees for Patrons of

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“Balboa Park is a great place to scratch that itch for lifetime learning”

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Autumn in the Park . . .a few not to miss offerings!

Fall is ‘back to school’ time and Balboa Park is a great place to scratch that itch for lifetime learning. Here are a few not to miss offerings with a bit of fun thrown in.

- Sept. 7:** Jazz in the Park, The Clayton Brothers Quintet performing their unique style of classic swinging jazz; Museum of Art, 5:30 p.m., Copley Auditorium. \$17. (619) 696-1966.
- Sept. 14-17:** Ground school, classes for people interested in taking the exam for a pilot’s license; San Diego Aerospace Museum. Call for cost. (619) 234-8291 ext. 19.
- Sept. 15:** Photographs of Asia, documentary photographer Steve McCurry discusses captivating images of his travels. Museum of Photographic Arts, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., Jacobs Auditorium. \$10. (619) 238-7559.
- Sept. 21 & 24:** Thirst for Independence, The San Diego Water Story. Class and field trips explore the water issue including who gets how much and from where. San Diego National History Museum. Call for cost. (619) 255-0203.
- Sept. 24:** Einstein’s Greatest Theory. Black holes, curved spacetime and more on relativity explained by an astrophysicist. RH Fleet Museum, 1:00 p.m. Free with admission (619) 238-1233.
- Sept. 29:** Tower After Hours—Puerto Rico. Celebrate San Diego’s unique and vibrant ethnic mix featuring music, dance, samplings of food & drink. 6:00 p.m. Ages 21 & up. San Diego Museum of Man. (619) 239-2001 or www.museumofman.org.
- Thru Nov. 13:** inSite_05: exhibits, lectures, and projects explore binational collaboration through commissioned art work in San Diego and Tijuana. Information center located in the parking lot in front of the Museum of Art. Information and tickets 230-0005 ext. 12.

Save the Date: Awards Luncheon

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the Prado, the San Diego Museum of Art, and the Timken Museum.

Roger Showley, a staff writer at the San Diego Union-Tribune has written about historic preservation, housing trends, downtown redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization. He is the author of three books on San Diego history: *San Diego: Perfecting Paradise*, *Balboa Park: A Millennium History*, and *San Diego: Then & Now*. His passion for the history and preservation of Balboa Park are evident in his writing.

During the reception, beginning at 11:30 a.m., and in keeping with the horticultural theme of the luncheon, guests will be greeted by **Cath Kachur** impersonating Kate

Sessions. Featured luncheon speaker, **John Bagnasco**, renowned gardening expert and radio talk show host for the nationally syndicated program, "The Garden Compass," will talk about Kate Sessions and the trees of Balboa Park. We are pleased to welcome back **Clark Anthony** as our master of ceremonies.

The luncheon will help to raise funds for ongoing projects of the Friends that benefit Balboa Park. Returning sponsors include **Union Bank of California** and the **San Diego Foundation**. New sponsors are **Mack Barclay, Inc.**, and **Allan Zukor Advertising Design**. Invitations will be mailed in early October. For more information, please contact the Friends of Balboa Park office: **619-235-5907**.

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Check out the Friend's website for the latest and greatest Park news. You'll find our monthly calendar update, a two page summary of what's happening in the Park each month. You'll also find details of upcoming events sponsored by the Friends, in addition to information on our latest projects. The website also has links to other Park sites that you may find useful. If you'd like to receive our monthly calendar "picks" via e-mail, please send us your e-mail to: **info@fobp.info**.

Summer Stroll...a lovely afternoon in the Park



At left: Park Ranger Kim Duclou expounds on the legend of the Lochness Monster of the Lily Pond. At right, guests learn about high wire act from the 1935 Expo near Spanish Village.



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Friends of Balboa Park enjoy a summer stroll, counter clockwise from upper left: young mothers Jenny Bolger & Katie Crosby, Bev Zukor and Susan Rick, the Porter family—Julie, Steve, & Darcy—enjoys picnic supper from Waters Café, Ed Gergosian and Susan Hoekenga, Susan Rick with friends Ken & Marcia O'Neal, Jeannette & Don Yeckel, Homer & Betty Peabody, and three generations of the Nielsen family: great grand daughter Brittany, Kari Martone, and Charlotte Nielsen.



Photos by Beverly Zukor

New Board Members Join the Team *George Loveland and Rosetta Sciacca*

George Loveland has worked 42 years in the government sector, the last 38 with the City of San Diego, retiring as Assistant City Manager in early 2005. During his career he served as Chief Deputy City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Park & Recreation Director, General Services Director and Water Department Director.

Mr. Loveland serves on the Board of the San Diego County Water Authority and is the current Vice Chairman. In addition he sits on the Board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

A 1967 Graduate of San Diego State University, Mr. Loveland and wife Charlotte are enjoying an active retirement involved in church and civic activities and family life with their four adult children, their spouses and five grandchildren.

Rosetta Sciacca, Senior Director for Major Giving and Campaign Director at Sharp HealthCare Foundation, began her career in the mid-1980s at the San Diego Museum of Art. She went on to positions at The Bishop's School and the University of San Diego, where she

was founding director of a nationally recognized constituent relations program and also served as a major gifts officer. Ms. Sciacca also worked in development for UC San Diego, where she spearheaded major gifts fundraising for the general campus, primarily focused on arts and humanities, social sciences and biology.

In 2004 Ms. Sciacca assumed her current position with Sharp Health-Care Foundation, where she is charged with the design and implementation of a major gifts development program.

Ms. Sciacca, who was born in Italy and educated in Europe and the United States, has served as a board member for Social Advocates for Youth San Diego, Zen Mountain Center and Zen Center of Los Angeles, and has been a development consultant for Business Volunteers for the Arts and the Combined Organization for the Visual Arts (COVA). Fluent in Italian and Spanish, she has traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. A mother of three, she has an avid interest in contemporary art and classical music.

Friends of Balboa Park Receive Grant from J.W. Sefton Foundation

The Friends of Balboa Park is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$50,000 grant from the J.W. Sefton Foundation for the installation of a wireless kiosk in Balboa Park. The kiosk will be located in Sefton Plaza, at the west entrance to Balboa Park, off Sixth Avenue. The pedestrian friendly kiosk is one of five planned for installation in the Park during 2006-2007 by the Friends of Balboa Park. The touch screen kiosks will assist visitors in navigating attractions in Balboa Park, including the museums, gardens, restaurants, special exhibits and events. The kiosk will also offer visitors wireless Internet access, an ATM, and the opportunity to send video e-mail postcards anywhere in the world. The J.W. Sefton Foundation, an independent foundation incorporated in 1945, is pleased to support an activity that benefits Balboa Park, the cultural "heart" of San Diego.

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