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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Your Support and Your Voice

There is a Chinese proverb that says when someone bestows upon you a gift, thank them seven times. For Friends of Balboa Park, the number of times that we express our gratitude is matched only by the depth of our appreciation.

In recent months, Friends has been the beneficiary of some extraordinary support from various corners of the community. Since June, we have been honored to receive meaningful financial support from dozens of benefactors, large and small, including the Cass Family; Ms. Deborah Calhoun; Mr. David Valentine; Mrs. Carole Sachs; Mr. Bob Golden; the Samuel I. & John Henry Fox Foundation; and the County of San Diego via Supervisor Ron Roberts. And, of course, we remain exceedingly grateful to all who contributed towards the establishment of our endowment in 2015, particularly our beloved endowment founder, Dorothea Laub, who helps ensure Friends’ financial security in perpetuity. The contributions over this past summer will fund a variety of programs and capital projects in Balboa Park in the months ahead. Combined with the ongoing support of our members and the sponsors of our Annual Luncheon, these gifts are shaping 2016 into another successful year.

To all who believe in Friends of Balboa Park and its positive role in the community, again, thank you.

Your Voice for the Park

Friends of Balboa Park has been an influential part of the Park’s direction since our founding in 1999. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our founder, Betty Peabody, our volunteers, and members of our Board of Directors – past and present – Friends has been an effective voice for the community on matters important to Balboa Park’s future sustainability, including water resource management; parking and traffic circulation; visitor accessibility; preservation; landscape beautification; and appreciation for the Park amongst youths. We work with fellow Park organizations to pool resources and leverage effectiveness. We advocate at the political level to ensure the Park is the beneficiary of wise policy making. And Friends’ close and collaborative-based partnership with the Park and Recreation Department is a central pillar of our mutual success.

We do all these things because you, as lovers of Balboa Park, believe enough in Friends to give your time, talent and treasure to our efforts to make a difference. Our leadership values your passion and welcomes your involvement. This great community park deserves a champion, and Friends of Balboa Park is proud and honored to play a meaningful role in that effort. With your continued engagement and support, our voice can be stronger than ever.

John Bolthouse
Executive Director

BECOME A FRIEND

Your tax-deductible donation in any amount helps us to protect, preserve, and enhance Balboa Park. Members receive a subscription to our quarterly newsletter and invitations to special events. You may also make a recurring donation of any size to Friends of Balboa Park or designate your gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

For more information contact (619)232-2282 or info@friendsofbalboapark.org

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Botanical Building Fall Display

Once again this year, Friends of Balboa Park is pleased to partner with the City of San Diego’s Park and Recreation Department presenting the Botanical Building Fall Floral Display. As the weather begins to cool, we invite you to experience the San Diego autumn arrangements throughout the building with pumpkins and fall blooming flowers such as red, orange and yellow chrysanthemums. These may be supplemented with rich, vibrant foliage plants to mark a changing of the seasons. Enjoy the scenery!

Poinsettia Dedication and Party

One of the Friends of Balboa Park’s annual flagship displays in the Park are the poinsettias in the Botanical Building. Donors can sponsor a poinsettia plant for this year’s floral display. A reception inside the Botanical Building recognizing the Poinsettia donors and their honorees will be held on Thursday, December 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. All members, poinsettia donors and their honorees are invited. RSVPs are requested by contacting events@friendsofbalboapark.org.

Ice Cream Social Closes Concert Series

This year was the first time Friends of Balboa Park co-hosted the ‘Twilight in the Park Concert Series’ held at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. We celebrated the conclusion of a summer full of music and entertainment on September 1 with a free Ice Cream Social, passing out ice cream sundaes with assistance from members of Friends’ Board of Directors and students from Sweetwater Union High School. Thank you to the volunteers who helped at this event, as well as those who have been coordinating the concert series for more than 30 years in Balboa Park.

Board News

Friends of Balboa Park is pleased to welcome two extraordinary community leaders as the newest members of the Board of Directors.

David Marshall is a preservation architect with Heritage Architecture & Planning, and is an acclaimed and respected expert in Balboa Park’s history. He has developed projects at the House of Hospitality, Museum of Man, Air & Space Museum, Organ Pavilion, and Museum of Art, and recently completed design work for new International Cottages slated to begin work in 2017. A San Diego resident since 1979, David is an author of numerous books, articles and studies, he is an avid collector of historic San Diego postcards and ephemera, particularly related to Balboa Park.

Nancy Vaughan is a retired attorney who spent the majority of her career practicing health care law. Since 2002, she has taught Bioethics at California Western School of Law. Nancy has served on numerous nonprofit boards in San Diego, and is a long-standing member of the Rotary Club. Nancy is also a licensed commercial pilot who has logged numerous hours over mainland Mexico, Baja California, and the United States. She grew up in Coronado, and still treasures her memories of Balboa Park, including as an usher at the Old Globe Theater during high school.

Finally, Friends says farewell to Jaikaran Singh, who stepped away from the Board earlier this year after serving since 2012.
Gate Houses Renovation Report

Thanks to the efforts of Friends Board Member and project lead, Jim Hughes, renovation of the historic 1915 gate houses at the west end of the Cabrillo Bridge is nearing completion. Progress continues on the roof detail, recreating the historic finials and spires, ornamentation on the eaves, and painting of the façade. While little historic documentation about these iconic structures is available, a few images have been found, informing the craftsmen’s work. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016.

Park Gateway Concept

One of the exciting future projects being developed by Friends of Balboa Park are gateways into the main roadway access points into the Park. Similar to those at other major public parks around the world, prominent, elegant gateway monuments would enable visitors to better identify entry into Balboa Park. Gateways have been cited as a key need as far back as the Park’s 1989 Master Plan, and Friends of Balboa Park has taken the lead to bring them to fruition. For nearly two years, Board member Jack Carpenter, who also serves as project lead, has been working tirelessly behind the scenes with acclaimed architects Estrada Land Planning, the Park’s resident organizations, and City officials in developing gateway concepts that are architecturally appealing, structurally durable and financially achievable. Plans are to secure approval on locations of the gateways, finalize design and construction plans, raise the necessary funds via private donations, and install the first pair of gateways in 2017.

Dedicated Bench Pilot Program

In partnership with the City of San Diego’s Park and Recreation Department, Friends of Balboa Park is honored to be the only nonprofit organization that offers a dedicated bench program. This pilot program consists of 16 benches on the Park’s West Mesa.

Each bench may be dedicated to a loved one with an affixed plaque. This pilot program offers an opportunity for more comfort in Balboa Park. Friends of Balboa Park thanks the donors of the Dedicated Bench Pilot Program. To learn more, see page 7.

Thank you to our donors:

Anna Anderson in memory of Roger Gilkey Anderson
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Diamond Discover Days in the Park

by Lorena Santana

This summer, Friends of Balboa Park and the Diamond Educational Excellence Partnership (DEEP) launched an exciting new program called Diamond Discovery Days.

Every Wednesday morning in August, families with children attending elementary and middle schools in the Diamond Community in southeast San Diego piled into school buses funded by Friends of Balboa Park for a day of museum visiting in Balboa Park. Each day, two of seven museums offered these families free admission to their exhibits, an orientation/tour with a designated museum guide, and opportunities to engage in meaningful age-appropriate learning experiences. The purpose behind Diamond Discovery Days is to expose these families to enriching learning experiences in an effort to reduce a phenomenon known as “Summer Slide,” in which children from low-income communities lose academic ground to their peers in more affluent communities solely due to a lack of learning opportunities during the summer months. In their final evaluations of the program, parents wrote that they loved “coming to a museum I have never been to” and “learning new things and seeing things differently.” They expressed gratitude for guides who provided “detailed explanations” of the exhibits. When asked how the program might be improved, one parent captured the sentiments of many others by writing “More trips. More museums!”

Thank you to the seven participating museums: Mingei International Museum, San Diego Natural History Museum, Timken Museum of Art, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Natural History Museum, San Diego Hall of Champions, San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Lorena Santana is the Family Engagement Coordinator at Diamond Educational Excellence Program at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation

School Field Trip Program

Thank you to the generous donors who support Friends of Balboa Park’s School Field Trip Program. The 2015-2016 school year trips were funded by the Competitor Group, Inc., Herman and Carol Wong, and Friends of Balboa Park. A total of $8,400 in sponsorships was provided to 25 San Diego-area schools that served 2,124 students during the most recent school year.

The new school year has begun and we are pleased to be the report that the 2016-2017 school year field trips have been graciously sponsored by: Competitor Group, Inc., The WD-40 Company Foundation at The San Diego Foundation, and The Rice Family Foundation. Thanks to their support, Friends is able to connect school children to Balboa Park. Make your contribution to the School Field Trip Program to ensure students from throughout San Diego County visit Balboa Park.

Contact support@friendsofbalboapark.org for details.
Thank You Donor Honor Roll

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Help ensure the long-term sustainability of Friends of Balboa Park with a gift to the endowment.

Please contact support@friendsofbalboapark.org or call (619)232-2282
Balboa Park Trail Maps
Trail maps are available for purchase at the Balboa Park Visitor’s Center during regular business hours for a $5 donation. These maps display a variety of designated trails throughout the Park.

Botanical Building Floral Displays
Friends of Balboa Park has assisted the Park and Recreation Department over the past several years with the various Botanical Building Floral Displays with generous donations from our members. Help ensure the seasonal floral displays continue by making a donation today.

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A portion of your eligible purchases on Amazon can be donated to Friends of Balboa Park. Next time you’re online, visit www.smile.amazon.com, log in per usual, and choose to donate to Friends of Balboa Park. It’s at no extra cost to you, utilize the convenience of Amazon, and you’re supporting a local nonprofit organization. Your purchases help make a difference in Balboa Park.

Dedicate A Bench in Balboa Park
Benches are available for dedication to a loved one. There are limited quantities in pre-designated locations on the west side of Balboa Park. Donations will cover the lifetime maintenance of the bench and a small plaque affixed to the back of the bench.

For more information, please contact support@friendsofbalboapark.org or call our office at (619) 232-2282.
EVENTS

2016

DECEMBER NIGHTS

throughout Balboa Park

POINSETTIA PARTY

12/8/2016 » 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Botanical Building
RSVP requested.

2017

ARBOR DAY

4/28/2017 » 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location TBD

GARDEN PARTY

5/27/2017 » 10 am – 5 pm
throughout Balboa Park
RSVP requested.