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WINTER 2016 Newsletter
Friends of Balboa Park is tremendously thankful for 2016, a truly transformational year for us that not only saw a series of accomplishments but positioned us for even greater success in 2017. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we are grateful for the support the community has given us. Throughout 2016, Friends of Balboa Park benefited from the generosity of more than 400 donors giving nearly $630,000 in contributions, while welcoming nearly 150 first-time donors to our rolls. Clearly, Friends of Balboa Park’s position as a reflection of the community’s love of Balboa Park continues to grow.

This upcoming year presents new and meaningful initiatives for Friends, including continued development of the new park gateway monuments, expansion of the Adopt-A-Plot program, and modernization of the information kiosks. And a couple of exciting things are emerging behind the scenes that could be enormous game changers for Friends of Balboa Park.

Once again, thank you. Your love of Balboa Park defines our strength and ensures our success.

John Bolthouse
Executive Director
Future Project for Beloved Tree Gains Start-Up Support

The giant Moreton Bay Fig Tree, located between the Natural History Museum and Spanish Village, is one of the most beloved horticultural features in all of Balboa Park. Estimated to be well over a century old, the tree is one of the largest (in trunk girth) in the state of California, with a height of 80 feet and a canopy reaching more than 150 feet wide.

For decades, the tree was a source of enjoyment for children, who played under the shadow of its canopy and climbed high into its branches. Unfortunately, as the tree matured, that unfettered accessibility proved too much for it to sustain, as its vast root system was damaged by foot traffic. As a result, a chain-link fence was installed in 1989, a necessary remediation but one whose aesthetic appeal has left much to be desired for such a prominent space in Balboa Park.

That may soon change. Friends of Balboa Park is partnering with the Park and Recreation Department on developing a plan to not only protect the giant beloved specimen, but to also frame it in a manner that showcases its beauty and enables the public to gain a greater appreciation for its botanical significance. Thanks to the visionary support of donors Robert and Andrea Peach, Dorothea Laub and Betty Vale, project planning is scheduled to get underway in earnest this spring. Look for updates in the months ahead.

If you would like to give a gift towards this project or be added to a list to learn more, please contact Friends of Balboa Park at support@friendsofbalboapark.org.

A Note of Appreciation to Todd Gloria

Friends of Balboa Park extends its sincerest gratitude to thank Todd Gloria for his years of extraordinary support of Balboa Park. Since taking office on the San Diego City Council in 2008, Todd was one of the strongest proponents of Balboa Park. As he now assumes public office representing San Diego at the state level, we wish Todd all the best. We warmly welcome Chris Ward, Todd’s successor as councilmember of District 3, and we are heartened by the demonstrated public support for Balboa Park that Councilman Ward has already conveyed publicly.

Good luck, Todd... and thank you!
Gate House Restoration Project

In December, the restoration of the historic gate houses at the west end of Cabrillo Bridge was finally completed. Originally installed with an entry gate for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition as the main entrance to Balboa Park, the entry gate was removed after the exposition and the small structures were left in place. Over the decades, they were used for various purposes and gradually went into disrepair until Friends of Balboa Park accepted them as a restoration project in 2014. A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for spring 2017.

This two-year project, which cost approximately $140,000, was made possible by the extraordinary efforts of Friends Board member and project lead Jim Hughes. Not only did Jim coordinate the project with the gift of hundreds of hours of volunteer time, but also gave generously of his personal treasure towards the gate house project. In addition, Friends acknowledges the generous support from Committee of One Hundred and numerous small individual donations that made the project possible.

Cabrillo Bridge Light Standard Restoration Project Completed

Thanks to a partnership between the City of San Diego’s Park and Recreation Department, Balboa Park Conservancy, Committee of One Hundred, San Diego Foundation, and Friends of Balboa Park, the thirty-one light standards along the Cabrillo Bridge have been restored. The original frames of each standard were refurbished and new LED lights were installed to brighten the bridge while also saving energy.

Information Kiosks to Undergo Upgrades

In 2007 and again in 2011, Friends of Balboa Park introduced five information kiosks throughout Balboa Park, made possible by generous donations by the public. Thanks to a grant recently awarded to Friends by Las Patronas, a pilot program to upgrade one (and possibly two) of the kiosks is planned for early 2017. The upgrades will include new screen technology and re-designed static maps to enhance visitor interaction with the kiosks.

Appreciation Picnic for Park and Recreation Staff

On October 21, Friends of Balboa Park and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol) were pleased to co-host the annual appreciation picnic for Park and Recreation Department staff. With over 120 staff members in attendance, RVSP provided lunch while Friends served ice cream, DJ’d swing music and gave out gift mugs. Once again this year, Board Member Jim Hughes was joined by his wife Carmen and daughter Sophie in dishing delicious made-to-order ice cream sundaes.

Friends extends its sincerest thanks to Park and Recreation Department leadership and staff for their dedication to the care and beautification of Balboa Park.
Poinsettia Display Brings Holiday Cheer to Botanical Building

On December 8, Friends of Balboa Park dedicated the opening of the 30th Annual Holiday Poinsettia Display in the Botanical Building with members, donors, honorees, and park supporters. Made possible by the enormous support of the community and in partnership with the Park and Recreation Department, this year’s magnificent display featured nearly 700 sponsored poinsettias of numerous, colorful varieties.

Poinsettia Display Honor Roll

Raymond and Vicky Abbott
Kathy Anderson Kim in memory of Jean and Al Anderson
Melinda Baikom in memory of Diane Baikom
Bob and Myrna Bossler in honor of Dorothy Laub
Teddie Brown in honor of Gretchen Allen
Heather Carlton in memory of Brigit and Val Carlton
Jack and Jackie Carpenter
Scott Carr in honor of Scott Carr, Heather Rosing, Archer Carr, Scarlett Carr and Sadie Carr
John and Libby Carson
Chris and Sue Christian in honor of Betty Peabody and in memory of Homer Peabody
Jim Corrigan and Patrick Hanson in honor of JoAnne Foster, Bob Offner and Dan Duffield
Don Crockett in memory of Joan Crockett
Antoinette Castro Crockett in memory of Dora Castro
Dean Crowder
Iris Engstrand
Patricia Fleming
Archie and Joan Freitas in honor of Gordon Brodthuer
Lara Gates in honor of Margaret Hayes
Shelby Goad in memory of Tom Goad
Steve Goble in honor of Lewis and Ellen Goble
Rick Gulley in memory of Ray Calen
San Diego Floral Association in honor of Kate O. Sessions and Alfred D. Robinson
Michael Hara in honor of Maria Hara
George Hardy in memory of L.J. Gen. and Mrs. John S. Hardy
Phil and Kay Harry in memory of Bonnie Gebhardt
Ruth Hayward in honor of City Beautiful
Clarke Herring
Ann and John Hill in memory of Marjorie and Willis Lipscomb
Nancy Howard in memory of Rosalie Kostanzer
Linda Johnson in memory of Dane Madsen
Mary Kirsch in memory of Slipa Yalamanchili
Jim Koerber in honor of William and Renee Koerber
Kara Kong in memory of Bernie Palmer
Niki and Dee Krutop in honor of Bette Popp
Richard and Wendy Ledford in memory of Joy Ledford
Bill and Stacey LoMedico
Patricia Mahoney and Virginia Wofford in memory of Henry Pitts Mack and Mary-Louise Fletcher Mack Glanz
Christine Majia in memory of Delores Hodge
Vincent and Sue Marchetti in memory of Stephen
San Diego Veterans Museum and Memorial Center
David Marshall in memory of Ron and Marge Taylor
Peg and Anne Marston
Kathleen McCurdy in memory of Warren W. (Bill) McCurdy and Collin B. McCurdy
Russell Moore in memory of Tim Kirchner and Jack Moore
Patricia N. Moulton in memory of Lewis C. Moulton
Judy Nachazel in memory of Alice Hebbs and in honor of the Nachazel Family
Richard and Jody Petersen in honor of John Bolthouse, Melissa Bolthouse, Ina Thompson and Caroline Meade
Kathleen Pihl in honor of Kim Neapole and Marcie Cecil and in memory of Charlie Cartell
Rodger & Mary Lindsay Poinsettia Fund at The San Diego Foundation
Bonnie and John Rush
Kathleen Ryan in memory of Chuck and Hermina Finnigan
San Diego Geranium Society
San Diego Woman’s Club in honor of Martha Cowan, Margaret Ellerman, Julia Rice and Arleen Tuchscher
Gaynell Schend in memory of Jean Carson
Tom and Bonnie Scott in honor of Jasper Scott and Malcolm Scott
Richard and Johanna Seignious in honor of Friends of Balboa Park
Suzanne Shrum in memory of Elmer R. Small and Patricia B. Small
Robert Sokolowski and John J. Winkelman
Donald Steele in honor of Betty Peabody
Danniel-Lea Trumble Kummerow in memory of Arthur S. Trumble
Mrs. Joey Trumble in memory of Arthur S. Trumble
Marie Tuthill in honor of Betty Peabody, Kathy Anderson Kim, Betty Stevens, Bette Bouchier and Scotty Slocum
Nancy Vaughan
Gretchen Vik and Larry Clapper
Lucy Warren in honor of Lynn Robertson and Elizabeth Warren and in memory of Lucy Gibson Warren and Esther Hull Gibson
Gary Wasden in honor of Lou Wasden
Arlene and Thad Wolinski
Capt. Sue Young, USN (Ret.)
Becky Yzaguirre in memory of Joe Garciazo, Irene Garciazo, Jacqueline K. Parsons, Manuel Yzaguirre, and Mary Yzaguirre
Jim and Linda Zemcik in memory of Lola Markowitz and Herb Markowitz

Support

Volunteer Spotlight

Friends of Balboa Park was fortunate to benefit from the time and talents of more than 90 volunteers in 2016, with nearly 1,500 hours contributed. We would like to recognize three outstanding volunteers who helped Friends shine in 2016:

Richard Seignious has been generous with his time and treasure as a volunteer photographer and supporter of Friends of Balboa Park since 2010. His photos added a beautiful and colorful elegance to Friends’ collateral materials that helps convey the charm of Balboa Park.

Karen Garcia Raines has supported Friends on many levels. From her hands-on approach at events, to applying her experience as a grant researcher and writer in helping secure meaningful financial support for the Field Trip Scholarship Program, to helping with copy proofing and editing, Karen was an invaluable contributor to our success in 2016.

Kathy Anderson Kim, a dedicated philanthropist and lifelong lover of Balboa Park, served as co-chair of Friends’ 2016 Annual Awards Luncheon, arguably the most successful in the event’s sixteen-year history. For nearly five years, Kathy has employed her characteristic “can do” spirit and warm personality to work tirelessly behind the scenes on behalf of Friends of Balboa Park with prospective donors and fellow nonprofits throughout the Park.

Volunteers make the difference! If you are interested in giving back to Balboa Park through our volunteer program, please contact volunteer@friendsofbalboapark.org.
Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Donations from September 15 – December 31, 2016.

$10,000 - $19,999
The Committee of One Hundred in support of the Gate House Restoration Project
The Marvin Arnold and Irene Jaqueta Heye Community Enrichment Fund at the San Diego Foundation
Las Patronas in support of the Kiosk Upgrade

$5,000 - $9,999
Beyster Family Foundation Fund IV at The San Diego Foundation in honor of Betty Peabody
The George and Betty Harbaugh Charitable Foundation
Greg and Bess Lambron in support of the Dedicated Bench Pilot Program
Jed Marcus in support of the Dedicated Bench Pilot Program
Price Philanthropies in support of the 5th Grade Heritage Program at the request of Councilman Todd Gloria
Tomodachi Fund at Schwab Charitable

$1,000 - $4,999
Annex Brands, Inc. in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Toni Atkins in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Pat Caughey
Balboa Park Conservancy in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Competitor Group Inc. in support of the Field Trip Program
Stephen R. Dows Memorial Fund at The San Diego Foundation in support of Trees for Health
Tom and Berit Durler in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon

George Hardy in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Ruth Hayward in honor of Betty Peabody and in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
The Heller Foundation of San Diego
Ingrid B. Hiben Charitable Fund, A Donor Advised Fund of the U.S. Charitable Gift Trust
Peter LaDow
Dick and Vickie Lareau in honor of Betty Peabody
Pacific Premier Bank in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Betty Peabody in support of the Endowment Fund
Louisa Porter and David Brennan
Glenn and Lynne Rossman
San Diego Zoo in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Tom and Bonnie Scott in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Darlene Shiley in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Catherine Stiefel in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Tim Tanzer
The Haunted Trail San Diego, LLC in support of the Park and Recreation Department Programming
The Rice Family Foundation in support of the Field Trip Program
The San Diego Foundation in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Ken and Mary Tranbarger in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Marie Tuthill in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
United Way of San Diego County Tocqueville Society

$500 - $999
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
John and Libby Carson in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Wimmer, Yamada, and Caughey in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Henry Eimstad and Barbara Nolan
Cindy and Tom Goodman in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Miles and Kathryn Harvey
Francesca Krauel
Maureen Lamberti
Neil and Marjorie Larson
Betty Peabody in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Patti Roscoe
Steve Stoppa in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Nancy Vaughn in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Spanish Village in honor of Judy Tweed and in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Margot Walk
Rex and Kathy Warburton
Mrs. B.J. Williams in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon

$250 - $499
Gretchen Allen
Jack and Jackie Carpenter
Linda Copson
Richard and Stephanie Coutts
Dean Crowder
Tobi Dixon
John and Anne Gilchrist

Cindy and Tom Goodman in support of the Endowment Fund
Morton and Noni Jorgensen in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Paula Landale
Richard Manion
Mary McNaughton in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Stephen Miller and Michael Wasilewski
Bill and Blaise Pope
Jessica and Eberhard Rohm in honor of Betty Peabody
Michael Ruiz and Wendy Sachs
Penelope Smith
Richard and Deanna Spehn in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Paula Taylor and Bernie Kulchin

$100 - $249
Joanne Albrecht
Kathy Anderson Kim
William and Shawna Anderson
Clark Anthony
Nancy Assaf in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Pat Baer
Don and Sharon Balfour
Joseph Barone
Beverly Beattie in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
John and Sally Berry in honor of Betty Peabody
Casey and Kathy Blitt in honor of Betty Peabody
Glen and Betty Broom
Marilyn Brucker in support of the Annual Awards Luncheon
Chris and Sue Christian in honor of Betty Peabody
John Cochran

IN MEMORY OF

Janice C. Albares
The Albares Family
Barry Ault, Mariella and John Benton
Sally Ault
Charlene and BeVe
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Marimor Morad
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Chris and Sue Christian
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Jeanne Safford
Laural Johnson
Larry Sherwood
Marilyn Brucker
Thelma and Al Van Horne
Mike and Jalaine Van Horne
Wylie Walker Vale Jr.
Betty Vale

Loved ones who have passed away are listed in bold. Donors are listed below their names. Donations are accepted in memory of a family member or friend and will be listed here. Amounts are not shown, and donor acknowledgement cards are mailed to the family members as directed by the donor.
MORE WAYS TO GIVE

Dedicate A Tree

Tree dedications are an opportunity for community members to support the urban forest reforestation efforts by honoring loved ones with a living tribute. We take care of all the details and send a certificate, tree map, along with a description of the tree specimen.

Amazon Smile Foundation

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.

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.

For more information, please contact support@friendsofbalboapark.org or call our office at (619) 232-2282.
2017 EVENTS

ARBOR DAY IN BALBOA PARK
Friday, April 28, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location TBD

ANNUAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE
Saturday, May 27, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Zoro Garden

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Date and Time, TBD
Spreckels Organ Pavilion

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Balboa Park Club

31ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY POINSETTIA PARTY
Thursday, December 7, 2017
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Botanical Building