

# Edgewood



# Explorer

## ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK

By **Kathy Korbholz**

Appearances by distinguished guests highlighted the third annual Friends of Edgewood general meeting and pot luck on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>. These guests included: San Mateo County Supervisors Ted Lempert and Ruben Barrales, Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District Board Member Wim DeWitt, and Julia Bott, Director, Loma Prieta Chapter, Sierra Club.

*quiet leadership, unflagging efforts and countless hours in the battle to prevent star thistle and other exotics from spoiling the habitats necessary to preserve Edgewood's precious native plants. In presenting the award Bill noted it is a "rare blessing when someone like this seems almost magically to appear on the scene. FOE is a volunteer organization, and Ken epitomizes the definition of a volunteer. So far this year Ken has personally volunteered over 250 hours toward pulling non-natives such as star thistle and bristly ox-tongue, and guiding our efforts to not only control weeds, but take the upper hand."*

The second Best Friend Award was presented to Nita Spangler *for her devotion to the preservation of Edgewood through her tireless efforts in researching Edgewood's colorful history, and her public support for the adoption of a new master plan. Bill described Nita as a "steady and outspoken supporter of Edgewood and our parks in general, a dedicated student of regional history, one of the now infamous seven who authored the first working draft of the Master Plan and a close and trusted friend of Edgewood."*

Barrales, Himes, Spangler, Korbholz, Lempert

During the formal portion of the meeting, attended by about 50 faithful Friends, President Bill Korbholz outlined FOE accomplishments during 1996 and work in progress for 1997. He asked each of the committee chairs to give a brief update on their activities and plans. Park Ranger Lynne Fritz thanked all the Friends for their time, efforts and love shown on behalf of Edgewood.

One feature of afternoon festivities was the second annual presentation of the Best Friends Awards. The first award was presented to Ken Himes *for his*

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## THE LAST ROUNDUP

By Lynne Fritz

In November I accepted a new position within the Parks Division. The Director created a new position to assist our management team in three areas:

- Coordination of volunteer programs on a Division level,
- Assist in management of the Division Training Program
- Assist in the planing and facilitation of capital planning projects.

I am excited about the volunteer opportunities and community partnerships in our parks. This means I will still be working closely with the Friends of Edgewood. A replacement Ranger III will be appointed to Edgewood in December. I will assist that person in establishing a relationship with FOE.

Volunteer coordination is only part of my job. I will be hiring someone for 20 hours a week to assist me in recruitment, communications, documentation, and recognition of volunteers. I am accepting applications for the position until Jan 21, 1997. Anyone interested in information, a job announcement, or an application may call me at my new phone number.

I thank everyone for their support of Edgewood Park and Preserve. It has been a very special place to work. I support FOE's protective and educational goals for the Preserve and I look forward to my continued relationship with your group.

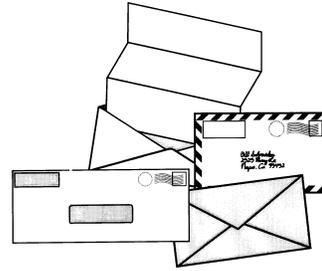
## DOCENT TRAINING CONTINUES

By Jan Simpson

The CNPS docent training for Edgewood is in full swing. Eighteen enthusiastic docents-to-be will be ready to lead wildflower walks which will begin in mid-March. The third session will be held on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and the field trip, Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>. Ken Himes will discuss plants of the woodland. During this field trip docents will see the Western Leatherwood (*Dirca occidentalis*) in bloom.

## FRIENDS OF EDGEWOOD RECEIVE LETTER OF THANKS FOR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

November 21,  
1996



On behalf of the San Mateo County Parks Division I thank you for your support of Edgewood Park. Many wonderful

contributions have been made by volunteers at Edgewood in the last few years. Many of these efforts are reported and documented. **In 1996 reported volunteer hours totaled 1,775 hours.**

These hours include:

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| • Volunteer Trail Patrol   | 380 |
| • Volunteer Horse Patrol   | 60+ |
| • Exotic Plant Removal     | 930 |
| • Trail Maintenance        | 90  |
| • Native Plant Restoration | 40  |
| • CNPS Docent Hikes        | 225 |
| • Boy Scout Projects       | 50  |

At an Extra Help wage this volunteer time contributed to Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve would be valued at \$14,644.00. This is a significant accomplishment. The natural resource, the park visitors, and the park staff have all benefited from your participation.

I know there are people who contribute time and expertise that is not reported or acknowledged. I'd like to know that all volunteer participation is recorded and recognized. Edgewood Park staff has set up a dedicated phone line and answering machine so that all volunteers have a convenient way to log their volunteer work at or for the park. An answering machine was kindly donated by Marian Vanden Boch from the VHP. Thanks!

**The Edgewood Park dedicated volunteer line.**

The message machine may also provide a means of sharing information about volunteer opportunities at Edgewood. Should you wish to discuss this contact Ranger Judy Grimsby at the park.

If you have questions about how your group's participation is currently documented, or should be recorded from now on, call me.

Thanks again for helping protect and maintain Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve. I am pleased to have the opportunity to support you and your volunteer efforts. Please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Lynne Fritz, Volunteer Coordinator

cc:

- Patrick Sanchez, Director
- Gary Lockman, Administrative Services Analyst
- Kendall Simmons, Superintendent
- Judy Grimsby, Edgewood Park
- Dave Moore, Huddart Park

Editor's Note: The California Native Plant Society docent lead walks were reported in the letter above as 225 hours. At a recent board meeting, Carolyn Curtis, President of the local Santa Clara Valley chapter, stated those hours reflected docent led walk hours only. It did not reflect the training, study and pre-walk preparation by docents. When that time is included, volunteer hours exceed 800 hours in 1996.

### ERRATUM

The *Color Brown* article in the last edition of Edgewood Explorer should have attributed the quotation to Wallace Stegner, not Stegman. Thanks to the sharp eyes of Jessie Schilling and Sandy Cooperman for catching the error.



## EDGEWOOD'S TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

By Lynn Fritz



On the first day of Christmas  
my true love gave to me  
The park as a Natural Preserve

On the second day of Christmas  
my true love gave to me  
Two Harvestman spiders  
All in Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve

On the third day of Christmas  
my true love gave to me  
Three Rangers Ranging  
Two Harvestman spiders  
All in Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

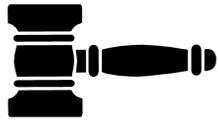
On the fourth day of Christmas  
my true love gave to me  
Four endangered plants  
Three Rangers ranging  
Two Harvestman spiders  
All in Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

On the fifth day of Christmas  
my true love gave to me  
**BAY CHECKERSPOT BUTTERFLIES**  
Four endangered plants  
Three Rangers ranging  
Two Harvestman spiders  
All in Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

....Six Docents sharing  
...Seven days on trail work  
...Eight trail patrollers  
...Nine people weeding  
...Ten nights on stake-outs  
...Eleven students planting  
...Twelve months on a master plan

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By Bill Korbholz



1996 has been a busy and productive year for the Friends of Edgewood, and a personally rewarding one for me as President. Last January we set the following 5 priorities for 1996:

1. Master Plan draft delivered to Patrick Sanchez; approval process tracked to completion
2. Edgewood interim management plan in place
3. FOE incorporated
4. Weed eradication, trail patrol stepped up
5. New programs initiated for Publicity, Exhibits, Sight-Impaired, and Community Outreach.

I'm happy to report on the progress we made toward those goals.

1. The original 7-person Master Plan committee did indeed deliver its final draft to Patrick Sanchez in January. Since that time, many Friends have diligently reviewed the two drafts prepared by the County's Bernardine Alling, and have participated actively in the two County-sponsored workshops. On December 12, the Parks and Recreation Commissioners met to consider the draft for the first time. Many individuals spoke at that meeting. Ultimately the Commissioners recommended the adoption of a management strategy favoring natural protection over development. This was a major achievement for the Friends and I congratulate all of those who worked so devotedly toward developing a proper Master Plan for Edgewood.
2. In the absence of an approved new Master Plan, Lynne Fritz and her staff have done a great job managing the Preserve. They have focused on maintaining trails, coordinating volunteer activities, and refurbishing the display cases.
3. Our application for incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation has been submitted and is pending approval.
4. Thanks to Elly Hess and Ken Himes, our weeding programs have been very successful this year. Ken is using controlled experimentation to determine the most effective ways to check the

spread of certain exotics. And Nancy Mangini now has 16 active trail patrollers, who accumulated a total of 380 patrol hours this year.

5. Sandy Cooperman and Frank Figoni were our Publicity and Exhibits chairs, respectively, this year. In conjunction with CNPS, Sandy set up a telephone hot line, and this coming April she will create an exhibit on Edgewood at Redwood City Library. Frank worked hard to install and refurbish the display cases in the park.

As we close out this year, I would like to thank the entire Executive Board for their dedication and contributions this year, and for being such great fun to work with. I have never been associated with a nicer group of people, and I look forward to more fun and success next year.

## FRIENDS OF EDGEWOOD IN THE NEWS



Friends of Edgewood Bill and Louise Freedman recently received the International North American Mycological Association Award. They accepted the Harry and Elsie

Knighton Award honoring meritorious service to a regional mushroom society--the Mycological Society of San Francisco. The award was particularly fitting because it was the first time the award was bestowed on a couple who had worked together just as the Knighton's had.

The Freedmans have had a love affair with fungi for 27 years. They have written articles, published a cookbook, led mushroom hunts, offered public education, and even helped physicians treat patients accidentally poisoned by mushrooms. Their latest project is a multi-lingual poster warning non-native speakers about dangerous look-a-like species similar to edible varieties found in other parts of the world.

The Freedmans will lead four Mushroom Walks at Filoli. Two Saturdays are scheduled, January 4th and February 22nd as well as two Thursdays, January 23 and February 6th. Contact Filoli for more information.

MEETING (continued from page 1)

Past President John Allen conducted election of officers for 1997. The slate presented by a nominating committee chosen by the Executive board, consisted of:

- President: Bill Korbholz (incumbent)
- Vice-President: Peter Ingram
- Treasurer: Bob Young (incumbent)
- Secretary: Laverne Rabinowitz (incumbent)

There were no nominations from the floor and the nominees were given a few minutes to offer remarks regarding their qualifications and desire to serve. A voice vote was taken and the slate was elected by unanimous acclaim. Supervisor Lempert remarked from the audience "he wished all elections were that easy." (At the time he was a few days away from the November 7<sup>th</sup> election for a State Assembly seat.)

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Friends of Edgewood Executive Board has an opening for the chair of the Community Outreach committee.

If you are interested in helping to extend the Friends' reach to other community organizations, please contact Bill Korbholz.



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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

New or continuing members of the Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve are asked to pay membership dues annually to offset the expenses associated with preserving Edgewood. If you would like to join the Friends, continue your membership, or simply make a contribution, please clip and complete this section. Mail it to the return address on the back of this panel with your check payable to **Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve**. With your membership or contribution, you will receive four more issues of the Edgewood Explorer.

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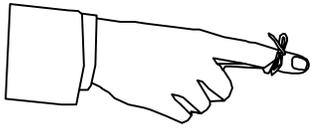
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- \$15 Basic membership
- \$25 Family Membership
- \$7 Student/Retired Membership
- \$50 Supporting Membership (includes *The Flora of Edgewood Park*, and the 28-minute video *Saving Edgewood Park*)
- \$100 Benefactor Membership (includes *The Flora of Edgewood Park*, the 28-minute video *Saving Edgewood Park*, and a 16x20 poster-photo)
- In addition to my dues, I am enclosing a gift of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please send \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 28-minute video *Saving Edgewood Park*, at \$15 each.
- Please send \_\_\_\_\_ copies of *The Flora of Edgewood Park* at \$3 each.

Particular interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail patrol            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations        |
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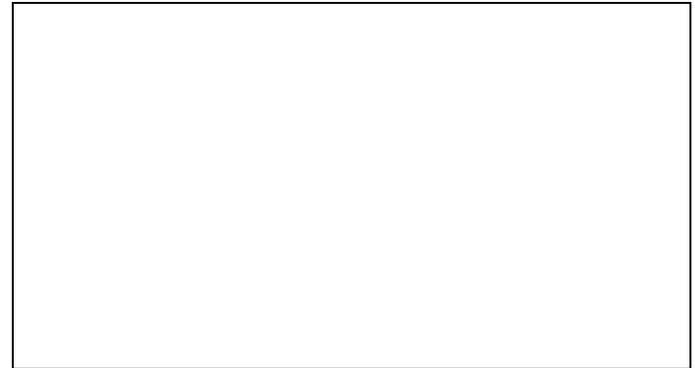
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ☐ *Thursday, January 9.* **NEXT DOCENT TRAINING FOR SPRING WILDFLOWER WALKS.** Call Jan Simpson for time and location.
- ☐ *Saturday, January 11,* **DOCENT TRAINING FIELD TRIP.** Call Jan Simpson for time and location.
- ☐ *Saturdays, January 4 and February 22.* **MUSHROOM WALKS.** Led by Bill and Louise Freedman. Call Filoli for details.
- ☐ *Thursdays, January 23 and February 6.* **MUSHROOM WALKS.** Led by Bill and Louise Freedman. Call Filoli for details.

**NATURE**

*After you have exhausted what there is in business, politics, conviviality, and so on--have found that none of these finally satisfy, or permanently wear-- what remains? Nature remains.*

*--Walt Whitman, "New Themes Entered Upon" (1882)*



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