



# Friends of Shipley Nature Center

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## President's Message By Kathryn E. Goddard

**Native Plant Sale**  
**October 11 – Saturday**  
**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**new feature this year**  
**Harvest Festival**

Kick off the planting season for California native plants by attending the annual fall plant sale. Experts in native plants and their care are available to assist you. Plants are described and photos available to help you select the plant palate that fits your area. Visa or MasterCard credit-card charge is now accepted. The volunteer nursery crew, under the direction of **Carol Williams**, has prepared a fantastic event.

This year we have added the Harvest Festival to the day's events, under the direction of Board Member, **Dan Kanne**. Cook Out: chow-down dogs and brats from the Beef Palace is available. Day of festival, if you pay for a new membership or renew your membership, you would receive a free lunch ticket. Listen to the fiddle and the banjo with **The Windy Ridge Bluegrass Band**. Activities for kids and families. Tours of our back country with our talented team of docents. Activities for kids and families. A hay ride is available in the Park, sponsored by the **Tree Society**, chaired by **Jean Nagy**. This is a day for all ages to enjoy!!!! We look forward to seeing you there.

## HAPPENINGS – KATHRYN E. GODDARD

During the summer quarter **Steve Engel** volunteered to open the Nature Center every Thursday evening. Many enjoyed the late afternoon hours in the Center, some after arriving via bicycle! Wonderful talks on bugs, birds, critters, and plants were well attended.

We participated in the **Green Expo**, sponsored by the City and the Chamber of Commerce, on September 20. This new event drew many to the Library parking lot for displays of environmentally responsible living. Shipley had a booth with fantastic photos taken by our own **Marsha Napoli**. A lovely resource book on native plants was developed by **Nancy Harris**. The participation of Shipley Nature Center was coordinated by **Steve Holden**.

The third **Vermiculture** lecture was also held on September 20 and drew a sold out crowd. There is one more lecture in the series which is co-sponsored by the **City of Huntington Beach** and **Rainbow Disposal**. That event is scheduled for October 18. Due to the wonderful response of citizens we have decided to add an additional lecture on **October 25 at 2 p.m.** The additional program is co-sponsored by **Rainbow Disposal** and **Enrecos**. At this event worm bins and worms will be sold at a **one time reduced price of \$90**. Please make your reservation for \$10 by signing up on our web site, [by clicking here](#), or by signing up by telephone.

We welcome back the students with **Inside the Outdoors**. This program is run by the Orange County Department of Education and brings naturalists to the Center to teach about the outdoors and Native American history to elementary school students. We delight in providing the space for this important educational adventure.

## NURSERY – LUANNE COOK

The nursery volunteers are now assisting **Nancy Harris** in maintaining the demonstration gardens. Those of you who have visited SNC recently will notice how these gardens have grown and prospered, requiring additional care.

**Carol Williams, Luanne Cook, and Nancy Harris**, together with the volunteers are working together to increase plant production in the nursery to provide additional plants for sale in the retail area and for planting in the grounds of SNC. We now have an automatic watering system, have reorganized to make room for additional plants and are working to obtain additional growing tables.

With increasing awareness of the need to conserve water there is a growing interest in adding water wise succulents to home gardens. If you have any interesting specimens we would welcome cuttings to add to our nursery stock. Also if you have any unused clay or ceramic containers you would be willing to donate we would welcome these also.

Need exercise? Love to garden? Want to learn about native plants? You are invited to come and participate in the Nursery at SNC on any Friday morning from 9 – 11 am. Ask for Carol or Luanne.

## NATIVE TREES – JAKE HOFFMAN

Shipleigh Nature Center is a willing participant in the preservation of native California trees by allowing four native oak species to flourish. One species is obvious as you walk along the boardwalk under its arching branches, *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak. Years ago a thoughtful citizen planted this mighty Californian for all of us to enjoy, far into the future, as these giants live for over 200 years.

An oak that is rarely seen in Huntington Beach is the Engelmann Oak, *Quercus engelmannii*. Planted a few years ago by the Friends of Shipleigh Nature Center, as a faithful companion of the Coast Live Oak, these two trees are the main components of the Southern Oak Woodland demonstration habitat that has been created at Shipleigh. While both oaks are evergreen, the soft blue green leaves and round acorns of the Engelmann Oak are quite a contrast to its prickly neighbor the Coast live oak with its spiny, deep green leaves and long pointy acorns.

Wedged in between the Redwoods, California Bay Laurel and perimeter fence are two Island Scrub Oaks, *Quercus parvula*. Native to the harsh climate of the Channel Islands and moist coastal canyons of Southern California mainland these oaks are of unknown potential to me as I have yet to visit these species in their native habitats. Hopefully these young trees will flourish at Shipleigh so everyone can enjoy them up close.

Lastly, grown from an acorn late last year, is one extremely small Canyon Live Oak, *Quercus chrysolepis*. A tree with unrivaled symmetry and beauty that will live for over 300 years but today it stands only 8 inches tall. With acorns the size of golf balls and two unique types of leaves on one tree, you will have to seek out this specimen in the wild as Shipleigh's oak still needs some time to fill in.

After you wander through Shipleigh and have counted the numbers of native oaks that are here, count how many you see on your way home. If you see one, count yourself lucky, if you see none; ask yourself, why I haven't planted an oak to enjoy.

## BIRDERS NEEDED! – LENA HAYASHI

We invite you to spend the morning with fellow nature enthusiasts and participate in our monthly bird survey, which is conducted the last Friday of each month. No experience is necessary. Contact Shipleigh Nature Center for more information or email [lena@shipleighnature.org](mailto:lena@shipleighnature.org). Link to the Shipleigh website: [2008 Bird Survey](#)

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Shipleigh Nature Center is managed by volunteers and we are always in need of additional people. The basic **docent** training, designed to familiarize you with the nature center, is a one time event. Following your training you will be asked to volunteer for a variety of programs including opening the Center on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., leading group tours, staffing the office and main building.

Volunteers are invited to participate in the **Work Day Program** on the first Saturday of each month. Come on over at 9 a.m. and we will assign you to a project managed by the Habitat Committee. Individuals and groups are welcome. Wear closed toe shoes and sunscreen!!!

We also depend on the donations of those who visit the Center. Our new donation station is located near the building and welcomes donations from each of you. We suggest a \$3/person donation and appreciate whatever is possible. Shipleigh Nature Center is a working collaboration between the City of Huntington Beach, local business donations, and the Friends of Shipleigh Nature Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Friends of Shipleigh Nature Center are seeking applicants for several volunteer positions on its Board of Directors to serve beginning January 10, 2009. Members of the Board are expected to attend approximately nine meetings per year and to actively participate on at least one committee. Basic knowledge about conservation, environmental education and fundraising are ideal but not required.

Applicants must submit a statement of interest and qualifications by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Either by post mail to: Nomination Committee, FSNC, P.O. Box 1052, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; or by email to: [info@shipleighnature.org](mailto:info@shipleighnature.org).

## DONATIONS – MANY THANKS

To all of the **wonderful citizens of the City of Huntington Beach** who recently returned donations and memberships as a result of our water bill mailer fundraiser. Much appreciation goes to **Greg Ogawa** and **Eric Essen**, who each donated their surplus funds from their completed Eagle Scout projects at the Center.

We wish to acknowledge a donation from **Fiji Water** in the amount of \$1,000.

# SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER

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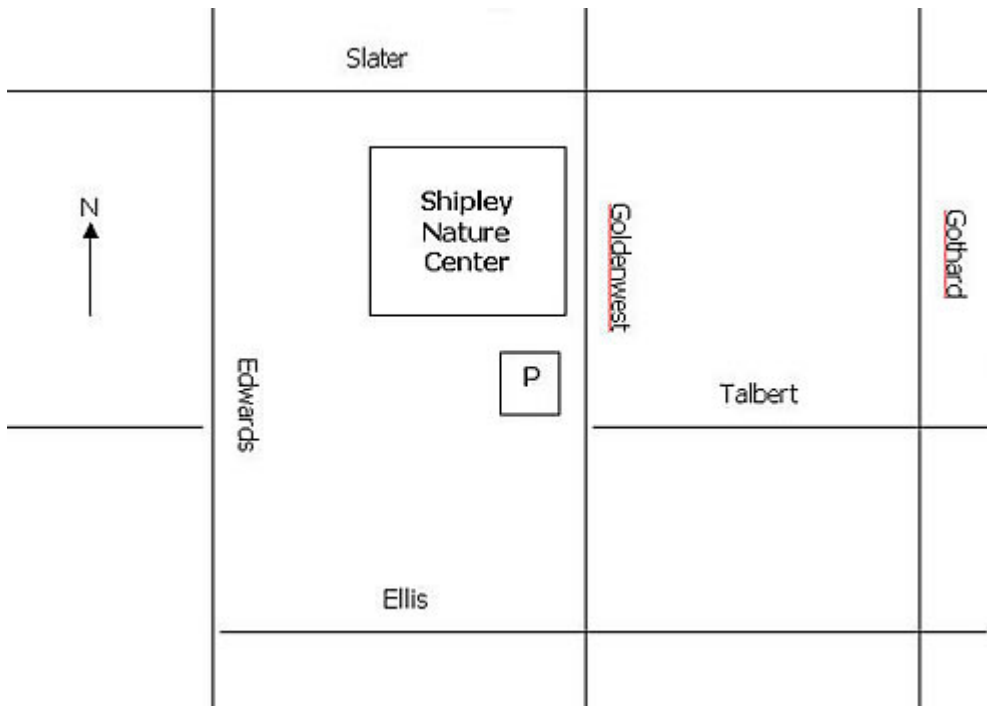


Hours: Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Closed Sunday.

Parking: west side of Goldenwest, south of Talbert. See map below.

Work Day Program: the first Saturday of each month 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Board and General Meeting: the second Saturday of each month 9:00 am at the Huntington Beach Central Library.



**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER.**

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

NEW MEMBERSHIP       RENEWAL

U.S. Post Mail, By Check:

Please complete this form and make your check payable to FSNC.  
Mail to: P.O. Box 1052, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.

Online, By Credit Card:

Log onto [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org) and choose "Donate" for the PayPal link.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION, IT IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. TAX ID NO. 68-0517856**

- Individual \$20       Senior (55+) \$15       Patron (Individ./Family) \$500  
 Family \$30       Student \$5       Lifetime(Individ.) \$100       Lifetime (Family) \$150

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Send newsletter via e-mail,      I would be interested in volunteering for the following activities:  
 No, don't send newsletters, or       Fundraiser     Restoration Days     Docent     Host     Office Clerical  
 Yes, send newsletters regular mail.       Wild Gardens     Worm Composting     Nursery     Volunteer Coordinator