



Friends of Shipley Nature Center

President's Message by Kathryn Goddard

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SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The Friends of Shipley Nature Center is a non-profit group of volunteers who maintain and program the 18 acre Nature Preserve located in Huntington Beach Central Park. The education program is a major focus of the group and depends upon support from the public.

Groups of all ages are welcome to participate in the various education programs found in the Center building and on the trails.

Volunteers have created engaging challenges to teach about the animals, birds, water features and plants. Volunteer docents provide information and may be scheduled to provide tours. Last year, 31,000 people visited Shipley for a stress-free beautiful space to enjoy nature!



The Center just completed a successful Spring Festival, which featured face painting, basket weaving, animal care and up close encounters with turtles, snakes and many other critters. Music was provided by the Islanders – a community ukulele group that created a joyful atmosphere. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher and Mayor Joe Carchio spoke in support of this grass roots effort.

Your membership and support are very important to help maintain and grow these programs. Please log onto www.shipleynature.org, click "donate" and make your contribution in this manner.

The group was founded in 2002 with the following mission statement:

The Friends of Shipley Nature Center is a non-profit organization formed to manage the nature center as an ecological sanctuary for California native plants and wildlife and to provide environmental education in an urban setting in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, the local community, and with the wider world.

COOL SUMMER NIGHTS 2011

The Center is open every Thursday evening during July and August from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Spent your vacation right here in HB and enjoy some super programs!

Birding and Wildlife
Trails, Stream and Pond
Children's Interpretive
Center
Composting Exhibits
Native American Exhibits
Demonstration Gardens



Shipley Nature Center, Huntington Central Park
Parking at 17851 Goldenwest Street, HB 92647

Programs are free. Donations graciously accepted.

EXPLORE THE SKIES ABOVE SHIPLEY

August 4, 8:30 pm—9:30 pm

The Orange County Astronomers will help us explore nearby planets and star systems light years away! *Our evening hours will be extended to allow for this not to be missed event.*

SENSING NATIVE PLANTS

August 11, 6 pm—7 pm

Carol Williams will share with us how native plants excite our senses. Join the guided tour of the Waterwise Gardens.

THE MAGIC OF COMPOSTING 2011

September 24, 9 am—11 am

Learn how easily you can transform your kitchen scraps and backyard cuttings into rich compost for your plants and gardens. Sign up now for this informative seminar with a \$10 reservation fee. Register now at www.shipleynature.org. Payment accepted via PayPal. Exclusive Offer for HB residents who attend a seminar will receive a \$50 voucher towards the purchase of their choice of Composting Bin or Vermiculture Kit. Proof of residency required.

VermiPRO ♦ Rainbow Disposal Co., Inc. ♦ City of HB

FRIENDS OF SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER ■ WWW.SHIPLEYNATURE.ORG

Location: 17851 Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 ■ Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1052, HB, CA 92647
Phone: 714-842-4772 ■ Email: info@shipleynature.org ■ Operating Hours: Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 am -1:00 pm

MEMBER RECOGNITION THIS YEAR GOES TO

Barbara Yunker, LCSW and Amanda VanDenburgh, PhD for their shared interest in water conservation issues. Many thanks for their \$1,000 donation. No one has committed more pro bono professional services to the Center than Guy Stivers, Landscape Architect. He has provided countless hours of design services for the campus facilities and for plant guidance with the habitat restoration.

Barbara had attended a Friends' sponsored workshop conducted by Guy which focused on principles and means of conserving water with water wise plants and drip irrigation. "Following that workshop I immediately had my vision of what I wanted to do with my yard," said Barbara.

California Friendly Garden Contest awarded Barbara and Amanda Grand Prize for Best Water Efficiency. Their website www.waterfriendlygarden.com details the whole process and provides other valuable information about land stewardship using sustainable methods to create the means to regenerate the natural elements that form a healthy ecosystem. "Not only have we improved our yard; it is heartwarming to see a greater impact on the natural community and the world itself," said Amanda.

MEMBERSHIP IS VITALLY IMPORTANT

to raise operational funding for the Center; more importantly, it demonstrates a level of commitment to the principles of the Friends' mission.

In return, members receive the resources to fulfill their personal stewardship goals and to connect with others who can share information and experiences. Rather than charging admission, parking or programs fees; visitors are free to donate what they wish. Those donations at the Center have strengthened our membership and fundraising. Please renew your membership today.

GET THE LATEST NEWS

about the Center and help us save costs.

Please forward your email address to fsnc@surfcity.net. Our policy prohibits information sharing with other groups. Thank you very much.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP SHIPLEY OPEN

Please join us, become a Friend, and make a tax deductible donation. Friends of Shipley Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, I.D. # 68-0517856.

I want to donate: \$20 \$50 \$100 \$_____

I want to be: New Member Renewal Member

\$20 Individual \$30 Family \$5 Student

\$15 Senior \$500 Patron

\$100 Lifetime Individual \$150 Lifetime Family

Make check payable to FSNC and mail to:

P.O. Box 1052, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Credit card is accepted through PayPal. Log onto www.ShipleyNature.org and click "Donate."

Please provide the following information:

Name: _____

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WE NO LONGER HAVE THE FIRST SATURDAY IN THE MONTH

designated as Restoration Day. The reason is that Shipley is now in a maintenance mode that requires more training and management skills from our volunteers. We will provide training; pruning, planting, irrigation and weed guides to assist volunteers. We will require a day and time commitment from our volunteers.

Right now volunteers are being welcomed Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM thru Noon where we can count on their showing up on a regular basis. Groups may check our website for upcoming projects.

Over the last 9 years -- under the management of the Friends -- the Center has emerged from being an overgrown tangle of weeds to the restored Center it is today. We very much appreciate the various members of the community who are responsible for the success of the habitat restoration and maintenance.