

# SANTA CRUZ MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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## MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1988

### FUNGUS FAIR



Ford Johnson fancies fresh fungus for future Fungus Fair

Come join us on the weekend of January 8-10 for the 14th annual Fungus Fair at the Museum. Plentiful rains this fall have got fungi a-poppin' everywhere and our forests and meadows are sprouting edible mushrooms by the bushel.

Fungus Fair coordinator David Arora, author of Mushrooms Demystified, is ec-

static about this year's fair and says, "If the rains continue through December, we should easily be able to collect 200-300 species." Many of you will remember that a drought during December and January forced the cancellation of last year's fair.

In the main exhibit room, mushrooms will be displayed in their natural habitats, edible and poisonous species will be labeled, as well as look-alikes (those that are difficult to tell apart). Another part of the display will consist of mushrooms artfully arranged in baskets. Baskets of all shapes and sizes are needed this year, and any members wishing to loan baskets for the duration of the fair should contact John Anderson at the Museum. The baskets will be labeled with your name and lined with plastic to protect them. The Museum can use all that you can spare.

A new event will be a contest for the best fungal display in baskets. Books, posters, and gift certificates will be awarded to the "prettiest," "most educational," and other categories. The arranging will take place Thursday evening at the Museum and will be judged by professional florists. Persons wishing to (continued on back page)

### NAUTICAL NEIGHBORS

Remember the outstanding Geology Lecture Series last winter? You will be pleased to know that a Marine Mammal Lecture Series of the same high quality is in store for you in February. A series of six illustrated lectures (two per night) will examine the behavior, evolution, and natural history of whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, and sea otters. Six marine mammal scientists will discuss the origins of marine mammals, their ability to dive to incredible depth, their communication abilities, and the best times and places to see them.

The central California coast is unique in that we can see so many marine mammals in our waters. The sea otters are special to this area and we have the only mainland Northern elephant seal rookery in the world. Because of this uniqueness, research scientists are attracted to our area and the Long Marine Laboratory, one of the major centers in the world for marine mammal research. The scientists who will be lecturing are the very people involved in the major research on these marine mammals.

Sponsors for the series are the Santa Cruz Museum Association, the Institute of Marine Sciences, UCSC, and the California Sea Grant College Program. Proceeds will benefit the Santa Cruz Museum Association. Members will be receiving a brochure with more information but just to whet your appetite, here are the speakers and their subjects:

Marine Mammals: What are They and Where do They Come From? Dr. Robert Rubin, Department of Biological Sciences, Santa Rosa Junior College.

Our Neighbors in the Bay. Dr. Tony Huntley, Long Marine Lab, UCSC.



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## MUSEUM CLASSES

Registration starts Wednesday, January 13, at the Parks and Recreation office in the Civic Auditorium; Monday-Friday, 9 am-6 pm. City residents mail-in January 4. Call 429-3663 for further information. Adult classes age 15 and up.

Please note: Fees listed are for City residents. The out-of-City rate is \$4 extra for each class. Museum Association members receive a 10% discount; seniors 50%.

#760 Planting Your Herb Garden. Sat., 1/23, 9:30 am-3 pm. \$14, Eleanor Young.



Frank Balthis

#761 Photographing Santa Cruz County's Coast and Redwoods. Wed., 2/3, 7-10 pm; Sat., 2/6, 2/13, 10 am-4 pm; Sat., 2/20, 7-10 pm. \$36. Frank Balthis.

#762 North Coast Beach and Dune Natural History Walk. Sat., 1/30, 11 am-3 pm. \$8. Diane West-Bourke.

#763 Pine Needle Basketry. Sat., 2/6, 9:30 am-2:30 pm. \$12.50, material fee \$10. Lorna Pollock.

#765 Invitation to Astronomy. Sat., 2/20, 6:30 pm-10:30 pm. \$8. Joe Jordan.

#766 Make a Corn Husk Doll. Sat., 2/20, 10 am-2pm. \$8, material fee \$2.50. Rosejean Rancadore.

### CLASS FOR CHILDREN

#764 Kids' Clay and Printmaking. Ages 5-9. Sat., 2/13, 2/27, 10 am-1 pm. \$14, material fee \$ 2. Karen Hildebrand.

## NEW MEMBERS

Bruce Arnold	Lois Schum
Susan Cooper	William & Grace Sharp
Andy & Carmen Kumasaka	Sandra Smith
Barron Miller Family	John Worthy
Mrs. Raymond Pingree	Betty Swenson

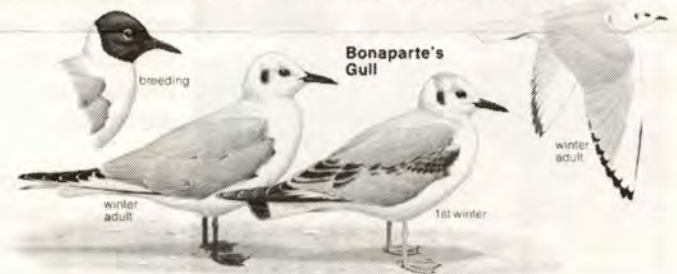
## BIRD BOOKS COMPARED

If you like to go bird watching, or you just like to know the names of the birds you see in your garden, you should own National Geographic's Field Guide to the Birds of North America. It's a great improvement over other bird books because all of the information on each bird is on facing pages.

Both Peterson's Field Guide to Western Birds and The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds force you to scramble through the book to find the drawing or photograph of the bird; then you must search again to a different part of the book to find the written information and the appropriate range maps. By this time the bird you were looking for has probably flown away and you can't remember whether that white spot was over or behind the eye.

One of the best features of Birds of North America is its many illustrations of each bird. Many birds look different at different times. The beautiful drawings show the difference between males and females, adults and juveniles, winter and breeding plumage, dark and light phases and often shows the bird at rest and in flight. It's got it all. It's easy to use and it's complete.

Ironically, you won't find this excellent book for sale in bookstores. But you can, through a recent wise purchase, buy yours at The Museum Shop. (\$16.95, less member discount). Keep a copy tucked away in your car and one near that favorite spot in the house where you watch the birds over a cup of coffee.



## TOM McCARTHY HONORED

Long-time Museum supporter, Board member, and former treasurer Tom McCarthy was singled out for recognition at The Nature Conservancy's 37th annual conference held in Snowbird, Utah in September.

Tom was the only member in California to receive the coveted Oak Leaf Award which recognizes especially dedicated service and support of Nature Conservancy objectives among its members throughout the nation. When receiving the award, Tom was cited for "leading efforts to protect Elkhorn Slough, the second largest tidal estuary on the Northern California Coast. His leadership skills were vital to acquiring the cornerstone properties that made creation of the preserve possible."

Conservancy President Frank D. Boren said, "At this gathering of the Conservancy family, it is particularly rewarding to single out those partners who have gone the extra mile. These award winners set the high standards that we all strive to achieve." Congratulations, Tom, from all of us. We're proud of you.

*Bring in Mushrooms for Identification!*

**FUNGUS FAIR PARTY**  
For Members and Friends  
of the Museum Association  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**  
7:30-9:30 p.m.

Over 300 kinds of native wild mushrooms on display in their natural habitats.

# 14th Annual FUNGUS FAIR

Wild Mushroom Delicacies, Photographs, Books and T-Shirts  
Exhibits on Growing Mushrooms and Using Mushroom Dyes  
Talk to Mushroom Experts, Meet Authors of Mushroom Books

**January 8-10**

**Friday noon-5p.m.**

**Saturday 10a.m.-5p.m.**

**SUNDAY**  
"The Mushroom Pantry"  
"What's My Mushroom?"  
"Mushrooms for Identification"  
"Mushroom Favorites"

## INDIA WITH THE VAUGHANS



Vivian Vaughan

Bob and Vivian Vaughan started out on a six month adventure to India, Nepal and points east last January with only carry-on luggage and a camera. Their unique style of traveling, off the beaten path and often on local buses, trucks, and trains, led to some fascinating and unusual photographs. Bob will be showing some of his outstanding slides to Museum members and friends on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:30 pm. There is no charge and the public is invited.

Bob is a member of the Association Board of Directors and was recently appointed by the City Council to fill a vacancy on the Museum Commission. He was able to take time off for the trip by arranging a sabbatical from Harbor High School where he teaches social science classes. Vivian took a leave from her job at Mission Hill Junior High School.

## CHINESE EXHIBIT OVER THE HILL

THE CHINESE IN THE MONTEREY BAY EXHIBIT, produced by the City Museum, opens Saturday, January 23, at The California History Center at De Anza College in Cupertino. The grand opening celebration will be held that day from 1:30-3:30 pm, complete with the Lion Dance and fire crackers. Sandy Lydon will be giving a free lecture on February 19th at 7:30 pm.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Sandy will also be teaching a course at De Anza College on "Chinese Gold in the Monterey Bay Region." The course consists of an orientation on Tuesday evening, March 8 from 7-8 pm, and a field trip on Saturday, March 12, from 9 am-4 pm. The field trip includes three major fishing villages in Monterey County. College fees are charged. Call the Center at 1-996-4712 for further information.

On January 8, as a prelude to the exhibit, the Center is presenting two one-act plays by Laurence Yet. *Pay the Chinaman* and *Fairy Bones* will be read by professional actors from San Francisco and will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. The charge is \$7 and seating is limited so call ahead.

Thousands of people have been able to see this fine exhibit since it opened at the Octagon in Santa Cruz in October of 1986. It

## MEETINGS AT THE MUSEUM

Public Welcome

Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 pm.

Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz

"Gasteromycetes" - Orson Miller, author of *Mushrooms of North America*.

Monday, January 11, 7:30 pm.

California Native Plant Society

"Wildflowers of California" - Kathryn McCollum.

Sunday, January 17, 7:00 pm.

Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz

To be announced.

Thursday, January 21, 7:30 pm.

Santa Cruz Archaeological Society

"Chinese Export Porcelain from Bay Area Sites" - Julie Huddleson.

Thursday, February 18, 7:30 pm.

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To be announced.

Thursday, February 25, 7:30 pm.

Santa Cruz Bird Club

"Birds and Wildlife of the Galapagos" - Holly Freifeld.

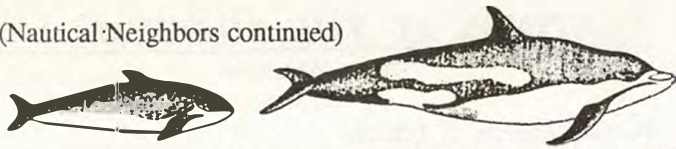
ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD CLASS: six weekends in the spring at the Bolcoff Adobe, Wilder Ranch. Call Rob Edwards at 479-6294 for further information.



has traveled to Salinas, Watsonville, and Monterey. Each time it moves our Museum staff is responsible for taking it apart, piling it in the truck, driving it to its destination, and then putting it back together. Curator Charles Prentiss and Nikki Silva continue to do an outstanding job of arranging this wonderful exhibit and always manage to include new photos and memorabilia from each new locality.

A grant from the California Council for the Humanities has made this all possible. Be sure to notify your over-the-hill friends of this new opportunity to see a fine exhibit, hear a Sandy Lydon lecture, or take one of his famous classes.

(Nautical Neighbors continued)



Learning Studies and Communication in Dolphins. Dr. Kenneth Norris, Biology Board of Studies, UCSC.

The Sea Otter: Historical, Ecological and Economic Perspectives. Dr. James Estes, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Championship Diving — Marine Mammal Style! Dr. Burney Le Boeuf, Institute for Marine Studies, UCSC.

Using Sign Language to Read Sea Lion Minds. Dr. Ronald Schusterman, California State College, Hayward.

The lectures will be given on Wednesday evenings, February 10, 17, and 24 at 7 pm at the Harbor High School Little Theater. Tickets will be available at the Museum. The charge will be \$12 for the series for Association members, seniors and students. All others will pay \$15. One evening will cost \$6.

We hope you will take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear and talk with these prominent scientists who work right here in our own community.



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participate in the contest or help with the basket displays should contact David Arora at 425-0188.

In addition to the main fungal display, this year's fair will have tables, demonstrations, and talks where you can learn about textile dyeing with mushrooms, spore prints, mushroom cookery, common edibles, and the Fungus Federation, a local organization of fungus fanciers with over 170 members. There will also be wild mushroom soup, Fungus Fair T-shirts, mushroom field guides, and books for sale.

Experts will be on hand to identify any wild mushrooms you bring with you. To make their job easier, bring your mushrooms wrapped in wax paper or in paper bags, not in plastic bags where they will suffocate and melt. Persons wishing to collect for this year's fair, assist in setting up, or helping out during the fair should contact David Arora (425-0188) or Bob Sellers (429-6250). See you there!

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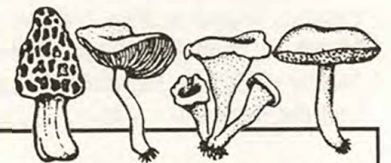
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**CALENDAR**

Jan. 8 to 10	14th Annual Fungus Fair
Jan. 8	Members' Fungus Fair Party, 7:30 pm
Jan. 19	India With the Vaughans, 7:30 pm.
Jan. 23	Chinese Exhibit opens at De Anza
Feb. 10/17/24	Marine Mammal Lecture Series
Apr. 21 to 24	Annual Spring Wildflower Show
May 7	Walk-a-thon