

Green Jacket Happenings July 2010



The July 10th docent recognition picnic and Bar BQ was a truly memorable day. Held at the historic Pacific House Memory Gardens for the 5th consecutive year, it was a day of friendship and the sharing of a delectable BarBQ lunch prepared by Ricky Rolden and Corrine Mendoza from the Asilomar sector. Superintendent Dana Jones had recommended that this event be transformed into our annual recognition meeting in addition to our traditional BarBQ.

The customary service pins for one, three, five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty five years were distributed to those in attendance.

A very special 'District Award' was given to Bev Williams for her amazing volunteerism for over 20 years as our 'school walks scheduler'. For those who have had the pleasure of working with Bev, her personalized walks confirmation post cards will be missed.

Cindy Onufer received a 'Unit Award' for her meticulous planning and scheduling of Senior tours. Cindy has worked with many of the the Senior Citizen centers in the area, arranging opportunities for tours and nature programs for these neighbors and friends, that generally have a difficult time visiting our Reserve.

Additional 'Unit Awards' were distributed to Pat Sinclair, Kathy Petty, and Paul Reps for the amazing job that they accomplished with devising and implementing a new training curriculum for Point Lobos class 32.

This writer and Joe Bova were presented the 'California Poppy Award' for their work and tenure as Docent Administrators. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such an gifted and talented group of Point Lobos docents and California State Park Rangers.

A wonderful side benefit of our annual meetings, has been to have access to other State park properties. This year's meeting at the Memory Gardens is a welcomed and appreciated change of venue. We seemed to highlight the sequence of former occupants at this iconic 1847 adobe. It has seen its share of seafaring sailors, provided space as a courtroom, a jury room, newspaper, a ballroom and a church. The walled yard, before being transformed into the tranquil Memory Garden was even the site for Sunday and bloody, 'bull and bear' fights! The adobe was ultimately deeded to the State of California by David Jack's daughter.