

Become an Edgewood Docent!



- Are you inspired by the beauty of Edgewood?
- Are you curious about the plants, animals, soils, and climate that make Edgewood uniquely diverse?
- Would you like to help others better understand, respect, and support not only Edgewood but our entire natural world?

If your answers are “yes!” we welcome your interest in becoming an Edgewood Wildflower Walk Docent.

What we do: Wildflower Walk Docents lead interpretive nature walks throughout the year, but especially during the spring wildflower season. Experienced docents are asked to lead at least three hikes each year. No previous training is required to become a docent. We'll help you gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead walks and interpret the preserve's natural resources.

Training schedule: Docent training is offered each year, from January through April. Eight Wednesday evening classes are paired with Saturday morning field hikes. Hikes with a mentor and observations of public Wildflower Walks complete the training.

What's covered: You'll learn about Edgewood's geology, plants, and wildlife, along with its history, preservation, and on-going restoration. Along the way, you'll develop the interpretive strategies and skills that make for a great walk experience.

Cost: A \$40 course fee is payable at the first class.

Contact: For more information or to register, contact Sandy, the Docent Training Coordinator, at docent-trainer@friendsofedgewood.org. You'll find the complete 2017 training schedule on the back, as well as at www.FriendsofEdgewood.org/become-a-docent.



Registration closes January 11, 2017 – Training begins January 18th



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Friends of Edgewood -- 2017 Docent Training

Wednesday Talk	Saturday Hike	Topic	Main Presenter	Opening Presenter
7 pm - 9 pm	9 am - 12 pm			
Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Introduction and History	Kathy Korbholz	Bill Korbholz FoE President's Welcome
Feb. 1	Feb 4	Geology	Paul Heiple	Trevlyn Williams Intro to Leading Walks
(1-week gap)				
Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Wildlife	Ken Hickman	Laurie Alexander Ed Center Coordinator
Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Floral and Leaf Morphology	Mary Wilson	Todd Reimche Docent Coordinator
Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Chaparral	Ken Himes	
Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Oak Woodlands	TBA	Stephen Kramer Ranger
Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Grasslands	Alf Fengler	
Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Leading Walks	Trevlyn Williams	Huey-shin Yuan Jr. Explorers Coordinator



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Rain Graces 2016 Annual General Meeting

by Bill Korbholz, Friends of Edgewood President



It was short and sweet. And wet. Our 24th annual general meeting took place on Sunday, October 16. It was raining at 10:30 AM when several of us arrived to start setting up the canopies, and it was still raining at 2 PM when we left. In short, it was absolutely glorious!

Photo: Bill and Kathy Korbholz © 2016 Kathy Korbholz

50 guests were on hand to experience the much needed liquid sunshine. Many people remarked to me how much they enjoyed being out in the weather as the rain soaked the grounds around us (and some of us as well).

The Parks Department provided the 2 canopies that covered the delicious sandwich bar, once again supplied by our great friends at Arguello Catering



Photo: FoE Board members and other helpers team up to set up a pole and tarp canopy to help keep meeting attendees dry. © 2016 Kathy Korbholz

(<http://www.arguellocatering.com/>). After a slightly soggy meet, greet, and eat, I started the festivities by welcoming Sarah Birkeland, Assistant Parks Director, to her first Friends of Edgewood general meeting. We were also delighted to have Michele Beasley, Parks Foundation Executive Director, and her predecessor, Julia Bott, in attendance.

Conditions were suboptimal for speaking due to the constant pitter-patter of the rain on the canopies, so we kept things moving briskly along. After introducing FoE's Board and program coordinators, Stuart Weiss (consulting biologist and president of Creekside

Science) gave us a brief update on the status of the reintroduction of our favorite insect, the Bay checkerspot butterfly, and the work to preserve the endangered San Mateo thornmint.

We then moved directly to everyone's favorite segment of the event, the presentation of awards. This year was special because we inaugurated 2 new award categories: Habitat Hero and Lifetime Achievement. Peter White was recognized as a Habitat Hero for his inspirational devotion to preserving Edgewood's natural resources. We also presented Lifetime Achievement awards to Bob Young and John Allen for 25+ years each of volunteer commitment to the Friends of Edgewood and to Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve.

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SAVE THE DATE!
DOCENT TRAINING BEGINS
JANUARY 18, 2017
REGISTER BY JAN 11!

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Paul Heiple was honored as this year's Best Friend of Edgewood for his dedication to preserving Edgewood's natural resources. Paul has been a docent and weeder for over 20 years, and this year he assumed responsibility for leading the Edgewood Weed Warriors program on behalf of the California Native Plant Society.

After presenting the awards, we convened the official FoE General Meeting and held elections for Directors for the 2017 - 2019 term. The slate of candidates, consisting of incumbents Bill Korbholz, John Morse, Mickey Salgo, and Howie Smith, and newcomers Sandy Bernhard and Kathy Goforth, was approved by verbal acclamation.



Photos (top): Canopies help keep attendees "dry"; Dave Hershey keeps the rain off of Peter White, Edgewood's 2016 Habitat Hero. Photos (bottom): Dr. Stuart Weiss addresses the crowd; Friends enjoy the welcome rain; Linda Leong and Frank Peale improvise "rain deflectors" using garbage bags, duct tape, and twigs (Kathy Korbholz provided "Roots and Shoots" table decorations, including starter plants of kale and broccoli). All photos © 2016 Kathy Korbholz



What a difference a day makes! On the Wednesday following our Annual General Meeting, Bill Korbholz presented "Lifetime Achievement Awards" to John Allen (left) and to Bob Young (right). Photos © 2016 Kathy Korbholz

'Tis the Season For Giving!

Field guides, T-shirts, & more

For sale here – ask the Host

Wildflower guide \$1

A color brochure with color photos and descriptions of the preserve's common native wildflowers. A must-have for springtime visitors!



Edgewood plant list \$3

This comprehensive 27-page booklet by botanist Toni Corelli lists all of Edgewood's flowering plants – listed both by common name and by scientific name within family.

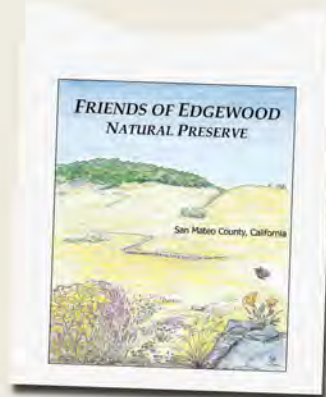


Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve \$12

The authoritative botanical field guide to the park. Written by botanist Toni Corelli, this 368-page reference includes descriptions and drawings of the vascular plants found at Edgewood. Keys, illustrations, and a list of nomenclature and taxonomic changes.

Friends of Edgewood T-shirt \$20

Featuring Judy Mason's original artwork of an Edgewood hillside in bloom. 100% cotton, white Hanes Beefy-T.



Checkerspot T-shirt \$20

Commemorating the reintroduction of the Bay Checkerspot Butterfly to Edgewood in 2007. 100% cotton, sage green Hanes Beefy-T.

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Adult Sizes: \$20
Child Sizes: \$15



Cash or check – made to "Friends of Edgewood".

Additional items may be available – ask the Center host.

Stumped for a present? As friends and relatives curtail consumption and downsize their belongings, it is hard to find the right present to commemorate a holiday, birthday, anniversary, or other significant milestone. Why not **make a donation in someone's honor today?**

San Mateo Thornmint Progress Report

(excerpted from a report submitted by Christal Niederer, Creekside Science)

San Mateo thornmint seeding took place in four locations at Edgewood Natural Preserve in December 2015. Funded by Friends of Edgewood, 20-square meter plots were planted with 250 seeds/square meter at each of the sites, for 5,000 seeds per site or 20,000 total seeds. One of the sites was the original colony, which acted as a reference site. No supplemental irrigation took place this year. **We are pleased to report that by May 2016, there were a total of 5,756 plants occupying 196 square meters, the highest number and area since this project began in 2008.** Note that of all the sites seeded in December 2015, two of the new colonies had higher numbers than the original with the same seed input (and the one that did the worst was not far behind the original site). This means our new sites have similar, if not better, habitat value for San Mateo thornmint. We believe establishing new colonies is key to preventing extinction of this species.

Total nonnative cover at the original site dropped from 47% to 11% this year, so no mowing or dethatching took place. The site met the objective of less than 30% nonnative and thatch cover (at 12%), but did not meet the minimum bare goal of 20% (at 6%).

Seed increase efforts at the Creekside Grow Facility yielded approximately 47,200 seeds. We plan to continue seeding each of the four sites in 2017, and to continue propagation at the Creekside Grow Facility. We intend to try scraping a larger portion of the habitat (i.e., with buffers outside the seeded square meter plots) to better reduce encroachment from nonnative annual grasses. We hope to grow a small number of demonstration plants for public viewing near the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center at Edgewood.

We remain grateful to Friends of Edgewood and other partners for continued funding of this project.

Paul Heiple: 2016 Best Friend of Edgewood County Park and Preserve



Paul Heiple (right) receives 2016 Best Friend Award from Bill Korbholz © 2016 Kathy Korbholz

Friends of Edgewood is pleased to recognize and thank Paul Heiple for his dedication to preserving Edgewood's natural resources.

Paul has been an Edgewood docent and weeder for over 20 years, a docent geology trainer since 1998, and has been leading the Friday weeders since 2007. Last year, he assumed responsibility for the entire Edgewood Weed Warriors program.

Paul frequently says that weeding offers people opportunities for education and camaraderie. His soft-spoken and friendly approach and depth and breadth of knowledge of nature have made him an effective leader and teacher.

Paul is a true steward of Edgewood, and we thank him for over 20 years of volunteer service.

Nature Hikes from December 2016 to February 2017

- December 17: What About All The Moss? – Rebecca Reynolds
- January 1: New Year's Walk 'Start the New Year Off On the Right Foot' – Todd Reimche
- January 21: What's Not to Like About Lichen? – Alf Fengler
- February 18: Preview of the Coming Attractions – Kathleen Goforth

All of our Nature Hikes start at the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center in Edgewood Park at 10 a.m., unless otherwise noted. ↗





Junior Explorers Fall Update

by Carol Hankermeyer

On August 28, Junior Explorers (JE) docents gathered at the group picnic site at the Edgewood Day Camp for a potluck lunch and meeting. It was very successful, with 90% attendance of our current docents! The main purpose of the gathering was to introduce our new Junior Explorers coordinators, Huey-Shin Yuan and Paul Anderson, who will be team leaders of the program. Huey-Shin will do the major coordinating of all JE field trips. Paul has great interest in interfacing with school administrators to strengthen the partnership between Edgewood and local schools and to help them achieve their goals of environmental literacy.

We discussed the possibility of incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards in our program in order to guide the themes we promote on our hikes and reinforce the new California science curriculum. We also discussed ways to enhance the growth and development of the JE program and attract more docents. A need for increased training and enrichment

opportunities was addressed. For instance, the Junior Explorers training manual is now available online, although it still needs to be updated. Devoting one week of the regular docent training to strategies for leading children’s walks was another suggestion. Subsequent to the potluck meeting, Laurie Alexander and Huey-Shin Yuan coordinated a JE docent tour of the Ed Center. Laurie showed us the many resources available for use in leading field trips for kids. Another docent enrichment activity is planned for the spring.

Since August, there has been a steady stream of field trip requests from schools and scout leaders. The word is getting out there, and the new system of processing field trips is working well, thanks to Pamela Gage, FoE’s webmaster. We’re very pleased to see strong docent response to fill these requests. Thanks to you all! If you are thinking of trying the children’s hike format and would like to observe a Junior Explorers field trip in action, you can contact Huey-Shin and ask to be notified when one is scheduled. Who knows? You may soon be leading a Junior Explorers field trip yourself! Contact JuniorExplorers-Coordinator@FriendsOfEdgewood.org.

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Bill and Jean Lane Education Center - Winter Hours and By Appointment*

Wed	9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Sat	9:30 am to 4 pm
Sun	9:30 am to 4 pm

*Subject to volunteer staffing.

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 Kathy Korbholz
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 Todd Reimche
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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Year's Walk (Jan 1; 10 AM @ BJLEC)

2017 Docent Training
 Register by January 11

Adopt-A-Highway

Next Sessions: 1/2/3, 1/8, 2/4, 3/5

To volunteer or get more information, contact Dave Hershey at adoptahighway-coordinator@friendsofedgeswood.org

Third Saturday Nature Walks

12/17, 1/21, 2/18

10 AM @ BJLEC (heavy rain cancels)

Second Sunday Bird Walks

12/11, 1/8, 2/12

8 AM @ BJLEC (heavy rain cancels)

For more, see <http://www.friendsofedgeswood.org/events>

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