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# The Dripping Faucet

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## President's Message

Dear Members, thank you for your generous donations. The thought is greatly appreciated. The money will go a long way in maintaining the programs, exhibits and native plant garden. We hope to see you at the Nature Center in the near future.

Sincerely,  
David Marraccini,  
Docent Council President

We would like to thank the following people for renewing their membership:

Doris & Barbara Beckwith  
Jim & Conni Bock  
Lydia Chadwick  
Lois Davis  
Lee & Elizabeth Fennell  
Janwyn Funamura  
Richard Ling & Laurie Cotulla  
Martha Mallery  
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& family  
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A special 'Thank you' to  
Frances Quinn for the extra

donation to the Native Plant Garden.

If you haven't yet sent in your dues, please do so soon. And please make your checks payable to :

**Oak Grove Docent Council.**

And we wish to thank all of you that have contributed materially and of your time to the betterment of the Nature Center and Oak Grove Park.

*Thank you!*



## Docent Tips for Encouraging Visitors

You might consider arriving at the park 10 or 15 minutes before noon and getting a little exercise by walking around the lake/lawn area nearest the Nature Center. ( eg where people are fishing). Scout out families with children and stop to encourage them to visit the center..."The Nature Center will open at noon- it's free

and the kids will love it; come on over & visit before 4 o'clock." To the kids..."We have snakes & lizards & frogs & lots of other things; ask your family to bring you over to see everything before you go home today."

When opening the center, remember to bring out the large sign ( "Nature Center

open/ free"/ etc) on the rolling cart and put it at the corner edge of the parking lot by the kiosk entrance, visible to folks as they drive in.

Issuing personal invitations to visit the center seems to help raise the afternoon's attendance :-).

Nancy Shephard-Docent

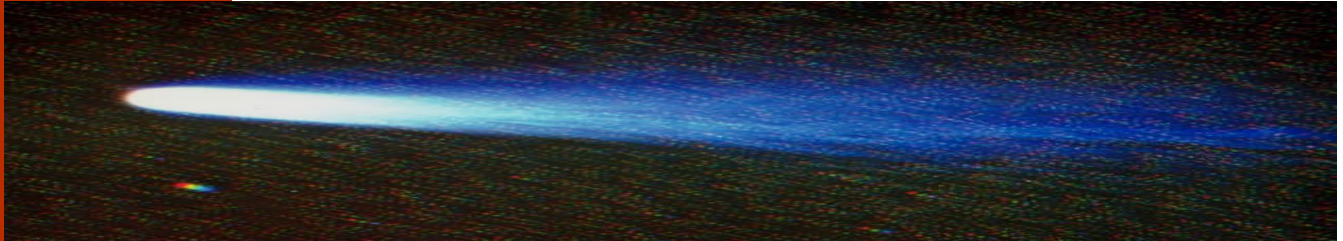
## “Astronomy in the Park” Resumes!



“Astronomy in the Park” star parties will resume at Oak Grove Regional Park this month. Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> will be the first Star Party of the season. Please join us at 7:00 PM in the Nature Center for astron-

omy-themed crafts and activities for the kids (and the kids at heart) followed by stargazing (weather permitting) in the park near the Center from 8:00 to 10:00 PM.

So please plan to join us as we renew our exploration of the heavens from here on earth.



## “Bug Fest” 2010

“Bug Fest” 2010 will happen on April 10th from 10 AM to 4 PM rain or shine.

Last year we had a good turn out of would be entomologists and we’re hoping for more this year.

We have added a couple of things this year that we hope will add to the enjoyment that will be had by our guests. First, a small snack bar with drinks and snack foods will be available. We

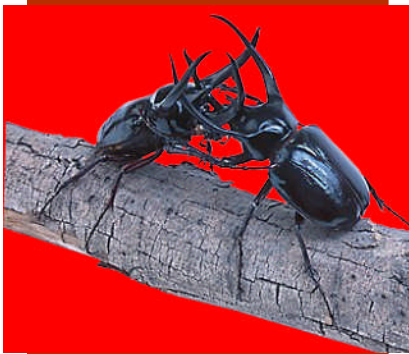
have also included a raffle with an assortment of gifts that include “Bug” related items. All proceeds go to the Nature Center to defray the costs of the event and provide for future events and displays.

Activities for this year include: Bug Safaris, face painting, educational displays and demonstrations, insect races, arthropod petting zoo, fly tying and much more. See you there!

### “Bug Fest” needs Raffle Prizes

At this year’s “Bug Fest” it was decided to include a raffle to help defray the cost of butterfly hats, invertebrate photos and edible insects.

If you can donate any unused nature or otherwise interesting items please phone 953-8814. No donation is too small. We can put small items together and make a nice contributors basket.



## Oak Grove Docent Council Board and General Meeting

On Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm there will be a O.G.D.C. Board and General meeting. For the general meeting portion we will have a brief tour of the Native Plant Garden fol-

lowed by a viewing of the DVD “Sexual Encounters of the Floral Kind”. This film illustrates the incredible adaptations that plants have developed to attract pollinators.

So please plan to join us in exploring nature’s wonders here at the Nature Center.



# Meet our New Volunteers



**Ann Stone**

" Hey!" I'm Ann Stone. Born and raised in North Carolina. Mother of 4, grandmother of 9, and great-grandmother of 1. I am a retired pediatric physical therapist having worked at Hoover and Hazelton schools in S.U.S.D. I am so looking forward to learning with the children while they learn to explore and observe nature in the oak grove.

Tristan Edgarian helps out with animal care at the Oak Grove Nature Center. He is a wildlife biologist working with endangered mammals native to the Central Valley -- riparian brush rabbits and riparian woodrats. His favorite activities are live-trapping, drawing, and hiking with his dog and friends. Tristan has taken on the job of Vice-President for the Docent Council.

He also recruited Nowana and Ben.



**Tristan Edgarian**

Nowana Wright is a mother of three active girls and is taking classes at Delta College. She is assisting with the "Bug Fest" planning and implementation and assisting on the Docent Council Board.



**Nowana Wright**

Ben Valencia is a student at Delta College and is involved with filmmaking there. He is also helping with "Bug Fest" activities and assisting on the Docent Council Board.

## Spring has Sprung

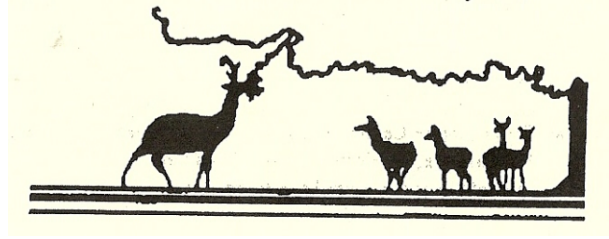
Here are some of the wildflowers blooming around the Nature Center. Come out and enjoy them.



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**Committed to preserving the natural environment of the Oak Grove and educating others to the values of continuing such preservation.**

## Dates to Remember

April 6, 6:30 PM—Docent Council Board & General Meeting. Garden Tour & DVD "Sexual Encounters of the Floral Kind"

April 10, 10 AM to 4 PM—"BugFest"  
Come meet the inhabitants of the arthropod world. Games, raffle, insect petting zoo.

April 14, 2 PM—School Outreach

April 17, 7 PM to 10 PM—  
"Astronomy In the Park" Crafts, activities and stargazing.

April 23, 7 PM—Nature Nights

May 4, 6:30 PM—Docent Council Board & General Meeting.

May 14, 9 AM—School Tour

May 18, 9 AM—School Tour

May 21, 7 PM—Nature Nights

May 22, 7 PM to 10 PM—

"Astronomy in the Park" Crafts, activities and stargazing.

June 1, 6:30 PM—Docent Council Board & General Meeting

June 18, 7 PM—Nature Nights

June 19, 7 PM to 10 PM—  
"Astronomy in the Park" Crafts, activities and stargazing. (tentative)

July 6, 6:30 PM—Docent Council

Board & General Meeting.

July 16, 7 PM—Nature Nights

July 17, 7 PM to 10 PM—"Astronomy in the Park" (tentative)

Aug. 3, 6:30 PM—Docent Council Board & General Meeting.

Aug. 14, 7 PM to 10 PM—  
"Astronomy in the Park" (tentative)

Aug. 20, 7 PM—Nature Nights



**"Bug Fest" will have more  
creepy crawlies than you can  
shake a scorpion at!**

