



# Friends of Shipley Nature Center

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President's Message By Kay Goddard

## **SUMMER HOURS**

Shipley Nature Center is enjoying a wonderful spring awakening - the flowers and foliage are lovely and the 18 acres are alive with critters! If you have not visited for a while, please take advantage of our expanded summer hours. Our immediate past president and dedicated member of the Board, Steve Engel, has volunteered to open the Center on Thursday evenings from 4 - 8 p.m. during the months of July and August.

Our usual Monday - Saturday hours of 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. continue

## **PROGRAMS AT SHIPLEY**

This summer we begin programs in the outdoors.

**July 21 from 10 -11:30 a.m.** we offer *California Gold: Decoding the Mysteries of Recycling - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*. Co-sponsored by the City of Huntington Beach and Rainbow Disposal Company, this event focuses on backyard composting and how to turn your garden waste into soil enrichments. Popular presenter, Rich Flammers of Hidden Resources in San Diego, will discuss environmentally friendly gardening and organic resource management. Don't miss this most informative morning. The program is free - just bring a hat and wear your sunscreen!

**August 18 from 10 - 11:30** we present *EEK a Worm - WOW, Compost*.

Learn how "red wigglers" convert kitchen waste into natural and toxic free fertilizer. The presenter is not yet confirmed for this event. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase ready made composters at a discount or to make their very own units out of materials provided for a fee.

Future programs include Waste Not...Want Not! Go Native! - a program on the use of native plants as a way to reduce yard waste; decorating with natives; and, in the spring, birding! There will be others as you offer us ideas and we continue to brainstorm.

**Watch our website:** [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org) for updates!

## **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

In April we hosted a very successful Spring Open House in which hundreds of visitors enjoyed the displays of environmental agencies, nature lovers, native plants and our new base for the

amphitheater. Tom Livengood and a host of volunteers drew in nearly 900 guests for a program of bluegrass music, remarks honoring the many Eagle Scouts and Gold Award recipients for their substantial contributions; the donations of Boeing Company which allowed us to complete Phase I of the amphitheater; and the contributions of REI. It takes the work of every volunteer and the backing of our business partners to keep the Center open and maintained.

The Spring Open House also enjoyed the renewal of an old tradition - the May Pole Dance! Juana Mueller created a beautiful May Pole and recruited children and their parents to dance and weave the beautiful offering of spring. Watch for this to continue at our third Spring Open House, scheduled for **April 26, 2008**. It's not too soon to mark your calendars.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We love the folks that keep us open by volunteering as Docents; and those that keep the 18 acres looking inviting to human, bird and animal visitors. AND, we can always use more of you. Please contact us at the email address above or stop by and leave your contact information with Carol Williams, our wonderful Office Manager.

## **PURCHASES THAT HELP**

When you visit, please note the lovely note cards, stuffed animals, bird and plant books, garden gloves and the many other items located in the retail area of the building. Under the able leadership of Shari Engel, we have developed items of interest to all visitors at very low cost.

Wonderful native plants, grown or acquired, by our nursery volunteers, under the leadership of Carol Williams, are also available for your purchase. Each purchase contributes to the future of Shipley.

## **BIRDERS NEEDED!**

Come out and participate in our monthly bird survey, which is conducted the last Friday of every month.

During the May 25<sup>th</sup> survey, a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was seen. This is a bird not often seen in the western US. A Great-Horned Owl was being harassed by a flock of American Crows in a sycamore near the nursery and nature center. At Blackbird Pond, five Green Heron chicks were observed being fed by their parents.

To become a member or renew your membership, please complete this form.

**Please make your check payable to FSNC and mail to: P.O. Box 1052, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.** Your donation is tax-deductible. Tax ID No. 68-0517856 Thank you!

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 17829 Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
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 Website: [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org)

Parking is located on the west side of Goldenwest and north of Talbert.



**What:** Restoration as Recreation. Join the community volunteers for planting, and trail maintenance and watering. Bring garden gloves, tools and drinking water, Wear sturdy closed-toe shoes.

**When:** The first Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – noon.

**What:** Interpretative displays and/or take a self-guided walk along the trails, around the pond.

**When:** Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
A Friends' docent will host/docent.

**When:** Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Self-guided tours.

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