

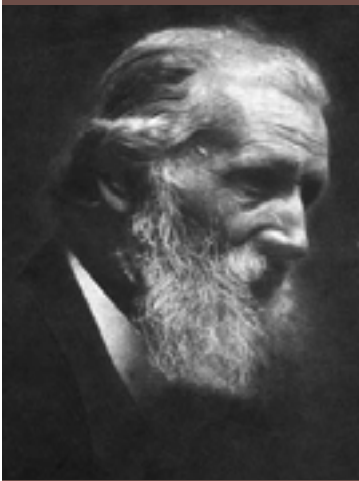


The View

FALL 2010

*And surely all God's people,
however serious and savage,
great or small like to play.*

*Whales and elephants,
dancing, humming
gnats, and invisibly small
mischievous microbes
—all are warm with divine
radium and must have lots
of fun in them.
—John Muir*



The mission of the John Muir Association is to celebrate the life, share the vision, and preserve the legacy of John Muir through education, preservation, advocacy and stewardship, in partnership with the National Park Service at the John Muir National Historic Site.

Spotlight Muir! Awards Celebration to Feature Shelton Johnson

Featured in Ken Burns's popular PBS series, "Our National Parks—America's Best Idea," Shelton Johnson captured the attention of millions of viewers. In an exclusive Bay Area appearance, Ranger Johnson will be the honored guest speaker at the John Muir Association's Spotlight Muir! Awards Celebration on November 13.



Ranger Johnson, a Park Ranger in the Division of Interpretation and Education at Yosemite National Park, is the author of the acclaimed novel, *Gloryland*. Ranger Johnson has received many honors, appeared in numerous television programs and is a much sought-after speaker.

Spotlight Muir! guests will enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wines and other beverages, and an evening of fun and inspiration as we present our 33rd Annual John Muir Conservation Awards at the gala event. The John Muir Association is proud to announce this year's awardees:

Conservationist of the Year: **Jay Holcomb,**
International Bird Rescue Research Center
Environmental Education Conservation Award: **NatureBridge**
Nonprofit Conservation Award: **Lindsay Wildlife Museum**
Business Conservation Award: **Beaver Solutions LLC**

Learn more about their inspiring work at Spotlight Muir! Tickets are \$50. Special thanks to our sponsors: Shell Oil Products, US Martinez Refinery; the Willows Theatre; Mechanics Bank; Muir-Hanna Vineyards and the Best Western John Muir Inn.

For tickets: Visit our website: johnmuirassociation.org. Or e-mail info@johnmuirassociation.org, or call Nancy at (925) 370-7158. Reservations are required; tickets will be held at the door. A portion of each ticket (\$27.00) is tax deductible in accordance with contributions to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Reserve your tickets now!
Saturday, November 13, 2010
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Campbell Theatre
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Transitions

Martha Lee

Martha Lee, General Superintendent at the John Muir National Historic Site, has been promoted to the position of Deputy Regional Director for Public Use Management for the Pacific West Region. Martha will oversee a number of parks in such places as the Channel Islands, Mojave, Joshua Tree, Sequoia/Kings, Manzanar, Santa Monica Mountains, Lake Mead, Devils Postpile, and Cabrillo.

The JMA Board of Directors congratulates her on the new post, though we will miss her, as well as her leadership and assistance. She was also in charge of three other local parks: Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial and Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park. Tom Leatherman has assumed the position of Acting General Superintendent of all four parks until a permanent replacement is announced. Ralph Bell is temporarily assigned to Tom's former position as Deputy Superintendent.



Tom Zamaria

The JMA Board of Directors is Pleased to Welcome:

Scott Ardis

Scott Artis is a manager at a biomedical firm and the Founding Director of the Burrowing Owl Conservation Network. Scott started the nonprofit organization when he observed owls' burrows near his home being threatened with destruction. He works for burrowing owl protection and public education. He is a former wildlife husbandry intern at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum.

Gary Noy

Gary has taught history at Sierra College since 1987. He is the Founder and Director of the Sierra College Center for Sierra Nevada Studies and Editor-in-Chief of the Sierra College Press. Gary is the author of the best-selling *Distant Horizon: Documents from the 19th century American West*, and is co-editor of the recently released book *The Illuminated Landscape: A Sierra Nevada Anthology* (Heyday Books, Sierra College Press, Santa Clara University). See next page for information about the official book launch.

Matt Parks

Matt Parks graduated from the Environmental Studies Academy, where he took a leadership position on many committees. He graduated at the top of his class. He has continued his education with community college classes and worked as a medical caretaker. He looks forward to working with JMA and making a positive contribution to the community.

The Board will miss...

Igor Skaredoff, who left the board after dedicated service as Co-chair of the John Muir Birthday-Earth Day Celebration, as our coordinator for John Muir Mountain Day Camp and many other JMA activities.

Kelly Davidson made valued contributions to the Membership Committee and other JMA events.

Anza Trail Exhibit Dedication

The National Park Service launched a new exhibit at the Martinez Adobe, part of the John Muir National Historic Site, on September 26. The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail exhibit describes the 1775-76 trek of Spanish colonial expedition members through Arizona and California, ending at the San Francisco Bay Area—a distance of 1,200 miles.

Speakers at the dedication included Congressman George Miller, General Superintendent Martha Lee, Linda Yamane (Ohlone Native American), Martinez Mayor Rob Schroder, Chris Lehnertz (National Park Service, Pacific West Regional Director), Lance Beeson (Anza Expedition Descendant), and Lauren Kardel (Amigos de Anza Drill Team). Naomi Torres, Superintendent of the Anza Trail, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Guests were treated to live music, lively dance and a multitude of family activities. The John Muir Association hosted a booth with refreshments.



Tortilla Grindling



Ribbon Cutting

Plan to visit the new interactive exhibit; visit the National Park Service website for more information at www.nps.gov/juba.



The official launch for *The Illuminated Landscape: A Sierra Nevada Anthology* took place at the John Muir National Historic Site on May 22nd. The widely praised book was co-edited by Gary Noy and Rick Heide, with a forward by JMA Board Member Robert Hanna. Noy has since joined the board (see p. 2).



This year's John Muir Birthday—Earth Day again set new attendance records! Nearly 2,400 visitors enjoyed special guest Brock Dolman, live music, activities and much more. Plan to join us next year, when we also be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Sister City partnership between Dunbar, Scotland (John Muir's birthplace) and Martinez, California (his home). We appreciate the support of our sponsors:

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Martinez Community Foundation
Shell Oil Products, US Martinez Refinery
Whole Foods

Mural Project to Enhance the John Muir National Historic Site

As we reported in the last newsletter, the Environmental Studies Academy and muralist Christopher Castle are raising funds for a mural project depicting John Muir. We would like to thank the following contributors for their generous support: Sherida Bush; Mary Ann Gaebe; Hulet Hornbeck; Michael Hughes; and Jerry Travis.

If you would like to contribute, please send your check to the John Muir Association, P.O. Box 2433, Martinez, CA 94553. Make checks payable to the John Muir Association.



Mural (detail) by Chris Castle



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John Muir Mountain Day Camp

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, volunteers, special guests and National Park Service rangers for another fantastic John Muir Mountain Day camp this summer. Special thanks to camp Directors Jill Harcke and Sue Barry, and Manager Patty Beck. Our camp would not be possible without the following great sponsors: Shell Oil Products, US Martinez Refinery and the Kiwanis Club of Martinez.

