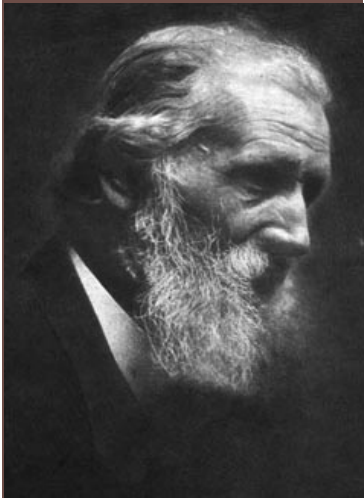


*As age comes on, one
source of enjoyment after
another is closed, but
nature's sources
never fail.*
—John Muir,
My First Summer
in the Sierra



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.

Gary Bogue and so much more at this year's John Muir Birthday–Earth Day Celebration



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Helling. We're hope you'll be among us too, as the day will be packed with much to hear, see and do.

Our Keynote Speaker is wildlife expert and author **Gary Bogue**. Gary wrote his popular Pet and Wildlife column for the *Contra Costa Times* and other newspapers for 42 years. He will talk about the astonishing wild world around us. Come and enjoy:

- **FREE** admission!
- More than 50 exhibitors and activities
- Live music
- Silent auctions
- Recycled Fashion Show
- Self-guided tours of John Muir's 1882 Victorian home and orchards
- John Muir Conservation Awards
- Birthday cake with John Muir
- Junior Ranger activities and more!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of John Muir's autobiography, *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth*. In it, he marks the impulse to play in every creature: *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.* Show your playful side at John's 175th birthday party!

Glimpses of Muir's legacy will be there, and Muir himself as portrayed by National Service Park Ranger Frank

**Saturday, April 20th
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**John Muir National
Historic Site**



We are pleased to have many great musicians on hand for your enjoyment, including The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, Spinning Wheel, Piedmont

Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band, and
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the Ancestral Water Band. Two silent auctions will offer a variety of unique items, and the proceeds will benefit the John Muir Association, which is hosting the event in partnership with the National Park Service.

The event is made possible by our wonderful sponsors: the City of Martinez, the Martinez Community Foundation, Shell Martinez Refinery, IBEW Local Union 302 and Allied Waste Services.

Come rain or shine! Food and beverages are available for purchase.

The Celebration is at the John Muir National Historic Site, 4202 Alhambra Avenue (at Highway 4) in Martinez.

Free parking is available at the Martinez Adult School, 600 Alhambra Ave. at "F" St., with shuttles to the Site.

For information, visit www.johnmuirassociation.org, or call the John Muir National Historic Site at (925) 228-8860 ext. 6420.



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John Muir: Father of the National Park Service

A new exhibit entitled "Father of the National Park Service" is now installed in the second floor study annex of the Muir house. The exhibit is part one of a three-part series focusing on John Muir's influence over the creation of several National Parks.

The first installment features three parks in California: Yosemite, Muir Woods and Kings Canyon.

The exhibit highlights the creation of each park, and what the National Park Service (NPS) is doing today toward preservation. Also on display are magazines, journals and pamphlets about Yosemite and Kings Canyon that include articles by Muir advocating for the protection of these areas.

Come by and let everyone know which national park is your favorite. Visitors can leave a pin on a large map of the entire NPS system, and the staff at the John Muir National Historic Site will send a postcard to the park(s) with the most "votes" at the end of the series.

The Mural Project

Work on the mural at the tunnel entrance on Franklin Canyon Road is under way. The New Leaf Academy and the John Muir Association have led the efforts to raise money for the project, designed by artist Christopher Castle.

Thank you to all of the generous donors that have made the project possible. We will list those who made gifts in our next issue, along with a project update.

President's View

By JoAnne Dunec

Please join us at the park on April 20th for our biggest event of the year. Unlike other Earth Day events, we also celebrate John Muir's Birthday, who was born on April 21st, the day before Earth Day. This is our ninth year of combining the two, and last year's event drew 2,500



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JoAnne Dunec at the 2012 John Muir Birthday-Earth Day Celebration

visitors to the park! The purpose of the Celebration is to inspire all generations to continue John Muir's legacy.

This year, for the first time, we will also present our annual John Muir Conservation Awards as part of the day's events at the Celebration.

The awards honor outstanding achievements in promoting environmental awareness and conservation. The Conservationist of the Year will be named, as well as the

recipients of the Environmental Education Conservation Award, the Nonprofit or Public Agency Conservation Award, and the Business Conservation Award. This year, we will also give two special recognition awards. Awardees will be announced the day of the event.

We are pleased to report that the John Muir Association donated the balance of the William and Maymie Kimes Collection to the National Park Service (NPS), comprised of 61 boxes of books, articles, and other publications about Muir collected by the Kimes. The NPS will process, re-house and catalog the materials, and upon completion, will make entire collection accessible to the public online. According to Supervisory Museum Curator Isabel Jenkins Ziegler, the Kimes collection materials (as with the park's entire museum collection) will be accessible to staff, volunteers, researchers, students and the public via appointment with the curatorial staff. She also said the NPS intends to continue its ongoing efforts to digitize and make more of the park's museum collections available online (including the Kimes collection), which will include, for example, web catalog records and online exhibits. The Kimes collection materials may also be used as part of on-site exhibits and in educational and public programming at the park.

So come to the park, enjoy John Muir's legacy, and be inspired!

Superintendent's View

By Tom Leatherman

As our nation wrestles with budget uncertainties, it is a good time to be thankful for the partnerships we have to support and strengthen our commitment of preserving and sharing the legacy of John Muir. The John Muir



General Superintendent Tom Leatherman

Association continues to be a strong partner in helping to raise awareness about John Muir's contributions to conservation and to the programs at the site that help support our mission.

In addition to our ongoing programs and events, 2013 marks the beginning of a public planning process to explore alternatives for providing access to John Muir's gravesite. John Muir's gravesite has been owned by the

National Park Service since 2000, and we are committed to find a way to accommodate public access to the site in a sustainable way. The public scoping period began on March 6th and will continue for at least 60 days. During this time we will be asking for your input by mail, fax, e-mail, and through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) system online. There is also a public meeting being held on April 9th in Martinez. A link to project information and details about the meeting on April 9th are posted on the park's website at www.nps.gov/jomu/parkmgmt/planning.htm.

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If you have questions about the gravesite planning you can contact Gretchen, our new Community Planner, at (925) 228-8860, ext. 6302

Thank you for helping us and the John Muir Association preserve the legacy of John Muir.

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John Muir Mountain Day Camp— Registration Is Open!

The satisfying feeling of plunging hands into bread dough is one few of us have ever enjoyed. Yet our campers will experience this and so much more at our great John Muir Mountain Day Camp—and the dough will be made from 144-year-old sourdough starter.



Campers can expect varied and fun activities that take place at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez. The children will explore the Victorian home that Muir lived in for the last 24 years of his life. They will take a saunter up Mt. Wanda, which Muir named after his eldest daughter, enjoy unique special guests, create artwork and a journal, sing and much more. Children ages 8 to 12 experience a one-of-a-kind camp that leaves an impression on their young lives.

Two, one-week sessions are offered again this summer—our 11th year! Each session is \$275 per camper. Scholarships may be available. This year's sessions are offered:



**July 29 through August 2
August 5 through August 9
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Please see our website for details and the registration form: www.muircamp.org

For information about registration, call Mary Ann at (925) 228-1210. For information about camp, call Camp Director Jill Hareke at (925) 680-8807.