

Harmony Grove Spiritualist Newsletter

H A R M O N Y G R O V E S P I R I T U A L I S T A S S O C I A T I O N

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Meeting & Rebuild Update
- The Beauty of the Grove



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ANNUAL MEETING & REBUILD UPDATE

Thank you to those who attended the August 25 Annual Meeting. At that time we had one step to complete before HGSA could submit the final rebuild plans to the County for review.

Since then, the plans have been finalized by HGSA and the County has been reviewing them now for several weeks. Since then, additional information was requested by one of the county agencies and this has been provided as well.

So, long story short, final County approval is still in process, and meanwhile our attention is focused on fundraising and church design!

Also at the Annual Meeting we elected three new officers:

Longtime member Tracee Haftorson has taken on the job of Psychic Fair Trustee. She has a number of ideas to increase fair attendance and involvement at this important monthly event.

Associate Minister Marilyn Johnson-Kozlow was voted in as Financial Secretary, a position that she has held previously.

Incumbent Rev. Glenn Haddick was voted in as Director of Education.

Since the Annual Meeting there have been some board changes: the Second Trustee and the Vice President positions were vacated due to work-life balance issues. We thank Revs. Mindy Sloan and

Brian Jones for their lengthy service on the board.

Stepping in to fill the position of Vice President is Laura Johnson. Alicia Hammett has stepped up to fill the Second Trustee position.

AM Marilyn Johnson-Kozlow has returned to her position as Recording Secretary, leaving an opening for HGSA Financial Secretary.

If you are interested in running for the position of Financial Secretary, please email the **Chair of the Nominating Committee** at:

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THE BEAUTY OF THE GROVE

As you know, one of the great assets of HGSA is our beautiful grounds. We'd like to take a minute to acknowledge the animals that live here and the plants and trees that support our animal friends.

Who hasn't felt the majesty of

the Coast Live Oaks on the Green, some of which are over 100 years old. Their branches, leaves, and acorns provide shelter and food for many animal species. These include several native residents and visitors (to name just a few):

- Acorn Woodpecker

- White-Breasted Nuthatch
- Western Toad
- Baja California Tree Frog
- Great Horned Owl
- Southern Mule Deer
- Red-Tailed Hawk
- California Quail
- Yellow-Breasted Chat
- Bobcat
- Hooded Oriole

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HGSA gratefully accepts donations toward the rebuild of the church, other Association buildings, and the Grove infrastructure. All donations are tax-deductible.



HGSA Member

THE BEAUTY OF THE GROVE (CONTINUED)

In addition to the native oak trees, we are blessed with several native Western Sycamore trees. Our Spiritualist ancestors planted several species of trees including Ash, Locust, Elm, and Walnut, which tower over the grounds. Some of the plant species on which our wildlife thrive are:

- California Buckwheat
- Arroyo Willow
- Lemonade Berry Sumac
- Sacred Datura
- Blue Elderberry
- Brittlebush
- Nuttall's Snapdragon
- Chalk Dudleya
- Coyote Brush
- Milk Thistle
- Chaparral Bush-Mallow
- Rancher's Fiddleneck
- Toyon
- California Brickellbush

In particular, the bees love the California Buckwheat, which provides nectar at a time when other flowers have faded.

The Blue Elder is beloved by insects as it provides abundant flowers. The flowers then provide elderberries which are eaten by several bird species.

The spreading nightshade bush bears masses of purple berries at the end of the growing season, when little food is available. The berries are eaten by the Mockingbird, Rufous-Sided towhee, and Yellow-Breasted Chat birds.

And finally the Sacred Datura opens at night and releases a fragrance that attracts the large and striking sphinx moth which pollinates the plant.



Sphinx
Moth

Sacred
Datura



We hope that when you take a walk at the Grove you notice and enjoy the abundant plant and animal life that surround us.