You’re in Big Cat Country

Normally shy and invisible, mountain lions are being seen a lot—on the roof of a car in a San Jose driveway, with a litter of cubs in Wunderlich, and along Highway 280 where Puma 46M was run over. Their main prey is deer, so where there are deer, there are mountain lions. For some great information about our local big cats, suggestions for discouraging them from visiting your property, and reminders about how to be safe in mountain lion country, visit http://www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/.

What an exciting time for the Friends! To begin, we have a new carriage exhibit in the Folger Carriage Room Museum, thanks to the generosity of Ellie and Roy Ferrari, who are lending a Side Spring Democrat carriage from their extensive collection. Be sure to visit the museum and new exhibit. You will certainly discover some interesting facts about our local history.

In September, The Friends held a very successful fundraiser, titled Carts to Cars, to benefit the County Parks Department’s plans for facility improvements at both parks and to enhance and grow our education programs. It was a sold-out event, with delicious food and drink, not to mention the informative horsepower demonstration and the amazing vehicles on display. With the help of generous support from attendees, the Parks Department has plans for an arena upgrade, new ADA bathroom and picnic area at Wunderlich, and new play structure at Huddart.

In addition, The Friends hosted several visitors recently. The Atherton Dames, the Sorry Society Touring Club (a British MG car enthusiast group), a Hiking Meet Up group, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, and Assemblyman Rich Gordon’s staff each had the opportunity for a tour of the Historic District during their visits. We welcome groups of all varieties to enjoy the parks. Tours can be arranged by calling our office or emailing our Program Manager.

Speaking of our Program Manager, the Friends hired Kym Teppo in late spring. Kym is one of the most energetic and enthusiastic people we know. She is overseeing our education programs and our group of dedicated docents. She organized the Friends’ recent Docent Appreciation reception where Marlene Finley, Director of SMC Parks, and Bill Fullendorf, a past employee of the Folger family, shared great information that docents can pass along when guiding park visitors.

Now that the school year has begun, we are in full swing with our school field trips at both parks. Last year 535 students participated in the Huddart Park Nature Hike program and thanks to the generous underwriting of Sonja and Bill Davidow, 416 students attended the Folger Stable School Program. Many schools are scheduled for the Fall and Spring semesters and we hope to add more schools as the year progresses.

We look forward to your visit to Huddart and Wunderlich Parks soon!
Kenyan Lion Tracker Visits Wunderlich

Friends presidents Lea Goldstein and Lisa Raskin, Park Ranger Veronica Zermani, and park visitors John Novitsky of Woodside and Dave Boyce from The Almanac recently hiked Wunderlich Park with experienced game tracker Sabore Ole Oyie. A Maasai Warrior and Elder from Kenya, Sabore is a Cultural Ambassador traveling the world to promote tourism in Kenya and to speak about the nomadic culture of the Maasai people. Sabore was one of the first men admitted to the “Global Leaders for Justice” program with the Global Women’s Leadership Network sponsored by the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University. The curriculum focuses on building leadership qualities and transforming individuals’ visions into realities.

Sabore, founder of Sabore's Well project, was in California raising funds and awareness to bring clean fresh drinking water to local communities and to show how wells can positively impact young girls’ chances to attend school. Girls and mothers are responsible for gathering water for daily life, walking some 10 miles for clean water. Having accessible, clean water closer to the villages alleviates this arduous task, allowing girls to attend school instead.

When asked about his personal goals, he said “making sure his 14 siblings receive an education” was his top priority. Maintaining the Maasai culture for his people was the second. When asked if he considers himself a progressive, he said he believes "you can hold a spear in one hand and a pen in the other.”

Sabore took a break from fundraising to share his insight and field experience in identifying big cat tracks in Wunderlich Park. He led the group along Bear Gulch trail where an adult and three cubs were recently spotted by park rangers. During the hike he showed how to notice slight changes in the flora and spotted wild animal tracks and trails. The big cats proved true to their nature—elusive and solitary—so there were no actual sightings.
In the late afternoon of September 28, some 130 people turned out to show their support for Wunderlich and Huddart Parks in a unique fundraising event called Carts to Cars. Exhibitors drove both motorized vehicles—from vintage to ultramodern—and magnificent horse-drawn carriages to the Folger Stable, where they were then displayed. During the sit-down dinner, attendees listened to program updates by Friends presidents Lisa Raskin and Lea Goldstein, Parks Director Marlene Finley, and ardent parks supporter Daniel Yost.

Silent auction items that drew the highest bidding were the Woodside Vineyards Wine Tasting and the Day at Shade Ranch. Supporters were also generous in their donations to the Fund-A-Need items, which included the ADA bathroom in Wunderlich Park and the new playground in Huddart Park.

Give Without Giving a Cent

The Friends is now on the lists of both AmazonSmile and eScrip, two companies that give to the organizations of your choice based on your purchases. So without spending an extra penny, you can help the Friends help our parks. Sign up via the company websites and help us sweep that free money off the table.

And check out our newly redesigned Facebook page. It’s a great way to stay up-to-date and connected.

Beautiful Carriage in New Museum Exhibit

Roy and Ellie Ferrari stand by an 1890s Side Spring Democrat carriage from their extensive collection. They have loaned the carriage to the Folger Stable Museum as the featured vehicle in a new exhibit. To see the new exhibit, visit Wunderlich Park’s Folger Stable Museum, open Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Thank you to the people who made Carts to Cars possible!

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