Beautiful weather graced us as we celebrated our 20th annual general meeting last October. As always, the proceedings started with a delicious picnic lunch provided so generously by the official caterer of the Friends of Edgewood, Arguello Catering (http://www.arguellocatering.com).

This meeting was particularly meaningful for us, as it was 20 years ago that Edgewood was designated a Natural Preserve, which led immediately to the founding of the Friends of Edgewood and our first meeting in 1993. We have accomplished so much since then, and so many great things have happened at Edgewood as well.

I was also very proud that this year my wife Kathy was honored by the Friends leadership as the Best Friend of Edgewood for 2012. Kathy’s service goes all the way back to 1994, and since then she has served as President, Board Member, docent, Ed Center hostess, strategic planner, newsletter editor, weeder, fundraiser, photographer, highway trash cleaner, T-shirt designer, and activity planner.

After the Best Friend presentation, the general meeting was officially called to order. The general membership approved the bylaws changes which, among other things, expanded our Board of Directors to 9 to 12 elected directors serving 3-year terms.

We next introduced the slate of Directors nominated by this year’s nominating committee. The slate was elected unanimously, resulting in the following new and re-elected Board members:

- 2013 through 2015 (3 years)
  - Laurie Alexander
  - Kathy Korbholz
  - Jack Stovel

- 2013 through 2014 (2 years)
  - Penny Bennett
  - Linda Leong
  - Thanh Mougeot

They join our continuing Directors through 2013: Bill Korbholz, Mary Wilson, John Morse, and Cynthia Schreurs.

While this was our 20th annual meeting, the real celebrating will occur in 2013, as we intend to offer a series of special events throughout the year. Stay tuned for announcements of these events. We hope you will be able to join us.

(see photos on pg. 6)
Kathy Korbholz: 2012 Best Friend of Edgewood County Park and Preserve  
by Cynthia Schreurs

Friends of Edgewood is pleased to recognize and thank Kathy Korbholz for 19 years of dedication and support. Kathy has led, coordinated, consulted on, gently nudged, and otherwise assisted in just about every activity that we have undertaken since our founding in 1993. In fact, she is known as the one person we can always turn to when something needs to get done. You name it, she has done it, and always with special grace, compassion, and warmth that lighten our tasks.

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Interpretive Walks

Third Saturdays, 10 AM at the Education Center

December 15, 2012 - Late Fall/Early Winter in Edgewood: Berries, Birds and Beyond with Trevlyn Williams

January 19, 2013 - Rainy Revival: Ferns, Bryophytes and Early Blooms with Mary Wilson

February 16, 2013 - Alf Fengler (topic TBD)

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! For updates: www.friendsofedgewood.org/year-round-interpretive-walks

The tulip and the butterfly
Appear in gayer coats than I:
Let me be dressed fine as I will,
Flies, worms, and flowers exceed me still.
~Isaac Watts

For Y/Our Health - it’s Free!
(source: San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation, Fall 2012 Newsletter)

Sign up and log your exercise and volunteer activities to raise money for the San Mateo County Parks Foundation; go to: www.plus3network.com/cause/239.

Education Center Visitors

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It’s Time to Clear Your Calendar for 2013 Docent Training!

by Mary Wilson, Docent Training Coordinator for Friends of Edgewood

Docent training will begin January 30 and conclude April 20, 2013. This training prepares docents to lead Wildflower Walks. Bill and Jean Lane (BJL) Education Center hosts may also take the training if space is available. Training consists of 7 weeks of instruction which consists of a Wednesday evening presentation and a Saturday morning hike in Edgewood. We cover (1) History and Topography of Edgewood; (2) Geology of Edgewood; (3) Oak Woodlands; (4) Chaparral Communities; (5) How to Lead a Hike; (6) Floral Morphology; and (7) Grasslands at Edgewood. Our presenters will be John Allen, Alf Fengler, Paul Heiple, Ken Himes, Ty Freiberg, and Mary Wilson.

If you know anyone who would be interested, please have them email docent-trainer@friendsofedgewood.org to register and to receive more information. Thank you very much.
**A Friend on the Move...**

**Honoring Dianne Hunt**

by Linda Leong

Alas, the innovator and major contributor to our What’s Bloomin’ board moved on to new adventures at the beginning of October 2012. Before she moved, the Friends of Edgewood (FoE) recognized Dianne for her myriad of efforts. FoE President, Bill Korbholz, announced: The Friends of Edgewood are honored to confer upon Dianne Hunt this special recognition as THE BEST DARNED THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE FRIENDS OF EDGEWOOD for her seventeen years of service to our organization from 1996 through 2012. During this period Dianne unselfishly contributed her time, treasury, and creativity in the following areas:

- Docent 1996-2012
- Docent Coordinator 1998-2002
- Docent Trainer 1998-2002
- County Fair Booth Staffer 1998
- Weed ‘n’ Feed Organizer 1998
- Weed, Seed ‘n’ Feed Organizer 1998
- Donor
- Kiosk Kween 1998
- Hospitality Table Hostess 1998-2001
- Demonstration Garden Steward
- Best Friend 1998
- Exterior Decorator 1998-2001
- Habitat Restorationist (Weeder)
- Executive Committee Member 1999-2001
- Ed Center Host 2011-2012
- What’s Bloomin’ Magnet Board Maven 2011-2012
- Bloomin’ Hikes Creator 2011-2012
- Dianne’s Digital Delights Developer 2011-2012

In recognition of these and many other contributions, FoE granted Dianne a lifetime membership in our organization.

Photo: Bill Korbholz reads through a very long list of accomplishments and presents a lifetime membership to Dianne Hunt. © 2012 Thanh Mougeot

Just a few short weeks after she moved, Dianne seemed right at home in her new surroundings: “I’m settling in and I love it here. There are 200 residents that are 55 and older, so it's very quiet. They have lots of activities. I’ve been going to their free movies twice a week and I’m meeting a lot of nice people. I can walk almost everywhere, so I’m saving a lot of gas money.”

Photos: Above, Dianne Hunt on her last Bloomin’ Hike. Below, Dianne passes the Bloomin’ torch to Dennis Wilson. © 2012 Thanh Mougeot
What do Wildflower Walk docents do? We lead free, 3-hour, hikes on weekend mornings from mid-March through mid-June at Edgewood Park. We talk about wildflowers, plant communities & why Edgewood is special. Our docents love leading wildflower walks and meeting and educating the public.

What will you learn? The Wednesday evening classes cover the history, topography, geology, plant communities, and wildflowers of Edgewood as well as “how to lead a hike.” Each evening class is followed by a hike in Edgewood on the next Saturday morning. The same presenter covers the same topic on both days.

Is there a fee? Yes, $30 for training materials, payable the first day of class.

What is the schedule? Wednesday evening classes meet from 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Redwood City. Saturday hikes meet at trailheads in Edgewood Park and run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Are there other time commitments? We will have a graduation potluck 1 or 2 weeks after the end of the training - date, time and location TBA. In addition, you will be assigned an experienced docent for a “one-on-one” training experience and will also observe or help lead one or two Wildflower Walks during the spring.

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For more information: www.friendsofedgewood.org

To Register, email Mary at: docent-trainer@friendsofedgewood.org
**Tis the Season For Giving!**

**Field guides, T-shirts, & more**

*For sale at the Ed Center - ask the Host*

- **Wildflower guide** $1
  A color brochure with color photos and descriptions of the preserve’s common native wildflowers. A must-have for springtime visitors!

- **Edgewood plant list** $3
  This comprehensive 27-page booklet by botanist Toni Corelli lists all of Edgewood’s flowering plants – listed both by common name and by scientific name within family.

- **Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve** $12
  The authoritative botanical field guide to the park. Written by botanist Toni Corelli, this 368-page reference includes descriptions and drawings of the vascular plants found at Edgewood. Keys, illustrations, and a list of nomenclature and taxonomic changes.

- **Friends of Edgewood T-shirt** $20
  Featuring Judy Mason’s original artwork of an Edgewood hillside in bloom. 100% cotton, white Hanes Beefy-T. Available in S, M, L, XL, XXL.

- **Checkerspot T-shirt** $20
  Commemorating the reintroduction of the Bay Checkerspot Butterfly to Edgewood in 2007. 100% cotton, sage green Hanes Beefy-T. Available in S, M, L, XL, XXL.

Cash or check – made to “Friends of Edgewood”. Additional items may be available – ask the Center host.
More 2012 General Meeting...
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Photo (from left): Dorothy Young, Julia Bott, Elly Hess, and John Allen enjoy the 20th Annual General Meeting
© 2012 Deanna Schiel

Spider Walk - A Recap of the Oct. 20th Third Saturday Interpretive Walk
(adapted from Kathryn Strachota’s report)

There are LOTS of arachnophiles out there: 31 enthusiastic guests showed up for the spider hike!!

Thanks to Debbie Brusco and Jack Owicki for their good spotting and their good spider lore; thanks to Laurie Alexander for her organizational talent and her spatial memory; thanks to Jack Stovel and John Allen for help with setting up and putting away; thanks to Alf Fengler for printing and bringing his fabulous spider photos; and thanks to the spiders for being there and the weather for being perfect.

We saw 15 spiders (sometimes only webs/burrows or egg sacs indicating their presence) -- at least I saw those 15, as I moved between groups. Guests were engaged, appreciative, and numerous.

Yeah guests! Yeah spiders! Yeah FOE!
Got Time to Make a Difference?
by Bill Korbholz, FoE President

Got a minute?
Read the rest of this article and learn how you can make a difference.

Got a couple of hours every so often?
Drop in on the Edgewood Weed Warriors. You can be a part of the efforts to re-establish the threatened Bay checkerspot butterfly, or sustain the endangered Marin dwarf flax, a plant that is found naturally nowhere else in the world. How often do you get a chance to prevent species extinction?

Or join the Road Warriors\(^1\) beautifying I-280 right alongside Edgewood Park. Roadside debris is a fact of life, and if we don’t remove it, nobody will.

(continued next column)

\(^1\) Orientation required.

Got 3.5 hours on a weekend?
Become an Education Center host\(^2\) and share your love and enthusiasm of Edgewood with some of the thousands of folks who visit the Center each year.

Got about 6 hours sometime?
Join the ranks of the Wildflower Walks Docents\(^2\) and inspire visitors to appreciate the unique beauty and wonders of Edgewood during the springtime. Or become a Junior Explorer Docent\(^2\) and bring the miracles of nature alive to young school kids.

Got 4 hours per month?
Come on Board! The Friends of Edgewood Board of Directors, that is. Help us accomplish our mission of protecting and celebrating Edgewood through stewardship and educational programs.

Got 30 seconds?
Visit [http://www.friendsofedgewood.org/get-involved](http://www.friendsofedgewood.org/get-involved) to learn more about all of these opportunities. You can make a difference. ★★★

MEMBERSHIP DUES
New or renewing members may clip and complete this section to pay tax-deductible annual membership dues. Please send your check, payable to Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve, to the return address on the back of this panel. Renewing members can determine their membership expiration date by checking the six-digit code to the right of their name on the mailing label. For example, if the code is 12/2012, membership runs through December 2012.

Questions? L.v msg at (1-866) Go-Edgewood (1-866.463.3439) or contact membership-coordinator@friendsofedgewood.org

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- Please list me as a donor.
- Please list me as “anonymous”.
- I prefer to be listed as ________________________________.

- $10 Student/Retired (includes quarterly newsletter)
- $25 Friend (newsletter)
- $50 Advocate (newsletter, set of 6 Edgewood greeting cards)
- $75 Supporter (newsletter plus choose one)
  - Set of 6 Edgewood greeting cards and 1-year subscription to Bay Nature magazine
  - Toni Corelli’s Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve
- $100 Steward or $250 Guardian (newsletter, set of 6 Edgewood greeting cards, plus choose one):
  - 1-year subscription to Bay Nature magazine
  - Toni Corelli’s Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve

- Please keep the premiums and maximize the value of my dues.
- I am enclosing a gift of ________________.

Please send (subject to availability):

- ___ copies of Common Native Wildflowers of Edgewood @ $1.50;
- ___ copies of the Edgewood Vascular Plant List @ $3.00;
- ___ copies of the Apr-Jun 2004 Bay Nature magazine @ $6.00;
- ___ copies of Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve @ $12.00. All prices include tax, shipping & handling.

- Docent program
- Education Center host
- Newsletter/web
- Public relations
- Junior explorer program
- Habitat management
- Organizational support
- Adopt-A-Highway
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*Through Feb. 2013, subject to volunteer staffing.

### 2012 Board of Directors
- Laurie Alexander
- Paul Heiple
- Bill Korbholz
- Kathy Korbholz*  
- John Morse
- Christal Niederer
- Cynthia Schreurs
- Mary Wilson

*Director Emeritus

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Adopt-a-Highway
**Next Sessions:** 12/1, 1/6, 2/2, 3/3
To volunteer or get more information, contact Ken Seydel at adoptahighway-coordinator@friendsofedgewood.org

#### Interpretive Walks
- **3rd Sat, 10 AM**
  - Admission is FREE!

#### Docent Training
- **1/30/13 to 4/20/13**

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