



Thank You Save Starlight Community!



Top image shows the original lettering for Starlight's sign. Bottom image shows the current state of the sign.

Our April Newsletter launched our STA OWL campaign to raise funds for interim six missing letters for the Starlight Bowl sign.

We are happy to announced that we raised the necessary funds to have the missing letters produced! We want to thank you everyone who contributed to this campaign. Once again our Save Starlight Community came together to show how much we love

and value this historical and iconic space.

STARLIGHT'S LEGACY

Collecting Memorabilia



Photo by Howard Rozelle

Save Starlight wants to honor those who graced the Starlight stage as actors, singers, musicians, directors, etc. We want to give all those who came before, the opportunity to be remembered and reminisce with one another.

We are collecting video footage, photographs, and stories from those who were involved in Starlight's legacy. Our intention is to host a one-night event where we can display Starlight's memories and create storytelling opportunities for those who want to share their experiences from being part of this legacy.

We invite everyone to share with us any material for this Starlight's Legacy project. For more information please email jamiemcguffee@gmail.com

[Look through more San Diego Vintage photos](#)

NEWS AND UPDATES

2017 Volunteer Appreciation & Opportunity Fair



Top image: Save Starlight Staff and Volunteers. Left bottom image: (from left to right) Save Starlight CEO Steve Stopper, Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Janelle Woodard Save Starlight Executive of Operations, Steve Woodard Board Chairman of the Board for Save Starlight. Bottom right image: Mayor Faulconer presenting awards to outstanding community volunteers

We were very happy to participate in 2017 Volunteer Appreciation & Opportunity Fair hosted by the City of San Diego last April. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate local volunteerism in presence of all our top city officials under a beautiful sunny sky in Balboa Park.

Interested in volunteering? We always welcome volunteers to join our community outreach team [Click here to learn more](#)

[Learn more about the City of San Diego's Volunteer, Internship and Work Readiness Opportunities](#)

Arbor Day!



Top image: Save Starlight Staff Jamie McGuffee, Steve Stopper, Diana Benavidez. Bottom Left Image: Group photo with Friends of Balboa Park, Councilmember Chris Ward, and Donors. Right bottom image: Steve Stopper and Jeff van Deerlin city's program manager for *Balboa Park*

Our staff was happy to observe this tradition at Friends of Balboa Park's Arbor Day Ceremony.

Park Ranger Kim Duclo gave a brief background history on Arbor day and why it is important for everyone to engage in this wonderful tradition that gives back to our planet Earth.

[Learn more about Arbor Day](#)

The San Diego Union Tribune



A cleanup of Starlight Bowl precedes plans for reopening the amphitheater. (Howard Lipin / U-T)

- **Save Starlight:** A new group, founded by audio technician Steve Stopper, hopes to bring Starlight Bowl back to life after it was closed in 2012. The amphitheater was built as the Ford Bowl to host daily concerts during the 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition. Symphony concerts, musical comedy productions and numerous special events took place in the bowl after World War II.

Thank you Roger Showley for including Save Starlight in this article on Balboa Park LEEDing on sustainability. [Read More](#)

The Committee of One Hundred Spring Newsletter

Saving Starlight

The Starlight Bowl, for many years home to the San Diego Civic Light Opera, is the venue where generations were entertained under the stars in



Volunteers clean up stage. Courtesy of Save Starlight.

Balboa Park. It began as the Ford Bowl, created for the 1935 California Pacific International Exposition, where it was home to twice-daily symphony concerts during the Exposition and for years afterward.

Disruption by jet airplanes increased and musical theater didn't last. Unused for the past five years the Starlight Bowl deteriorated. Weeds grew large outdoors as an illicit indoor operation grew cannabis. Homeless people repeatedly broke into the building despite the efforts of Park Rangers.

Along came Save Starlight last year with vision, boundless energy, organizational skills and enthusiasm. Led by Steve Stopper, former audio technician for Starlight, and a team of volunteers, the non-profit group has held two major cleanups of the venue under the approving watch of Balboa Park staff. The City is considering what must be done to insure safety and access before re-opening the Bowl to the public.

The Committee of One Hundred wishes Save Starlight success in this important endeavor.

screenshot for The Committee of 100 Spring Newsletter

Our Friends from The Committee of One Hundred also included Save Starlight in their annual Spring Newsletter. We would like to thank The Committee of One Hundred for your support in this journey on rehabilitating Starlight Bowl. [Read More](#)

The Committee of One Hundred is a Balboa Park 501(c) 3 organization established in 1967 that strongly advocates for all historical buildings across Balboa Park by raising funds and public support for the bonds that financed reconstruction of the remaining temporary buildings, which have now been rebuilt along with the two missing arcades. [Learn more about The Committee of One Hundred](#)

Fiesta Botanica

Celebrating Balboa Park's Plants & Gardens.



Photo Credit: Balboa Park Conservancy

Fiesta

Botanica is an annual park-wide community event launched during the 2015 Centennial Celebrations as the "Garden Party of the Century."

This event is now presented by the Balboa Park Conservancy in partnership with the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department, and is enhanced by the participation of numerous garden clubs, park cultural institutions, and community groups.

Thank you Balboa Park Conservancy for inviting The Save Starlight Band to perform during this event! Our Band will be playing above Zoro Garden's from 11:30-2:30pm.

[Learn more about the Balboa Park Conservancy](#)

[Learn more about this event](#)

Give A Gift Today

Save Starlight is a 501(3) Non-Profit organization. All the funds collected through our online fundraiser go towards expenses to keep our campaign going so that we can get Starlight Bowl up and running.

Any contribution Helps!

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Thank you for your ongoing support!