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You might imagine you’re on a picnic ramble through the snug villages of Dorset; but you’re not far from Wild West. Indeed, you’ve arrived at Calvin and Kelly Briers’ cottage on Cedar Street. Clinging trumpet vines, spilling potted Cyprus and a wealth of color create a garden that is both idyllic and inviting.

Judy Garrett’s award winning gardens surround her Flashdrop home. While seated at an Adirondack bench, a profusion of colorful spring blooms ignore the June gloom days and burst forth as if to remind us of the real fireworks soon to come.

Beverly Brady’s Birdy’s

June Weiner of Southernwood Way is our winner from last issue’s Utility Box Contest! Her entry was drawn from several guesses identifying the location of the utility box pictured on the next page? Send your guess to Patti Adams at chair@plaweb.org.

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The Willis Allen Company continues as our Presenting Sponsor, with a gift of $7,000. Point Loma Community Bank jumped on the bandwagon this year as Stage Sponsor, at $5,000. We received significant grants from the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture and from San Diego County, Community Enhancement.


For additional information, please visit www.plconcerts.org. Questions? Call Co-Chairs Lee Lipsey, 523-6626, or Pat Baker, 223-9363.

### Light the Night

The week of May 22 was a busy and profitable one for the community of Point Loma. Two nights after the PLA Annual Dinner, Bill Robinson of Bill Robinson Photography sponsored Light the Night, a fundraising event for the PLA and San Diego Coastkeepers.

About 120 people gathered to enjoy beer, hors’d’oeuvres and watch what Patti Davis described as a “fabulous” slide show of Bill’s surfing and camping adventures around the world, which was set to live music by the Mark Fisher Trio. And...the event raised $1,035 for the PLA! Thank you, Bill!
In a community where megastructures are gobbling entire lots, blocking views and leaving barely any room for green space, you can find a wonderful exception to the trend on a steep hill in Point Loma with sweeping views of San Diego Bay.

This once empty lot on Lucinda Street at the corner of Golden Park is filled not with concrete and steel, but with roses, African daisies, salvia, day lilies, Shasta daisies, a Zen garden — and memories of love.

The Lucy Evans Lauren Garden is a gift to the community from the Lauren Foundation, a charitable organization funded by the estate of retired ophthalmologist George Lauren, once an active member of the Point Loma community who practiced in Banker’s Hill. Lauren moved his practice to Mendocino in 1972.

The garden honors the memory of Lauren’s wife, Lucy Evans Lauren, who died in 1983. “They were mad about each other,” said Jerry West, who owns the house next door with her husband Jim. “It was the second marriage for both of them. George was a widower.” The Laurens married in 1970.

George and Lucy Lauren grew up in Point Loma just blocks away from each other, Lucy, whom West described as “lovely and vivacious,” grew up down the street on Harbor View and Bangor, and the Lodge at Torrey Pines. “She had strong ties to the community,” said Jerry. George lived on San Antonio and Armada Terrace. “He was very funny,” said Jim West. “Everybody who knew him loved him.”

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Amid the garden’s colorful beds and meandering paths of green grass are two metal sculptures that George’s son David created while he was a student at Point Loma High School. Butterflies and hummingbirds have discovered the garden — but the public hasn’t quite caught on. “Not too many people come and sit, but we have had some people walk through,” said Jerry. “We invite the community to come and meditate — read a book — have your own thoughts.”

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Help with the America's Finest City Marathon on Sunday, August 20!
The committee needs volunteers to assist with the event. Volunteers will be working in various capacities throughout the day.

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Fuel Plume Update
Susan Davis' office is holding an update forum about the problem of leaking fuel tanks at Naval Base Point Loma. The update will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7 at the UPSES Portuguese Hall, located at 2819 Avenida de Portugal.

Midway Planning Advisory Committee
Meet every second Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.

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July 4 - 9:00 p.m.
Fireworks on the Big Bay
Best viewing locations include Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the North Embarcadero and Seaport Village.

July 5, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Point Loma Artists' Art in the Park Exhibition and Sales Event
Plumosa Park at Chatsworth Blvd. and Lotus Drive

July 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fuel Plume meeting
UPSES Hall
2819 Avenida de Portugal

July 15, 10:00 a.m.
Point Loma Concerts!
Point Loma Park at Catalina and Varona.
Music begins at 6:00 and ends at 8:00. Here's the lineup:
July 21 - Big Time Operator!
July 28 - Smokestaxx
August 4 - Peter Sprauge and Pass
The Drum
August 11 - Portofino Bob and Down to the Bones
August 18 - Dr. Feelgood and the Interns of Love
August 25, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Point Loma Village Fair
In Point Loma Village on Cañon and Scott Streets and Avenida de Portugal.
Live music, great food, arts, crafts, children's area, and more!

September 10, 12:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Jazz 88 Ocean Beach Jazz Festival
At the foot of Newport Avenue
Call (619) 224-4906 for tickets and information.

Save these dates...

October 13, 6:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Cabrillo Elementary School Centennial Celebration
October 14, 2006
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
President's Community Day at Point Loma Nazarene University

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Beautification Committee
Meets second Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.
Bali Ha'i Restaurant
2230 Shelter Island Dr.
Patti Adams, 887-9313

Interested in serving on the committee, please call (619) 226-4896, or e-mail kdsdero@sbcglobal.net. The committee will... steps. Also contact Kerri if you want to donate to the project, or fund a painting project near your home or business.

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Garden Awards — Dave & Carol Barrage and Andy & Ruthie Churchill

Architecture, Art, Landscape, and Sign Awards —
Cabrillo National Monument, Red Sails, Explorer Elementary School, Fermanian School of Business at Point Loma Nazarene University, New condominiums on Ingelow, Gateway Village Navy Housing, The Promenade at Liberty Station, Sun Harbor Marina, Ocean Beach Entry Way
Mermaids sighted on the Point

As you walk toward the docks at the Kona Kai Marina, you are now greeted by three pairs of smiling Mermaids of Steel. On April 18, Port officials and guests gathered in the bright sun to celebrate with metal artist Linda Joanou as the new steel gates were unveiled.

Called “Mermaids in a Seashell,” the new gates grace the entrance of three docks at the Marina. In addition to mermaids, they feature shells and other sea creatures inspired by the artist’s background in marine geography and love of the ocean.

The gates are a project of the Port of San Diego’s Public Art Policy, which requires any development project over $1 million or redevelopment project over $500,000 to incorporate a public art element funded by one percent of the project’s budget. Port Commissioner Robert “Rocky” Spane noted that the gates served two functions: security and art. “This is the third piece of art that the Port Tenants Association has done,” said Spane. “This will change the waterfront in a really nice way.”

When Joanou was installing the gates, she was worried about her own security – against falling in the water. “We made all the panels in the studio,” said Joanou. “As we were welding the panels on the dock, sparks lit up the water. It was a great backdrop for welding.”

The Kona Kai was so impressed with Joanou’s work that they let her loose on the hand railings leading up to the gates. The railings feature a pattern of waves and sea creatures.

Joanou has a studio in Poway, and is one of the artists featured in the Port’s Urban Trees project along the Embarcadero. Look for her piece called “Puff” as you stroll in the urban forest along Harbor Drive.

Councilman Kevin Faulconer, Hugh Story, and Patti Adams get their fill.

Some of the good folks who volunteered for the Cañon Street Cleanup on May 8. Thanks to Councilman Faulconer’s office for the pictures.

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The highlight of the evening was the big question: could a 34-year PLA tradition — Richard Lareau’s “World Famous Slide Show” — be replaced with a video? This became the subject of a videoed, city-wide discussion involving Councilman Kevin Faulconer, District Attorney Michael Aguirre, Supervisor Greg Cox, and Mayor Jerry Sanders, who finally decided to give Richard the go-ahead. A gold statue to our own Steven Spielberg, Producer Dwight Harrington, and Assistant Stuart Hartley. Thanks to Tony McCune for loaning his red mini touring car, driven by the World Famous Point Loma Tour Guide, Richard Lareau.

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