

Winter

2018



Stonewall Sentinel

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January

3rd - CRSPIA Board Meeting

27th-29th CRSPIA planning retreat

February

7th - CRSPIA Board Meeting

14th – Valentine's Day

March

7th - CRSPIA Board Meeting

Annual Spring Soireé to be announced

CRSPIA Board Members

Kandhy Franklin-President
Chad Leptich- Vice President
Dave Hernandez-Treasurer
Susan Russo-Secretary
Mike Curtis-Director
Milo Prodanovich- Director

Check the website for events at:

<http://www.crspia.org/events.php>



Photo by Susan Russo

CRSPIA: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpretive Association

The mission of CRSPIA is to support California State Parks, including Cuyamaca Rancho State Park by providing educational and interpretive activities as well as funding exhibits, building improvements, trails and our volunteers who patrol the trails to enhance the experience of our visitors.



Photo by Michele Hernandez

President's Message

Although winter is here, the first part of the season has disguised itself as wonderful weather twenty four hours a day! Change is coming however, and for many who come to the park now, it will look like things are slowing down in our park, as it is our off season. But to your volunteers and the CRSPIA board, we are as excited as ever to get things done, have activities, and plan for the upcoming seasons.

In late January, CRSPIA members will be headed off to a retreat in Anza Borrego to plan for the 2018 year. We have an Interpretive and Activities matrix which was created at our last retreat and we will go over every aspect of that, while adding and morphing in to a whole new schedule. If you have ideas or comments from what we did this last year, please contact me at: president @crspia.org.

Once we have our plans in place, we will share them with you in hopes you will become active and supportive. We plan to continue both Horse and Bike 101, and the bug station for kids at Green Valley. We plan to add, "Poop in the park", for kids. We also may add some Kumeyaay Inspired craft activities. Of course all our great Campfire Presentations will keep going.

In our last publication, we mentioned all of the things we had done thus far. We are doing our best to keep you informed through our use of social media, and hope our efforts are reaching you. I am excited to announce, we exceeded our goal of selling t-shirts for our first official fund-raiser for the Dyar House, raising \$1008 to help depict the revitalized house and its setting. Our next capital campaign for the Dyar House is developing our "Join the Movement, one stone at a time". Stay tuned, this

should be exciting! We are also continuing the grant-writing for Cuyamaca and the Dyar House.

We continue to team with the park, all of the volunteers, and our visitors to work on improvements. Coming soon is a newly installed bike station for park visitors. CRSPIA was able to secure a grant to erect an ADA accessible Ramada in the day use area at Paso Picacho on Earth Day Saturday 2018!! The CSPF Park Champions will be laying out their plans for working and improving the park. Under the Aegis of CRSPIA they will do Visitor Center Painting and Maintenance. Our focus is still the raising the capital to rebuild the Dyar House which we hope will house the Ranger Headquarters upstairs, the Visitor Center and Museum and the park store at ground level, and the whole basement area would be for our AWESOME and ESSENTIAL Volunteer Units.

And, to thank all of you who make Cuyamaca State Park special, plans are in the works for our 2nd ALL Volunteer and Supporters Campout to be held the last weekend of July! Watch for coming details here, on our website, Facebook page, Trails and Tales, Twitter, and wherever else we can share.

Start your year off right; Come to Cuyamaca State Park for the First Day Hike on January 1st at Paso at 0900. And you can be a part of the Movement to Rise Out of the Ashes by volunteering the help with simple assigned tasks! Help us, as one stone at a time we rebuild the Dyar House. Volunteer and Donate now!

Troubling through the melting plain,
Through wind or snow or pouring rain,
Weather causes be such pain.
It's great to be in nature.

Mosquitoes, gnats, and infinite flies.
Bleeding all around my ears and eyes.
They're so obvious I could cry.
It's great to be in nature.

Rocks and sand cause blood and tears.
Splinters sticking in my rear.
Stinging plants that cut and pierce.
It's great to be in nature.

Out away from home and hearth.
Far from safety, food and warmth.
Even so, it's a beautiful Earth
And I'll explore it for all it's worth.
It's great to be in nature.





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Membership Form for CRSPIA

Membership Levels

Friend of the Park ~Any Donation

(No voting privileges, no store discount, but receives the newsletter)

	Individual	Family
Annual	\$30.00	\$40.00
Supporting	\$75.00	\$100.00
Life Member	\$500.00	\$750.00

Name _____

Address _____



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Membership level amount \$ _____ Yes. I want to donate \$ _____ to help support _____

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