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STREET PARKS

Plant yourself in San Francisco

Putting down roots in San Francisco isn't easy, literally and figuratively. Housing is difficult and the cost of living is very high. The soil is rocky or sandy, and the sun struggles to find its way here in the summer. Even in the face of these difficult conditions, all sorts of people and plants thrive in the city we love. Community-managed open spaces express San Francisco's distinctive geographic and cultural variety.

These places are as unique and varied as the people who tend them. There are more than 60 community-managed open spaces in San Francisco; no one really knows for sure how many are out there – in schools, in empty lots, and stairways. In the Mission district, vegetables and herbs sprout from tidy, raised beds in Parque Niños Unidos. At Cesar Chavez and Valencia Streets, neighbors tend a median strip that is brimming with drought-tolerant flowers and trees. Community-managed open spaces characterize the social, cultural, political, and economic diversity of San Francisco.

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YES!

Kids can make a change

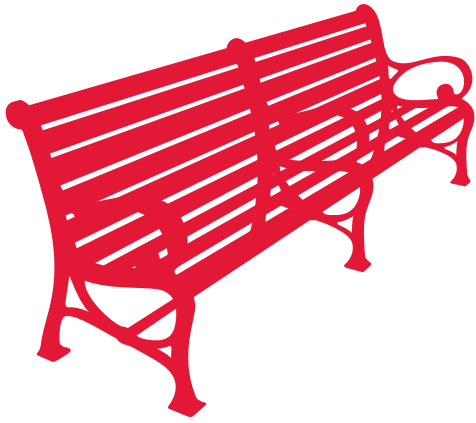
In 2006, SFPT's Project Jumpstart served more than 250 children, providing environmental and recreation programming in underserved neighborhoods.

This summer, SFPT partnered with City College of San Francisco to host the YES! program in the Bayview neighborhood. The program focused on cultivating students' land stewardship values. Through the YES! program, students were able to see first-hand the positive change they can affect in their community as they transformed a vacant lot into a new neighborhood garden.

More than 20 students graduated from the full, intensive 8-week program – attending engaging environmental science classes, discovering the City through exciting field trips, and completing challenging experiments and hands-on projects.

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MUSIC CONCOURSE BENCHES

A place of your own in Golden Gate Park

There is a renaissance underway in the heart of Golden Gate Park. The newly constructed M. H. de Young Memorial Museum re-opened in October 2005. The California Academy of Sciences will open its doors again in 2008. The Music Concourse is a part of this revitalization. We invite you to sponsor a bench in the Music Concourse, either along the paths in the Bowl or along the upper Promenade. San Francisco Parks Trust is offering over 170 handsome benches in the Concourse, each for a contribution of \$5,000. This is a unique opportunity to make a personal statement of support for the Park. Please join us in making this special landscape flourish. For more information please call 415.750.5443 or email lori@sfpt.org.

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San Francisco Parks Trust is delighted to announce that you can now join as a new Member or renew your current Membership online. Visit our secure website at www.sfpt.org and click "become a member," then complete the quick and easy steps. Your information will be sent to us right away, helping us to more quickly process your Membership. As soon as we receive your completed Member form, we will send out your Membership cards, so that you can begin to enjoy your Member benefits that much sooner!

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STREET PARKS

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Street Parks is a new partnership between San Francisco Parks Trust (SFPT) and Department of Public Works (DPW) to seed new open spaces and to support existing community gardens. As partners, we are currently developing and formalizing this community-based park program.

Street Parks will:

- Build sustainable communities
- Attack urban blight
- Encourage neighborhood beautification
- Increase safety
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Act as a national model for preserving urban open space
- Add hundreds of acres of open space and parkland
- Leave a legacy of green space for future generations
- Provide youth with educational and vocational resources
- Support and enhance community commitment to land stewardship

By leveraging public-private partnerships, Street Parks can revitalize and convert hundreds of acres of 'unaccepted' city streets into healthy parks and community gardens. Because there are hundreds of potential Street Park sites located throughout San Francisco, SFPT is approaching this opportunity with a measured plan of action to provide for maintenance, sustainability, and community engagement.

In addition to working with our network of Park Partners, SFPT will collaborate with other community based organizations for long-term stewardship of the program, identifying the needs



YES! students at Quesada Street Park in the Bayview.

within San Francisco's diverse neighborhoods that contain "unaccepted" lots and developing Street Parks to meet the needs of each neighborhood. In this issue, you can read about the YES! program in the Bayview to learn more about how Street Parks can make a positive change in your neighborhood.

We're a mix of cultures, identities, and nationalities. We're all San Franciscans. We all treasure this distinctive city and strive to make it our own. One way we do this is by putting our roots down, seeding communities, and growing the City we love.

Contact us if you would like to plant yourself in a piece of San Francisco. We're here to help you put your roots down.



YES!

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"My son learned so much this summer; he saw places that I have never been to in San Francisco. If we hadn't been a part of the YES! program, I worry about what kind of trouble he might have been in this summer..."

From exposure to science-related careers to lessons in land stewardship and conservation, the YES! program is developing the leaders of tomorrow, one student at a time. The YES! program is helping to guide future community leaders to make informed, thoughtful decisions through a process of positive self-discovery and empowerment.

The YES! program is funded in part by SFPT's Project Jumpstart.

For the second year, Project Jumpstart continued to support summer sports programs in the Mission and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods. Southeast Summer Sports, a camp in Visitacion Valley focused on healthy sports and choices, exceeded expectations, hosting more than 70 participants, growing 40% in its second year. Mission Satellite Summer Sports Clinics offered basketball and soccer fundamentals to more than 100 Mission youth. Read more about Project Jumpstart summer programs online at www.sfpt.org.



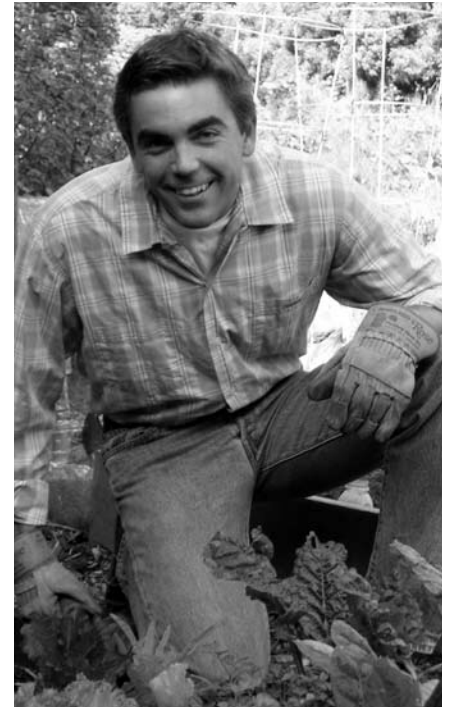
Did you know that there are hundreds of undeveloped public open space in San Francisco? Vacant lots, rights-of-ways, street medians and weedy hill sides... San Francisco Parks Trust has a plan to reclaim this open space. By supporting community initiative, together we can plant Street Parks all over San Francisco. You can transform your street, we can help. Contact us to learn how you can create a Street Park in your neighborhood :: welisten@sfpt.org or 415.750.5105.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR People need parks.

San Francisco is a stronger community when there are safe, clean, and fun places to play, pause, learn, and connect with each other and nature.

A recent study by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign found that the more trees and grasses grow in the common spaces of inner-city neighborhoods, the more those spaces are used by residents. The study also found that compared to residents living near barren spaces, those closer to green spaces enjoy more social activities, have more visitors, know more of their neighbors, and have stronger feelings of belonging. Healthy parks and open spaces support the development and maintenance of a healthy community.

The 2004 San Francisco Recreation & Park Department Assessment report supports this notion, revealing that 47% of San Franciscan's felt the need for 'more open space'. Working to address this issue, San Francisco Parks Trust has implemented several strategies to support the development and maintenance of open space. With support from SFPT's Project Jumpstart grant-making program, and additional funding from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation and the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, SFPT ran a science camp for children in the Bayview neighborhood that focused on healthy environments and land conservation. Working with the City College of San Francisco, the YES! program participants transformed a vacant lot adjacent to the Palou-Phelps mini-park in the Bayview district into a thriving California-native garden. Supporting the effort of these young stewards in the development and maintenance of healthy parks and open spaces is at the core of what we do.



Jay at Ft. Scott Organic Community Garden

This fall, in conjunction with the San Francisco Department of Public Works, the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, and the Stewardship Council, San Francisco Parks Trust launched a program to develop a comprehensive community land management system that will strengthen existing community-managed open space and add to the inventory of open space available to the residents of San Francisco.

Neighborhood programs like the YES! summer science camp in the Bayview and the Street Parks program highlight the work that we are doing together to support parks, build community and enhance the quality of life in San Francisco. We ask for your continued input and guidance in the development of new programs and projects. Please look for our Member Survey in an upcoming issue of the *Parks Voice*. As we reflect on 35 years of leadership and successes in supporting and sustaining our park system, we renew our commitment to create healthy environments and promote citizen stewardship.

People need parks. We are here to help.

Jay Banfield :: Executive Director

PARK VOICES

How do you love SF parks?



Naomi Conroy :: SFPT Volunteer, Golden Gate Park Guide

I love SF parks by sharing them with others. As a Volunteer Park Guide, I give historical walking tours of Golden Gate Park throughout the year. I share the parks rich history – for example, how wind-swept sand dunes were ultimately developed into a beloved woodland park. I also give tours for stroller moms and dads to enjoy fresh air, meet other parents and learn a little history of the park. For information about our walking tour schedule look to www.sfpt.org. See you in the Park!



Albert Wald :: SFPT Volunteer

Whether working outdoors or inside, it is so gratifying for me to add my bit to the work of so many other volunteers working to improve our parks. We do make a difference. I hope that everybody reading this will at least once volunteer to help to improve our surroundings. You'll find friendly colleagues devoted to a common goal and will come away uplifted. Take the time, take the initiative, help out, enjoy, and feel good. You can make a difference.



Phil Rossi :: Golden Gate Park Nursery Manager, SF Recreation & Park Department

I take great satisfaction working for our parks and facilities. The Golden Gate Park Nursery helps our parks stay beautiful by providing plants for areas like the Conservatory Valley, trees for the Reforestation Division, and indigenous plants for the Natural Areas Division. I love keeping our parks and facilities environmentally healthy, creating and maintaining healthy environments for our kids, families and visitors.



Damian Harris :: Golden Gate Park neighbor

I love Golden Gate Park. Every trip into Golden Gate Park is an odyssey through a land of fairytale proportions. You can go from the Fuchsia Dell down to the glass palace, through the Music Concourse to Mothers Meadow, and then across the bridge to Strawberry Hill, and out to the ocean to the Dutch Windmill. There are strange plants and dinosaur trees, roaming buffalo and archers in the fields. You can sip tea in a Japanese garden, or drink beer at the Beach Chalet. It is a very magical place for anyone with some time and an imagination.



Sally Wray :: Receptionist, SF Recreation & Park Department

I work at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park. Working in the Park is the best job I could ever have. I love helping visitors from around the world that need a map or information about our world-famous attractions like the Conservatory of Flowers, the de Young, or my favorite – the Academy of Sciences. I'm proud to work with so many wonderful people and to have Golden Gate Park at my doorstep.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

SFPT has a new partnership with backcountry.com, a leading online retailer of outdoor equipment and clothing. Members will receive a 10% discount on all online purchases at backcountry.com. A special coupon with a redemption code will be mailed to you with your Membership cards. We hope you take advantage of this great new benefit.

PARKS NETWORK

Members with email addresses are encouraged to send them to us so that we can inform you about upcoming Members-only events and volunteer opportunities. Send your email address to lori@sfpt.org. *Email addresses are never shared.*

SPECIAL GIFT FOR MEMBERS!

Upgrade your Membership to a Supporter or higher level Membership and we will include as part of your benefits a copy of the new book from the Conservatory of Flowers, *Treasures of the Conservatory Flowers*, by Nina Sazevich.

NEW! You can renew your Membership online at www.spft.org.

LOVE YOUR FAMILY? LOVE YOUR FRIENDS?

Love your parks!

A gift Membership is a great way to love your parks and give someone special a unique present for the holidays. The recipient will enjoy unlimited free admission to the Japanese Tea Garden, passes to the Conservatory of Flowers, discounts at partner organizations and invitations to Members-only events.



THE BUTTERFLY ZONE Plants and Pollinators

Thousands of butterflies took up residence in the Conservatory of Flowers this year with the opening of *The Butterfly Zone: Plants and Pollinators*. San Francisco residents and visitors may remember *All A Buzz*, the exhibit that debuted with the opening of the newly remodeled Conservatory in September 2003. Due to popular demand, the Conservatory brought back the butterflies, this time with a stronger conservation theme, including a panel about San Francisco area native butterflies and how to attract them to gardens, as well as a component on the Monarch migration and their West Coast flight patterns. To reach out to younger visitors, the Conservatory posted a series of kid-friendly questions in the exhibit to provide an interactive aspect to the exhibit.

The Butterfly Bungalow in the middle of the gallery allowed visitors to observe one of the most critical stages of the butterfly's life cycle – the transformation from pupa to butterfly. Visitors got a close-up look at chrysalides and cocoons, the hardened exoskeletons formed by the caterpillars, and many were lucky enough to catch the moment when one of these transformed and winged beauties emerged. Each week the Conservatory's horticultural staff replenished the supply of chrysalides.

"This exhibit was about pollination. We used the butterflies as ambassadors to the world of pollinators," said the Conservatory's acting director Jim Henrich. "I think if you asked most people to explain how a flower turns into a cucumber, they wouldn't be able to. But life as we know it just wouldn't be possible without pollination – no flowers, no plants, no fruit. We want people to understand that and to know there are some very important insects and animals that do the work."

The exhibit received extensive media coverage in *The Chronicle*, *The Oakland Tribune*, and the *San Mateo County Times*, and on KGO ABC 7 TV, NBC-11 and KTVU, helping to draw nearly 175,000 visitors during its seven-month run.

The Butterfly Zone closed to the public on October 29. Throughout the exhibit, the question most frequently asked was, "What happens to the butterflies?" The answer: At the close of the exhibit, the butterflies, and any chrysalides that had yet to emerge, were gathered, carefully wrapped, and sent to other butterfly exhibits throughout California.

ONE: An Earth Installation by Stanlee Gatti

The Conservatory of Flowers is thrilled to present the first exhibit ever designed by San Francisco's celebrated designer and artist, Stanlee Gatti. *ONE: An Earth Installation by Stanlee Gatti* reflects on the interconnectedness of all living things and is a meditation on the micro and macrocosm that Gatti hopes will enhance "respect and gratitude" for the planet as well as for friends and family during the holiday season. The beautiful and thought-provoking exhibition brings together Gatti's famous flair for floral design and his distinctly artistic approach to creating original, contemporary environments. Make your way to the Conservatory of Flowers this winter and experience the most talked about exhibition of the season. *ONE* is currently open to the public and runs through Spring. Visit the website www.conservatoryofflowers.org for more details.

PARK LEADERSHIP SOCIETY *Join us. Be a Leader.*

Park Leadership Society donors are committed to community building in San Francisco. For the past 35 years a remarkable group of donors has generously supported programs that benefit all that use San Francisco parks and recreation centers. These extraordinary donors comprise the Park Leadership Society.

As our 35th year draws to a close, we thank these leaders and role models; and as we look to the next 35 years, we continue to encourage new donors to join the Park Leadership Society, continuing this tradition of citizen stewardship. San Francisco Parks Trust and Park Leadership Society donors are dedicated to ensuring that all parks remain community assets that improve the quality of life for all Bay Area residents.

Park Leadership Society donors are civic leaders. These park champions recognize the need to care for our parks today if we want to enjoy them tomorrow. Park Leadership Society donors

care about our city, recognize the tremendous value of having safe and clean places for their children, grandchildren, friends and family to play and enjoy time together. Park Leadership Society donors protect and preserve our treasured green spaces and civic landmarks. Park Leadership Society donors bridge the gap between what our parks and recreation centers need financially, and what the City provides.

When you join the Park Leadership Society you are truly making a difference in the City for today, tomorrow, and for many years to come. Join us. Be a leader.

To join the Park Leadership Society or to donate to San Francisco Parks Trust, please contact Patricia Ivancich Dassios, Director of Development at 415.750.5107 or email development@sfpt.org.

PARK PROTECTOR PROFILE *SFPT Board Chair, Nancy Conner*



“Today, we need to be more creative and more strategic, focusing on projects where we can make the biggest impact.”

How did you get involved with SFPT?

Margaret Moore, a friend and Friends of Recreation & Parks Board Member, knowing of my love of the outdoors and of my gratitude for the role parks played in the life of our young family, encouraged me to join the Board.

How has SFPT changed over the years in terms of its mission and goals?

SFPT was set up to accept donations for park projects on behalf of the Recreation & Park Department. By the early 1980's we began to take a more active role in fundraising. As a result, we became more involved in the decision-making regarding which projects to fund, and the management of these projects. Today we help prioritize projects based on community need and ensure that the donor investment is protected. Over the years, we have expanded our programs, from membership events and Golden Gate Park Guides' tours to today's Healthy Parks Initiative.

How has our capacity to improve parks changed over the years?

When I first joined the Board, sufficient public funds were available to maintain our parks and recreation centers pretty well. We were there to add value and to enhance baseline improvements. We still require that our private contributions do not substitute for public support, but the reality is that the public sector is overwhelmed. Today, we need to be more creative and more strategic, focusing on projects where we can make the biggest impact.

What projects are you looking forward to taking on in the near future?

I would like to see us build upon our successful programs that promote citizen stewardship of parks. We know we can't do it alone, so we are actively working to help neighbors help themselves. Programs like Park Partners, Street Parks, and Project ReCreation give San Franciscans the opportunity to get involved with their local parks and build better communities in the process. I also see SFPT continuing to fundraise for significant capital projects, which will renovate some of our most treasured landmarks.

Nancy Conner is the Chair of our Board, and has been active with San Francisco Parks Trust for more than 20 years. She was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio and moved to San Francisco after college. Nancy and her husband, Ed, have three sons, a daughter-in-law, and one granddaughter.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

We extend our deepest thanks to our donors who have given their support through membership, our programs and events.

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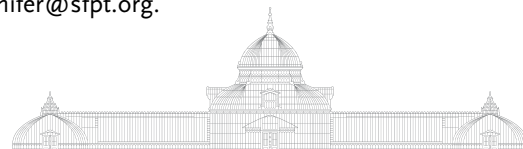
960 am the Quake, KQKE, progressive talk radio is one of San Francisco Parks Trust's newest friends. The Quake hosted Executive Director, Jay Banfield, on the air to highlight the work of San Francisco

Parks Trust and our *love your parks* campaign. The Quake features programming by Al Franken, Ed Schultz, Randi Rhoades and Eco Talk. Eco Talk with Betsy Rosenberg and her guests brings listeners environmental news, views and voices from the frontlines of the sustainability movement. Check out their website at www.quakeradio.com to learn about the station that loves your parks.

FOR THE FLOWERS

SFPT supports the Conservatory of Flowers

San Francisco Parks Trust is pleased to announce a renewed partnership with the Conservatory of Flowers. Longtime neighbors in Golden Gate Park, and collaborating on the *Campaign to Restore the Conservatory of Flowers*, we are now working together to raise money for the Conservatory's upcoming exhibits. For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jenifer Botch, Director of Corporate and Foundation Development, at 415.750.5109 or jenifer@sfpt.org.



THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL Partners with the San Francisco Parks Trust



Students at the YES! program Street Park in the Bayview neighborhood.

The San Francisco Parks Trust (SFPT) is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council in conjunction with our Street Parks program.

Stewardship Council is a land conservation and youth investment foundation that provides recommendations for the conservation of over 140,000 acres of watershed lands and

implements community and environmental education programs for underserved youth. The Stewardship Council's partnership grants are designed to support long-term collaborative ventures connecting California's youth to the outdoors.

The Stewardship Council recently awarded SFPT \$100,000 through its Youth Investment Program to fund the pilot program of Street Parks. This unique program, launched in June 2006, built on the success of last summer's Project Jumpstart programs. SFPT refocused Project Jumpstart's YES! program to better match SFPT's core values: healthy environments, recreation, and land stewardship. Read more about YES! in this issue. "The Stewardship Council is very excited to support San Francisco Parks Trust's efforts to revitalize many of San Francisco's abandoned lots and open them to the City's youth," said Steve Hagler, Youth Investment Manager. "Programs such as Street Parks teach kids social skills, environmental awareness and healthy habits, all while providing fun-filled outdoor activities. We hope these efforts will create a new generation of adults who will use, protect, and enhance our city parks and outdoor resources."

Street Parks is also made possible by a grant from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, which has committed a \$50,000 grant, renewable over three years to help SFPT pilot, evaluate, and strengthen the program. SFPT is proud to partner with the Stewardship Council and the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation in providing underserved youth with opportunities to learn about the natural sciences and participate in outdoor activities, while renovating their community's parks.

BURKE WILLIAMS SPA Special offer for Members



Burke Williams Spa opened in San Francisco's new Westfield Center October 10, 2006. This beautiful new day spa offers rejuvenating and healthy treatments for the body and mind.

The concept of the spa is centuries old. For hundreds of years different cultures from around the world have incorporated the benefits of the spa experience into their lives, not as a luxury, but rather a necessity.

Burke Williams, touching on this concept, has brought the spa experience into the heart of the City where each of us can benefit from a soothing, nurturing environment to ease the stress of our daily lives. Elegant, refined, luxurious and pampering with all of the amenities found in world-renowned resort spas, Burke Williams provides an oasis of tranquility, and for our San Francisco Parks Trust Members they have generously contributed a grand opening special. Please check out our website at www.sfpt.org to learn how you can take care of your health and love your parks.

Join San Francisco Parks Trust as a Corporate Partner!

If you would like to learn more about how your company can make an investment in San Francisco's parks, or how your company can double or even triple your individual donation, please contact Jenifer Botch, Director of Corporate and Foundation Development :: jenifer@sfpt.org or 415.750.5109.

All Corporate Partners receive generous benefits, including recognition on our new website. Visit www.sfpt.org and click on Love your parks.



SF PARKS TRUST PARTNER SALUTE

Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema



The neighborhood of Bernal Heights has long been a haven for local artists including a large number of filmmakers, writers, producers, and other industry-related specialists. Bernal Heights' resident filmmakers are award-winning cinematographers, editors, writers, technical and artistic contributors who have credits in a diverse range of feature films, documentaries, independently produced works, as well as commercial and music videos. Park Partner Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema presents free showings of Bernal Heights filmmakers' works in neighborhood parks and open spaces to increase the exposure and recognition of local artists, to heighten appreciation by neighborhood and citywide residents, and to bring community together for the enjoyment of our parks

and local resources. This year the screenings were held on September 2 at Bernal Heights Park, September 16, at Bernal Heights Playground, September 30 at St. Mary's Park, and October 27 at the Metro High School grounds. Over 2,500 neighbors and citywide residents were treated to filmmakers' receptions and screenings where they got to mingle with the local talent. San Francisco Parks Trust salutes Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema in their dedication to local artists and in their efforts to get their community outside and in their parks! To learn more about Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema, visit them on the web at www.bhoutdoorcine.org.

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CALENDAR

For up-to-date event and program details visit us at www.sfpt.org

NOVEMBER

Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Member Reception

Thursday, November 30 :: 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Location :: McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park

Join us for cookie decorating, apple cider and other children's activities.

Please RSVP to Kate Gorrissen at 415.750.5108 or kate@sfpt.org.

DECEMBER

Holiday Carols

Thursday, December 7 :: 12 noon

Location :: Main lobby stairs in City Hall

Join Recreation & Park Department youth, Young Peoples Teen

Musical Theatre Company, and Lowell High School Chorus in song.

A Christmas Carol – Notre Dame De Namur University players

Tuesday, December 12 :: 7pm

Location :: Boeddeker Playground at Eddy and Jones Streets

Join Tenderloin youth and the Notre Dame players for a wonderful

evening and a toy-giveaway! Call to confirm 415.292.2019 event details.

JANUARY

Speaker Series – Golden Gate Audubon Society

Friday, January 12 :: 7 pm

Location :: County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way

Join Regina Phelps, founder of Emergency Management & Safety

Solutions, to learn about Avian Bird Flu.

FEBRUARY

Speaker Series – Golden Gate Audubon Society

Friday, February 9 :: 7 pm

Location :: County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way

Join Grant Reed, award winning wild-life photographer and author,

to learn about the birds of Botswana.



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