

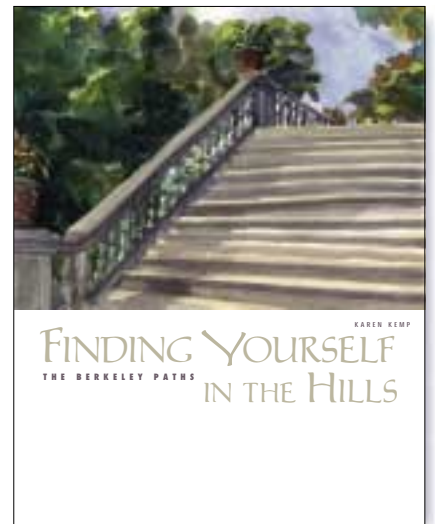
Berkeley's PATHS

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association is a grassroots volunteer group of community members who have come together to increase public awareness of the City of Berkeley's pathways. BPWA hopes to accomplish this goal through volunteer-led path walks, identification and accurate mapping of Berkeley's complete path network, and eventual restoration of paths that have been blocked or obscured.

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Nov. 15th Karen Kemp Presents Her Watercolors & Discusses Visionaries Who Affected the Pathways

Hear Karen's presentation at Live Oak Center, when she'll discuss influences from Bernard Maybeck, Frederick Law Olmsted, and Garden City planners of England—from her book in progress, *Finding Yourself in the Hills: the Berkeley Paths*. You can email her at studio49@earthlink.net.



Meetings Live Oak Park Rec. Center

7-9 pm 1200 Shattuck Avenue

Nov. 15 General Meeting
Finding Yourself in the Hills: the Berkeley Paths by Karen Kemp plus Board Members Elections

Jan. 17 Board Meeting

Feb. 21 General Meeting
Program to be announced

Tamalpais Steps & Other Paths Improved

Broken pavement on the Tamalpais Steps has been repaired by the City of Berkeley, using funds paid to compensate for the large redwoods that a neighbor cut without city permission. Although the trees will be missed, their absence opens up beautiful Bay views at the top of the 183 steps leading up from Codornices Park. The view of Mt. Tam makes the steps fit their name!

Public Works

Contractors working for the city also are beginning repairs on dangerously cracked Martinez Path, heavily used Easter Way, and other paths including Alta Vista and South Crossways. Billie Jean Walk is slated to get handrails. Thanks to Ken Emeziem of the Department of Public Works for working with us to choose which paths to improve and get the work underway.

Volunteers

Other path improvements have come from volunteers. On Sunday, September

30, BPWA Board Member Tom Edwards led volunteers from Congregation Beth El in installing four wood steps at the east end of Acacia Walk. The project was one of the synagogue's Mitzvah Day

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Path Walks RAIN OR SHINE

Saturdays at 10:00 am (allow 2-3 hours)

November 10th Ridge to Bay Trail Part II
Janet Byron 848-4008
and Charlie Bowen 540-7223
Take the #65, 10:00 sharp at Berkeley Bart, or the 10:05 on Euclid at the Rose Gardens. Reconvene at Shasta & Grizzly Peak at 10:30.

December 1st Eastshore State Park
Susan Schwartz 848-9258
Meet at Sea Breeze Market University & Frontage Road

January 26th Town & Gown Interstices (Northside)
Jim Sharp 841-7271
Meet at Virginia and La Loma

February 16th Claremont Triangle
Helen Wynne 843-5738
Meet at Ashby and Domingo

March 16th Nut Hill
Mardi Sicular Mertens 849-1142
and Marilyn Siegel 549-2908
Meet at the west end of Rose Walk

Annual Hillside Club Meeting Well Attended

Sedge Thomson of West Coast Live moderated panelists Malcolm Margolin of Heyday Books, Steve Edwards of Tilden Botanic Gardens, and Richard Schwartz, Berkeley historian. It was a provocative discussion on geology, history, indian lore and botany in the East Bay.

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Improved Paths *continued*

projects. Acacia Walk, from Cragmont down to Spruce, has beautiful views along a tree-shaded, nearly level path leading to concrete steps in good condition.

Scouts & UC Students

Improvement continued on Atlas Path, which runs from Grizzly Peak Boulevard nearly up to Tilden Park, and is a keystone in our long-term plans for a Ridge-to-Bay urban trail. Berkeley Boy Scout Troop 6 put in a first group of

wooden stairs at the top. On October 20, UC Berkeley students volunteering as part of the Cal Corps public-service day added another six steps. Three Eagle Scout candidates from Berkeley Troop 19 plan to complete the long, moderately steep path. When finished, Atlas will have more than 70 steps and, we hope, a seat at the top so walkers can rest and enjoy the sweeping Bay view.

If all goes well, path wanderers should be able to explore new "flatland" trails along creeks and the Bay in coming years.

Progress of Pathways Near the Shore

Most of us have been watching progress on the pedestrian/bicycle bridge joining Aquatic Park with the new Eastshore State Park and Berkeley Marina. Berkeley also is beginning to build its long-delayed portion of the Bay Trail along the narrow beach from University to Ashby, where it meets an already completed trail that continues south to the Emeryville Marina. This will make a wonderful shoreline walkway. Berkeley also has a grant to plan a bicycle/pedestrian link from the Bay Trail to the Berkeley Marina.

Berkeley Montessori School's interest in moving to the historic Santa Fe Railroad Station on University Avenue has breathed new vigor into the effort to open the Santa Fe Right of Way as a pedestrian trail from Strawberry Creek Park to the Ohlone Greenway. Berkeley Partners for Parks is asking citizens to ask their city council member to fund this new greenway out of a discretionary pedestrian improvement-related "HIP" grant. See BFP's website at www.bfp.org

Environmental reports are expected soon on the planned 1/2-mile creekside greenway along Codornices Creek, while complex trade-offs involve Albany sports fields, University Village student-family housing, and the University Village community gardens. Meanwhile, Friends of Five Creeks has opened a temporary trail — you can walk from 10th to 8th Street along the creek south of Harrison

Street, on the Berkeley/Albany border.

Farther north, on the Albany/El Cerrito/Richmond border, Friends of Five Creeks is working on what eventually is to be another creekside greenway, along Cerrito Creek from the Ohlone Greenway to Pierce Street. For more information on these projects see their website at www.fivecreeks.org.



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New website address.**

www.berkeleypaths.org

Setting the Record Straight

CORRECTIONS TO BERKELEY'S BYWAYS STORY LAST ISSUE.

Rose Walk Dr. and Mrs. Gray were not involved in the building of the Walk. It was built in 1913 by a group of Hillside Clubbers including Bernard Maybeck and Dr. W. W. Underhill. The Grays came into the picture eleven years later in 1924 when they bought land north of the Walk from the water company and built their Gutterson Duplexes. —John Underhill.

Fountain Walk Of course, we all know the Fountain at the Marin Circle is standing pretty. See Spring '99, Vol. 2 No.2 for story about its restoration.



University of California, Berkeley students install steps on Atlas Path as part of Cal Corps, October 20th public-service day.

Nov. 15th — Election for Eight Board of Directors

Standing for re-election for 2-year terms are: Jacque Ensign, Pat DeVito, Sue Fernstrom, Paul Grunland, Eleanor Gibson and Helen Wynne. New nominees are: Lisa Frieden and Janet Byron.

LISA FRIEDEN is an avid outdoors person and a professionally published writer. She is a path lover who also pursues biking, hiking, walking, running and displays a general fondness for nature. Lisa joined the BPWA map committee in September, and along with her husband Curt, a map enthusiast, have offered their expertise toward the assembly of necessary map information and selection of its qualities. Lisa can be contacted at Lizi@home.com, or 525 7945.

JANET BYRON, founder of Friends of Strawberry Creek, leader for Greenbelt Alliance outings for 10 years and BPWA for four years, has come to deeply appreciate the wisdom that activists and planners showed in creating such an extensive path system, and wants to see it preserved and improved.

Janet believes that developing more livable cities is the key to preventing sprawl out into the Bay Area's open spaces. She says, "Components such as paths, creeks, parks and such are among the amenities that make cities places where people want to be, not flee."

As a board member of BPWA, she would work on creating a ridge-to-bay trail system that features paths and creeks. Also, she is interested in exploring positive ways to work with people who live alongside paths. Janet can be contacted at bjanet@earthlink.net, or 848-4008.

If you have any concerns about path issues please call Jacque at 524-4715.

Annual membership in Berkeley Path Wanderers Association is \$5.00 per household due January 1st of each year. Additional donations are always welcome. Benefits include newsletter, and BPWA mailings. Mail form with check or money order, payable to:
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