From CBTA's President

By Paul Prescott

Calaveras Big Trees Association has changed a lot over the years. In going through some of my mother’s things recently I came across a predecessor of this bulletin, dated summer 1986. It announced, among other things, the hiring of CBTA’s new interpreter, Wendy Farris. Wendy Harrison later became a State employee and retired last year. We eagerly await her replacement and thank Mara Naber and the interpretive aides whom Superintendent Gary Olson hired (with money given by CBTA) to fill in the gaps.

Our own CBTA Board has changed a lot over the years, as well. Our greatest changes have come in the last two years, of course, with the opening of the new Visitor Center. Increased sales there have allowed CBTA to increase its aid to the Park, which is what we’re here for, right? But with increased resources come interesting challenges. Our newest Board members reflect the changes as we grow out of a “mom-and-pop store” mentality. They are Sally Williams and Nancy Gardner. You’ll often find them serving in the Visitor Center.

Sally is taking on the sales committee, which had been chaired by Bunny Firebaugh for years. (Bunny termed out in June after sixteen years of service.) This committee reviews merchandise and makes recommendations to the retail manager and to the superintendent. (All that we sell in the VC has to be approved by Superintendent Gary Olson and the State.) Members also are willing to volunteer with the “nuts and bolts” of the Visitor Center - tagging, folding and refolding clothes, and so on. We appreciate them very much.

Nancy is joining our finance committee. (She replaces Marcy Crawford, who termed out in June after eight years of service.) Nancy has vast experience in non-profit organizations and is planning to help revise our reporting system to match current best-practice standards of non-profit organizations. (The old system was organized by programs, in alphabetical order.) Having a standard reporting system will help us in financial reviews or audits, which will enable us to write grants to aid the Park even more than we can now.

All of this is rather droll, eh? It is an interesting challenge, though, to improve our organization so that we can more efficiently bring help to the Park. The Parks Forward Commission report of 2015 mandates that the parks become more self-sufficient, and we can all look around and see things that need fixin’.

But all of this dry account means nothing without having the great volunteers that you are. Whether you scoop ice cream on weekends, help finish Lava Bluffs Trail, lead the guided tours, help with the kids’ programs, help with Astronomy Night or help out in the Visitor Center, you are what makes the Park work. We should all be proud that we help visitors from near and far to walk in awe among the giants.

Thanks to all of you. Have a great summer.
Family Day—A Day of Fun in the Park!

By Nancy Gardner

Calaveras Big Trees’ 28th Annual Family Day will soon be here! Taking place on Saturday, August 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the North Grove area, it promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family. You will not only have fun, but will also learn about our interesting history and diverse natural world.

Presentations at the Campfire Center kick off at 10:00 a.m. with Meet the Ranger and wrap up with Wild Things (rescued and rehabilitated wild animals) from 2:35 – 3:35. U.C. Davis Raptor Center will be making its appearance at 1:00 p.m. with Live Birds of Prey. A folk song sing-along for kids of all ages will start at 11:00 a.m., followed by storyteller Jennifer Aguirre. A beautiful quilt, *Dogwood Time*, created by local quilters, will be raffled at 2:30. These are just a few of the many planned activities and presentations, including a horse-drawn carriage ride ($5 per person). Please see the schedule on page 11.

You don’t need to go hungry at Family Day. Arnold Lions Club is again holding a barbecue lunch ($7.50 for hamburger or hot dog, chips and a drink). Nearby you can purchase a large variety of cookies and brownies ($1 per bag). Ice cream and popcorn are $1 at the Warming Hut near the Visitor Center. Lemonade, iced tea and coffee are complementary. By the way, the Visitor Center and Museum are open as usual on Family Day.

Family Day is sponsored by CBTA as a “thank you” to the public for its support. All of the events are free (except as noted) with admission to the Park. Once again, parking will be across the highway with shuttle buses provided by Calaveras Transit.

Volunteers are always welcome, and your participation is very much needed and appreciated. If you would like to help out on Family Day, please contact Nancy Gardner at ngardner15@comcast.net.

Please join us in Calaveras Big Trees State Park for a great day of fun and education in a beautiful Sierra setting!

Family Day photos by Claudia Beymer
Park Update

by Gary Olson

Calaveras Big Trees is attracting visitors from around the world, and as you move throughout the Park you may hear multiple languages being spoken. The expressions of the faces of the visitors when they see the giant sequoias shows that they all appreciate nature’s beauty and how lucky we are to have this as our back yard.

Thank you to everyone who is helping throughout the Park, whether it is helping in the entrance station, Visitor Center, interpretive programs, trail patrols, trail maintenance, picking up litter, scooping ice cream or just being available to answer visitor questions. Your participation is helping to make every visitor’s experience more special.

It's Summer Sweetness Time!

By Betty Watson

"I'll meet you at the Warming Hut for a little Summer Sweetness!" That is the word that is heard all over the Park every weekend - Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

We serve up chocolate, vanilla and strawberry ice cream cones for just a dollar a scoop, as well as freshly popped popcorn for a dollar a box. We are located at the end of the North Grove Trail. We are open from noon to 4:00 p.m., but come early for we often sell out of the 21 gallons a day our freezer holds. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. All proceeds go to interpretive programs and CBTA scholarships.

To all the wonderful docents out there, please come and join in the fun! We always appreciate your help. It's a great way to meet and greet our Park visitors. Who doesn't like a big scoop of ice cream on a warm summer day among the giant sequoias?

As we continue through the summer months, the staff will be working to make small improvements to facilities. These improvements may not seem big by themselves, but as we continue to make these changes, they begin to add up. Soon people begin to notice not what was done, but a feeling that the Park is being well maintained. Some of these little improvements may be painting some restrooms, fixing broken doors or windows, replacing fence slats, replacing barbeques or fixing bench seats.

If you see something that needs to be fixed, please send me an email so we can get it on the list for repairs.

Have a happy and safe summer and spend time with the ones who are dear to your heart. Life is better when you spend time with family and friends.
Welcome to Our Summer Interns!

By Mary Anne Carlton

When you look up the definition of enthusiasm the dictionary will say “eagerness, zeal, gusto, spirit, energy, passion”, among other descriptive words. There will also be pictures of our two summer Student Conservation Association interns who exemplify all those words. Wow! When Ranger Robyn Mendoza and I interviewed in January for these two positions, we knew we had hired two fun and qualified young women, but I don’t think we realized what bundles of energy we would get, too. Deena Lucas hails from the suburbs of Baltimore in Maryland, has gone to school in New York and worked in environmental education at various nature centers. Erika Schaubach calls Virginia Beach, Virginia, home. She is a recent graduate of Old Dominion University with a degree in English with a concentration in creative writing and a double minor in art and women’s studies. She has a position at a Virginia State Park when she returns.

Upon arrival they were oriented and trained and given time to develop the various programs they would be expected to present. They worked hard at observing people doing programs, learning about the Park and jumping in with both feet, full of excitement to be here. They present some of our core programs such as Cubs, Junior Rangers and North Grove walks, and they are helping out with campfire programs. Together they enjoy rolling out the “rolling cart” in front of the Visitor Center, teaching visitors about the various animals they may encounter while visiting the Park, as well as other aspects of natural history. They have developed a journaling program to help visitors see the Park with new eyes through art and writing. Deena likes to present an insect investigators activity, which is basically the terrestrial form of Creek Critters. Families really enjoy it. She has also instigated a Docent Spotlight each week highlighting a different docent, so visitors and other docents can learn more about our volunteers and maybe want to become one.

And they haven’t been idle on their days off. One of the selling points when we do interviews is the central location of Calaveras Big Trees to many fun destinations in California. Erika and Deena have taken full advantage of that fact. In this year of the centennial of the National Park Service, our interns have visited Yosemite National Park, Pinnacles National Park and Point Reyes National Seashore. They will also visit Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. They have visited Columbia and Railtown, Sonora, Murphys, Sacramento and the State Fair, Fresno and San Francisco. In the Park, they hiked the North Grove, South Grove, Lava Bluffs and the River Trail.

Both have said how much they have enjoyed the summer, the Park, the visitors, the docents and State employees. They are so glad and happy to be here. And all of us have been so glad and happy to have had them here, too. May their enthusiasm rub off on all of us!

A Very Busy Visitor Center

By Jill Ogburn

What a spectacular summer we are having up here in “God’s country”! The Visitor Center has been absolutely buzzing with enthusiastic visitors!

We now have some cute wooden yoyos, dominos and checkers games for sale in the store. We also have a new sock vendor, and the merchandise is unique! We have new shirts, new canvas bags and so much more!

Best of all, we have Karen Gill on board, our new retail assistant. She is so enthusiastic and really great with people! We hope that everyone has a chance to come up and check out the Visitor Center real soon!
Fall Seminars to Broaden Your Horizons

By Vida Kenk

Please mark your calendars for the fall seminars. All of them are on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The first two will occur in Jack Knight Hall, our usual location, but note that the October seminar will be in the Ralston classroom in the Education Building.

September 3. What happens when our Sierra ecosystems are disturbed by agents such as fire and invasive species? Dr. Tom Hofstra, professor of forestry and natural resources at Columbia College, will discuss the role of disturbance and succession in Sierra Nevada ecosystems. Appropriately, this seminar is rescheduled from last September, when it was cancelled by the Butte Fire. Let’s hope for less ecosystem disturbance this year!

September 24. Karin Vardaman, Director of California Wolf Recovery, will describe the current status of wolves and their role as an ecological keystone predator.

Wolves are starting to enter northern California from Oregon. To prepare for the return of wolves to California, the California Wolf Center is focusing on solutions to conflicts that often pervade wolf recovery elsewhere.

October 15. William (Bill) Tweed, retired park ranger and chief naturalist for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, has authored King Sequoia: The Tree That Inspired a Nation, Created Our National Park System and Changed the Way We Think About Nature. His book will be available in October at:


This seminar will be held in the classroom of the education building, which is next to the Visitor Center.

Plans for the 2017 seminars are already under way. If you have specific suggestions, please send me an email at vidakenk@comcast.net. I especially appreciate contact information for possible speakers.

Annual Meeting—Appreciation and Sharing

By Paul Prescott

The annual meeting of the Calaveras Big Trees Association was held on Sunday morning, June 26, in the picnic area by Jack Knight Hall. Members of the Board and members of the Advisory Council were introduced, with “shout outs” to long-time Board members Marcy Crawford and Bunny Firebaugh, who both retired from the Board. Our four CBTA employees were introduced and thanked for their excellent work. Superintendent Gary Olson introduced the rangers, aides and interns. He also reported on events, personnel vacancies and the general condition of the Park. He thanked the volunteers for making the running of the Park possible.

Board member candidates Sally Williams and Nancy Gardner were introduced and were later elected to the Board. Jill Ogbum gave the Visitor Center report, noting that we made more money this year than last year. Treasurer Rod Smith reported that CBTA was in fine fiscal shape and has been able to give more to the Park. The scholarship recipients were introduced. Joan Allday reminded all of us of the upcoming events.

We then all enjoyed a fine potluck picnic.

After the picnic the Board met to elect officers for the 2016 – 2017 year. They are:

President Paul Prescott
Vice President George Leong
Vice President Joan Allday
Treasurer Rod Smith

The position of Board secretary was left vacant until the July 27 meeting.

Memorials

Waldtraut “Wally” Gill
Richard and Carol Burton
Marilyn Kelly Goddard
Bobbie Sylvester
John Charles Conrad
Frank Hengel
Big Plans for the Future of the Park

By Vida Kenk

Last summer the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) held a series of brainstorming sessions with docents, staff, the CBTA Board and other interested people regarding possible changes to the Calaveras Big Trees State Park general plan. This was part of the process of conceptual facility planning for our Park. The general plan was written in 1989, and there have been major changes in our population, culture and what people expect at a park in the twenty-first century.

On June 2, Jess Cooper, the Central Valley District Superintendent, presided over a meeting in Jack Knight Hall to present some possible alternative plans for facilities at our park that had been developed by Design Workshop, a company based in South Lake Tahoe that has worked with several state parks. The plans presented focused on three main areas: day use experience, diverse overnight facilities and reduction of vehicular congestion.

The three day-use options considered alternatives for the arrival experience, traffic flow, parking and picnic areas. Overnight facilities plans included rehabilitating the North Grove campsites, relocating the group campsites, adding low-impact cabins and providing suitable spaces for recreational vehicles (RVs). Two options for placing more cabins and RV spaces in the Park on the north side of Highway 4 (uphill from the maintenance yard) were shown. Highway 4 would need to widen to four lanes between the road to the new development and the main Park entrance to provide a merging lane downhill and a left turn lane uphill. A shuttle bus system throughout the Park during high season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) was suggested as a way to reduce traffic and connect remote areas such as the South Grove and the proposed development across Highway 4.

The forty or so docents attending made comments and raised numerous questions following the presentation. Major concerns were safety issues for traffic and pedestrians if camping facilities were developed across Highway 4 and the current urgent need for more restroom facilities, water fountains and improved signage. Other concerns were the need for more utilities and personnel, as well as Park facilities in winter. A controversial option was the conversion of the historical white house that is currently the ranger station into a camp store. Questions were raised as to the overall goal of the plans. Superintendent Cooper responded that one of the aims was establishing financial sustainability by closing the gap between costs and fees collected.

This meeting was intended to collect feedback about the facility options. No time-line has been set, but this process is “to be continued...” Stay tuned!

Scholarships Awarded

By Sanders Lamont

Calaveras Big Trees Association offers five college scholarships each year. They are designed to encourage bright young students to pursue studies in environmental education.

For 2016, five outstanding students, all with a demonstrated environmental commitment, have been selected to receive $1500 to support their continuing education.
Scholarships (continued from page 6)

The funds come from donations to honor individuals who have made major contributions to Calaveras Big Trees State Park in the past. The goal is to encourage interpretation and education. The Emily Hewitt family, long-time supporters of the Park, created an endowment fund several years ago which the non-profit CBTA Board manages. This year the family increased the scholarship amount by 50% in recognition of rising college expenses. The CBTA Board voted unanimously to follow the Hewitt family’s lead and raise all five scholarship amounts beginning this year.

The Steve Stocking Scholarship is named in honor of a long-time educator, national and state park volunteer, author and CBTA board member.

Katelyn Raby, of Redding, was awarded the Hewitt Scholarship. Raby is a graduate student at Humboldt State University, studying natural resources (wildlife) toward a master’s degree. She is an honors graduate with extensive work and volunteer experience for the Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and others.

Alexander Gorman, of Oakdale, an undergraduate at Humboldt, majoring in forestry and resource conservation, was selected as the Steve Stocking scholar. He is a consistent dean’s list student, an Eagle Scout and has worked at Foothill Horizon Outdoor School in Sonora. His career path is taking him “into the woods.”

Melissa Crews, of Santa Rosa, will attend U.C. Davis to study wildlife, fish and conservation biology. She was a dean’s list student at Santa Rosa Community College and has worked at the Humane Society and Safari West. She is working toward a PhD. in a related field.

Skyler John Twohig, of Costa Mesa, is studying forestry and hydrology at Humboldt State University where he has been a Presidential Scholar and on the dean’s list. He worked in a horticultural science nursery and in the public gardens in Costa Mesa Schools and is a member of the Surfrider Foundation.

Erin Rexin, of San Diego, is working on her degree in wildlife, fish and conservation biology at the U.C. Davis. She also is a dean’s list student and has worked as a conservation educator and peer advisor in projects from Mexico to Hawaii and from Ohio to Washington State. Rexin attended the recent annual meeting of CBTA.

Rexin’s application included these words, an excellent summary of all five outstanding students’ goals: "I want to share my knowledge and enthusiasm ... to instill a sense of responsibility and awe in the next generation."

This year’s scholarship selection committee included Board members Bunny Firebaugh, George Leong and Sanders Lamont.

Welcome to New Members!

March 16, 2016 – July 4, 2016
Robert Borton, Berkeley CA
Mike and Sherry Powell, Arnold CA
Neil Linney, Castro Valley CA
Jim and Debbie Struven, Arnold CA
Anna McCracken, Arnold CA
Clarice & Elijah Sanderson, Avery CA
Denise Ferrin, Arnold CA
Vincent and Mary Beth Lefebvre, Palo Alto CA
Dan Dickey & Jennifer McLaughlin, Corning NY
Donna Guadagni, Arnold CA
John Kuster, Camp Connell CA
Christina Shaw, Camp Connell CA
Patricia Cornelius, Philadelphia PA
Mike Flores, Colton CA
Jennifer and Michael Moran, San Leandro CA
David and Patty Morris, Emerald Hills CA
Jim and Shirley Wurtz, Angels Camp CA
Phil Swartzell, Murphys CA
Peter and Diane Schoendient, Sacramento CA
Meet Our New Board Members

Two new CBTA Board members were elected at the Annual Picnic on June 26. They bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and love of the Park to the Association. We’ve asked them introduce themselves to you.

Meet Sally Williams

By Sally Williams

As a new member of the CBTA Board, I have been asked to tell you a little about myself. First, my family: I am married and have two children, ages 45 and 40, and seven grandchildren, ages ranging from five to twenty six.

My varied work experiences have helped me prepare for being a Board member. I worked for Stanislaus County at Scenic General Hospital starting in 1980 where I worked in the x-ray department and was responsible for charts, in-patient procedures, assisting with x-rays and developing films. I also worked for the Mental Health Department of Stanislaus County as a secretary to three psychiatrists. I was responsible for maintaining patient files, scheduling appointments, Dictaphone typing and maintaining a high level of confidential information.

I went to work for Cardozo Middle School in the Riverbank School District in 1985. As the attendance secretary, I was responsible for bringing in funding from the State. I was also responsible for teacher scheduling, student scheduling, report cards, master scheduling and all other office procedures. I was also a member of the California School Employees Association where I held several state-level appointments. I represented classified employees in employer-employee hearings and grievances. I served as president and vice-president on the classified board for the Riverbank district for several years. I worked at Rio Alturas Elementary School in Riverbank, teaching reading and math to students who needed extra assistance.

I have been a docent at Calaveras Big Trees Park for five years. I work in the Visitor Center. I have done school tours and also work for Summer Sweetness. I have served on the events committee, helped with hospitality and am now on the sales committee, where I will serve as the committee chair, taking over from Bunny Firebaugh.

My spare time is spent with our children and grandchildren, as we play a very active part in their lives. My family is the most important part of my life. My husband and I have purchased a motor home, took our first trip in April, and we are planning another trip in either August or September to Utah, Iowa and Missouri. We would also love to continue to the East Coast, if time permits.

And Say Hello to Nancy Gardner

By Nancy Gardner

Let me introduce myself! I was born and raised in Campbell, California, and enjoyed many camping trips to the Sierras with my family. I attended U.C. Santa Barbara and graduated with a B.A. in combined social science. I moved to Santa Cruz in 1971 where I worked as a legal assistant, then I lived in San Diego from 1975 to 1980 and enjoyed the sailing life.

After settling back in Santa Cruz in 1981, I switched my career to accounting and worked for various non-profits in the area, including the Santa Cruz County and Santa Clara Valley chapters of the American Red Cross.

After a few canoe trips to Utica and Spicer Lakes, my husband Bill and I bought a cabin in Meadowmont in 1994. We retired full time in 2012, after which we took docent classes as soon as we could and began working primarily in the Visitor Center and Summer Sweetness, scooping ice cream. As a Board member, I will be joining the finance committee.

I also donate my time to the Calaveras County Animal Shelter and Humane Society adoption center in Arnold.

A pine rose blooms under the sequoias in the North Grove.

Photo by Claudia Beymer
Retiring Board Members—Thank You!

By Betty Watson

Bunny Firebaugh and Marcy Crawford were recently honored by the Board of Directors of the Calaveras Big Trees Association at a dinner held at the Snowflake Lodge in Blue Lake Springs. These two wonderful, dedicated ladies have given many years to the Board and the Park. They were presented with beautiful framed prints of special places in the Park, captured by photographer Alan Beymer. All of the Board members wish them well. They will be truly missed! A big thank you to Bunny and Marcy!

Reflections of a Retiring Board Member

By Marcy Crawford

The first time I ever visited Calaveras Big Trees State Park was in 1991. Like so many others before me, I fell in love with our big trees.

I was a city girl…real city…originally from Brooklyn and in ’91 from Los Angeles. Growing up in Brooklyn our family never went camping. We went to Coney Island! What did I know about tents, campfires and air mattresses? I was a career woman and never dreamed Joe and I would retire to a home in the woods! Life takes interesting twists and turns, delivering you to places you never dreamed possible. I love the way it does that!

In 1999 I became a docent working with school groups, doing some trail patrol and finally finding my niche as a stump docent in 2003. I discovered that the Big Trees docents are the best people in the world, and I’m proud to call so many of them my friends.

In 2008 I was elected to the Calaveras Big Trees Association Board of Directors. I wore many hats during my eight years on the Board, but the best role was as president and having the privilege of participating in the groundbreaking ceremony for the long-awaited new Visitor Center in June 2011. I have served with wonderful Board members under several presidents, and I am proud to have been part of the growth and expansion of our association.

Maybe I am retiring from the Board but not from the Park. I will continue to work with the CBTA events committee and wherever else I can help. This magnificent park and all its people have wiggled their way into my heart forever. This is a very good thing!

Thoughts on My Time on the CBTA Board

By Bunny Firebaugh

I may have retired from the board but I'm not finished with my volunteer work. I am still scheduling Summer Sweetness and will be working on Winter Wonderland. I have had wonderful time working on the Board for sixteen years and would not have missed any of it. I have seen many changes good and bad, and again would not have missed it. It has been great working all of you. Hope to see you around the Park!
Family Day Schedule
August 20, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Activities at the Campfire Center:
10:00 - 10:30 Meet the Ranger
10:30 – 11:00 Smokey Bear
11:00 – 11:30 Folksinger – Kids Sing-along
11:30 – 12:15 Storyteller
12:15 – 1:00 Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:00 UC Davis Raptors (Live Birds of Prey)
2:00 – 2:30 Sierra Miwok Material Culture Past and Present
2:30 – 2:35 Quilt Raffle Drawing
2:35 – 3:35 Wild Things (Live Rescue Animals)

Display tables and Activities:
Arnold Rim Trail
Ebbetts Pass Fire Department
Cocked Hat Bowling
Railtown 1897 State Historic Park
Face Painting – Jack Knight Hall porch
CBTA Information Table/Quilt Raffle Tickets
Fly Fishing Demonstration
Sierra Nevada Logging Museum Log Sawing
Kids Crafts – inside Jack Knight Hall
Sierra Miwok Material Culture Past and Present
Angels Camp Museum
150 Years of CA Ranger Badges and Patches
150 Years of Games - Columbia State Park and Indian Grinding Rock State Park
Vintage Fire Truck

Music:
11:00 – 12:30 Great Mother Lode Brass and Reed Band - Big Stump area

Food Sales:
A barbeque prepared by Arnold Lions Club will be available behind Jack Knight Hall from 11:00 to 2:30. Baked goods will be for sale behind Jack Knight Hall along with free lemonade and iced tea.
Picnic tables will be available behind Jack Knight Hall with seating also available inside.
Get coffee inside Jack Knight Hall.
Family Day water bottles may be purchased at the Information Center.
Summer Sweetness will offer ice cream and popcorn for sale at the Warming Hut

Carriage Rides:
Carriage ride tents will be across from old Visitor Center. Tickets are $5.00 per person. The rides sell out quickly, so get your tickets early!
As a contribution to the vision of Calaveras Big Trees State Park, the Arts of Bear Valley piloted a children's mural project, titled "Footprints in the Park" over the 4th of July week. It brought many families into the Park—with some even returning to the reception to see the finished product.

The design and most of the background painting was done our very talented artist member Elaine Cahill, and it was her husband Tom Cahill who came up with a sturdy way to hang and display the 5' x 10' canvas piece. Applying the finished canvas art pieces was a challenging and labor-intensive project. We have to thank Janet Alcalde and Elaine Cahill for crawling around on the floor with—yes—glue and brayers for many afternoons to accomplish the nice finished look of the mural.

When children approached the mural they were given a choice of coloring in a stenciled footprint of various wild animals of the Park, or they could choose to color on pre-drawn canvasses, depicting Park flora and fauna. There are even a couple Big Foots…if you look closely.

For education and reference, member Jan Alcalde made a nice display of photos which showed most of the animals that are commonly found in Calaveras Big Trees State Park. She also researched local wildflowers and made prints which children could sit and color while they waited for their turn to do the mural.

A few hundred happy children came and went over the ten-day period. Proud parents clicked away with their phones and cameras.

In their wake is a child's view of Big Trees State Park which we hope will provide smiles for years to come.

Footprints in the Park

by Deborah Marlene (Kearney) Chairman, Art in the Park
The Board meets monthly the last Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., and the meeting is open to the public. Please call the office at 795-1196 to confirm meeting date, time and place.

The CBTA dues year is the calendar year. You may renew your membership by mailing a check payable to CBTA or renew/donate through our website www.bigtrees.org. Your membership/donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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