





## BPWA Walks

Walks take place rain or shine and last 2-3 hours unless otherwise noted. They are free and open to all.. Walks are divided into four types:

-  Theme
-  Friendly
-  Power
-  Self Guided

### **January 8, Saturday - New Year's Waterfront Walk - 10 a.m.**

Susan Schwartz. Contact Susan Schwartz at [5fcreeks@aol.com](mailto:5fcreeks@aol.com) 510 848 9358

Meet: Jack London's Cabin, Jack London Square, Oakland. Transit: BART to 12th St. City Center and AC bus to Jack London Square

Wildlife, redevelopment, restoration, historic preservation, industrial relics, exciting new art, and more in a walk along Oakland's southern waterfront. Level terrain but brisk pace. Stop for lunch afterwards. **No dogs, please.**

### **January 18, Tuesday - Power Walk - 10:00 a.m. [FAST PACED]**

Colleen Neff. Contact Keith Skinner at [keithskinner.public@gmail.com](mailto:keithskinner.public@gmail.com) 510 520 3876. Meet: John Muir School (picnic tables), 2955 Claremont Ave. Transit: AC buses #49 and #51B

Make good on those New Year resolutions and join Colleen for a vigorous workout. Head into the hills behind the Claremont Hotel to Claremont Canyon and back down Eucalyptus Path. Optional coffee at Peets afterward. Well-behaved dogs on leashes permitted.

### **February 12, Saturday - Llamas on the Paths - 10 a.m.**

Colleen Neff. Contact Keith Skinner at [keithskinner.public@gmail.com](mailto:keithskinner.public@gmail.com) 510 520 3876. Meet: RSVP to Keith Skinner for details. We'll bring the llamas, and you bring a good sense of humor for a unique experience with this a furry menagerie. The llamas are well-behaved and love people. Please RSVP using the contact info above. Limited to 15 people. **No dogs, please.**

### **February 21, Monday - Coffee Constitutional - 10 a.m. [FRIENDLY]**

Jacque Ensign. Contact Keith Skinner at [keithskinner.public@gmail.com](mailto:keithskinner.public@gmail.com) 510 520 3876. Meet: Peet's Coffee, Walnut and Vine Transit: AC buses #18, #67, and #7

Join us for a low-impact, leisurely morning stroll. We'll start at Peet's with coffee and a snack and walk, talk and gawk. Well-behaved dogs on leashes permitted.

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## HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

*BPWA maps and notecards make great holiday gifts. They can be ordered through our web site:*

[www.berkeleypaths.org](http://www.berkeleypaths.org)

*Maps are also available in many local book (and other) stores. Mrs. Dalloway's in the Elmwood District sells the notecards.*

# Berkeley's PATHS

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## President's message

### *Volunteers help BPWA Make Great Strides*

— Colleen Neff

We dedicate this newsletter to all the volunteers who help Berkeley Path Wanderers Association fulfill its mission: the creation, preservation, and restoration of public paths. In 2010, the hard work of many folks who love the paths has yielded such satisfying results.



*BPWA president Colleen Neff (center) and fellow walkers*

**Pathbuilding:** Led by the expert team of Charlie Bowen and Steve Glaeser, path builders logged hundreds of hours on Northgate Path, installing 233 steps on its steep slope. Our most challenging path yet, Northgate required diplomacy, ingenuity, and determination. We found these qualities in our community members, Eagle Scouts, Cal students, and high school kids during the year-long effort to complete this path. Two other new paths now are under construction: Miller Path East off Creston Road and Path 80 in the Park Hills neighborhood. If you love this kind of challenge, lend us a hand!

**Path maintenance:** With 130 paths needing upkeep, we rely on energetic volunteers to clear and weed. UC Berkeley fraternity brothers, Cal honor

societies, Athenian High School students, the service organization buildOn, path neighbors, and other Berkeley residents pitched in this year to care for the paths. Recent work parties were on Shasta Path, Ann Brower Path and Bret Harte Lane. If you live near a path, consider “adopting” it and keeping it clear!

**Guided Walks:** In 2010, BPWA volunteers led 24 walks, all free and open to the public. From Aquatic Park to Kensington to San Francisco, hundreds of walkers explored the region we live in. We had pooches on the paths, llamas on the steps, stretching, psychogeography, and a day-long walk from Oakland to El Cerrito — to name a few. Our website lists upcoming walks and previous routes you can follow yourself. Come walk with us soon!

**Programs:** Google Earth's Karin Tuxen-Bettman and Mayor Tom Bates attracted a large crowd for our Annual Meeting in September. Our Winter Meeting last January featured the city's new Pedestrian Master Plan. Save April 20 to attend our next free public program.

**Social Media:** We've jumped in this year as I'm sure many of you have. Please “friend” us on Facebook to see what we are up to and to add your comments.

**BPWA's Future:** We need all of you to ensure that our momentum continues. The cost of path building is covered through your generous donations! However, each step now costs \$16, and we often need other materials and expensive surveys. Your donations are more vital than ever to our work. We thank you for past support and urge you to make a year-end gift to BPWA.

As you look at the faces of some of the many BPWA volunteers in this issue, please consider joining in. We would love to work with you, walk beside you and get to know you!

## Walks Continued

### March 5, Saturday - Pedestrian Safety Month Walk - 10 a.m.

Keith Skinner. Contact Keith Skinner at [keithskinner.public@gmail.com](mailto:keithskinner.public@gmail.com) 510 520 3876  
Meet: Southwest corner of Ashby and Piedmont. Transit: AC bus #51B

Visit some of the city's most dangerous intersections, remember pedestrians killed while crossing streets and raise awareness about avoiding pedestrian/auto accidents both as a motorist and as a pedestrian. **No dogs, please.**

### March 22, Tuesday - Albany Bulb Photo Walk - 4:30 p.m.

Keith Skinner. Contact Keith Skinner at [keithskinner.public@gmail.com](mailto:keithskinner.public@gmail.com) 510 520 3876  
Meet: Bay Trail sign, parking area at the very west end of Buchanan St., Albany. Transit: AC #52 and #25

Explore the art, ecology and vistas of The Bulb with camera in hand. We'll arrive in time for good bird photo opportunities and we'll end close to sunset and the golden hour for those who wish to extend their stay. Bring good shoes, warm clothes, and photography gear. Rain cancels. **No dogs, please.**

### FEATURED SELF-GUIDED WALK 2009 Path-a-Thon Easy Walk

Starting Point: John Muir School  
Transit: AC #49 and #51B

We feature one self-guided walk in each newsletter but no longer schedule a specific time for that walk. This month, relive Colleen's moderate walk through Elmwood, perfect for a winter day. Remember to bring your map and print these directions: [http://www.berkeleypaths.org/walkhandout/s/walk\\_TrailsTramp.htm](http://www.berkeleypaths.org/walkhandout/s/walk_TrailsTramp.htm)

### The Walk Committee Needs You!

Special meeting, Tuesday, Jan 11, 7:30 PM

**Do you enjoy BPWA's walks? Have you considered leading one but aren't sure what's involved? Do you have a great idea for a walk but don't want to lead it? Do you know someone who might lead a walk or contribute expertise? Could you help us rewrite the online descriptions of walk routes so they are more uniform?**

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please come to a meeting of our new BPWA Walk Committee, on **Tuesday, January 11, at 7:30, in the back room of Au Coquelet at Milvia and University.** You will meet our walk program chair Keith Skinner and veteran walk leaders who will explain how they formulate a theme, map a route, provide points of interest, and pace a group. We will brainstorm walk ideas and possible leaders and discuss how best to publicize our walks. We would love to have you contribute to our walk program!

If you wish to attend or have questions, please e-mail Keith ([keithskinner.public@gmail.com](mailto:keithskinner.public@gmail.com))

## You Can Be a BPWA Volunteer — Emma Morris

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association is entirely volunteer run, and we are always looking for new volunteers. We have many ways that you can help:

**Only have an hour? Help staff our booth!**

BPWA has a booth at the Solano Stroll, the Spice of Life Festival, and the annual BAHA House Tour. Working in the booth is a great way to call attention to BPWA and meet our neighbors and fellow walkers. You can help sell maps, recruit new members, set up or break down the booth, create a display, or just talk to the public about BPWA. Contact: Emma Morris, [emmamorris@gmail.com](mailto:emmamorris@gmail.com)  
**Two hours to spare? Help build and restore paths! Come to a work party!**

Feel the rewards of what a group can accomplish; the before and after are incredible! We always have refreshments, we finish on time and it feels wonderful to use your muscles for community service. Contact Charlie Bowen to participate or get more information - 510-540-7223, or send an e-mail to [charlie\\_paths@comcast.net](mailto:charlie_paths@comcast.net).  
**Have graphics or editorial expertise? Help create the newsletter and website!**

BPWA publishes a quarterly print newsletter and a monthly e-newsletter. Our website is ongoing. We could use help with design and editing and we are always interested in articles and ideas.  
**Have an idea for a walk? You too can lead or help organize our monthly walks!**

Come share your own favorite routes, come up with a theme walk or share an expertise in architecture, botany, local history--you name it. Contact our walk coordinator, Keith Skinner, and we will help you put it together.  
**Love the Path Map? Help sell it! Help improve it!** Our Berkeley Pathways maps are sold all over town. Help us find new accounts, track inventory, or fill orders. You could also help improve our next edition. To join our map committee, contact Sandy Friedland at [ssf@comcast.net](mailto:ssf@comcast.net).

**Help lead BPWA!** Email BPWA president Colleen Neff ([colleenneff@earthlink.net](mailto:colleenneff@earthlink.net)) if you are interested in joining our board.

### BPWA Board Meetings

The BPWA Board meets on the third Thursday of each month (except April, Oct, and Dec) at Music Sources, 1000 The Alameda (at Marin). Board meetings are open to all. Please enter via the side door at 1842 Marin Ave.



Paul Grunlund, BPWA founding member and frequent walk leader

"In the field of volunteer public service, no other group of which I know has a record of such important achievements. It has been a privilege to have been a part of this outstanding program."



Dave Weinstein, walk leader.

"It's not so much the act of volunteering I like as the satisfaction of getting something done. Rather than complaining about something, or worrying what will happen if no one steps up to do it, it's better just to get involved.

"When I heard the building that used to be the Cerrito Theater was threatened, I knew I'd kick myself forever if it disappeared. So I helped start Friends of the Cerrito Theater.

"I also enjoy leading an occasional walk for Berkeley Path Wanderers because the Berkeley paths are endlessly entertaining and the folks are fun."

TKE fraternity brothers Jeremy Centeno and Kevin Zhu level a new wood-tie step on Miller Path East. Earlier this year, volunteers from TKE cleared a bamboo thicket from the upper part of this path, an incredibly difficult job.



Noah Stern, the Berkeley Student Union President, worked on clearing Shasta Path as part of The Berkeley Project in November, a yearly volunteer day organized by Cal students.



Never without a flower in her hair, Teri Gerritz frequently volunteers in the BPWA booth at events, like the Solano Stroll and the Spice of Life. She loves to stand out in front of the booth, touting our maps and engaging passersby in conversation. Her enthusiasm for the paths is infectious. She also wields a mean broom at path cleanups.



Ted Roberts is a veteran path builder who has helped to construct nearly all of the new paths. He brings valued expertise and continuity to our weekend work parties. He can often be spotted working alone on an unfinished path during the week.



Kevin Yeh, Lina Zhu and Geoffrey Poon of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering student honor society, do weeding and trimming on Bret Harte Lane. They enjoyed the outdoor work as a break from studying in the library.

*Tax-deductible household memberships in the BPWA are \$5.00 and cover one calendar year. Benefits include a newsletter and other BPWA mailings and emails. If you can give more, please consider a donation. You can join or donate online at [www.berkeleypaths.org](http://www.berkeleypaths.org) or by sending this form and a check, payable to our fiscal parent BPPF (Berkeley Partners for Parks) to:*

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## BPWA Membership/Donation Form

Please print clearly

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

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Address

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E-mail

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Telephone Number (optional)

I am enclosing \$5 for membership  new  renewal

I am also enclosing a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks to our fiscal parent, Berkeley Partners for Parks (BPPF)

# Berkeley Path Wanderers Association    *Winter 2010/11*

Dedicated to the creation, preservation, and restoration of public paths, steps, and walkways in Berkeley for the use and enjoyment of all.

*The Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, an affiliate of Berkeley Partners for Parks, is a volunteer group of community members who have come together to increase public awareness of the city of Berkeley's pathways. Our activities include guided path walks, the mapping of Berkeley's path network, the building of paths that are proposed, and the restoration of those that need maintenance.*

*About 70 people participated in some part of The Long Walk on Oct. 10, our first all-day ramble. It began at Rockridge BART and ended at El Cerrito BART. More than 20 people walked the entire distance.*



*Above are three of the leaders, Paul Rosenbloom of Oakland Urban Paths, Lorraine Osmundson from the Kensington Improvement Club and Jen English from BPWA. The group in the center photo are the intrepid walkers who continued all the way to El Cerrito BART. The left photo captures the group on Terrace Walk, Berkeley, about halfway through the day.*

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## Board Members

- COLLEEN NEFF, president
- LINDA BRADFORD, external events coordinator
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- KEITH SKINNER, walk coordinator
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Elsa Tranter, Jane Levy and Lori Kohlstaedt will join the board in January

**Membership expires on December 31. Please renew for 2011 if you don't see "Mem 11" with your address. You can renew on-line or return the slip inside this edition in the enclosed envelope.**