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MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



BPWA welcomes Madeleine Kahn, our Fund Development Advisor

We asked Madeleine three questions to get to know her better and learn more about what she hopes to contribute on the BPWA board.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I'm a San Francisco native (a rare species). After a long career as a college professor, I developed a consulting business. I work with nonprofits in the fields of health care and education.

How did you become interested in Berkeley's paths?

I've been walking the Berkeley Paths for over 25 years. I started out pushing my son in his stroller (and bouncing him down the paths with steps). Now I can't keep up with him, but I'm still finding new pockets of Berkeley to explore. I particularly love being away from traffic, and getting inspiration from all the amazing Berkeley gardens.

What do you hope to achieve/contribute as a BPWA board member?

I am hoping that my experience creating grant proposals for my clients will be useful to BPWA. I'm also a champion weeder.

Read this feature in our [People and Paths Blog](#)

SUMMER 2022 PATH-A-THON

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When: July 17

Three walks, start times: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or 12 p.m. (more info. soon)

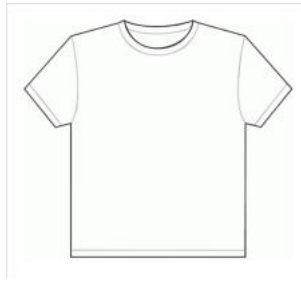
Reception: 1 p.m.

Leaders: Alina Constantinescu and others

Start and finish: Willard Park

The Path-a-thon is back! Mark your calendars for our 15th Path-a-thon on Sunday, July 17. We will be hosting three guided events that vary in distance and difficulty, each with its own start time. All walks will begin at Willard Park (pictured above) and will return there at 1 p.m. for a reception with cake and refreshments for all.

We're still working out the details, so stay tuned. Walk descriptions and more details will be on our [website](#) once they are finalized. And all will be revealed in the July newsletter.



T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST FOR BPWA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

In 2023, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association will celebrate 25 years of building, walking, advocating, and enjoying Berkeley's paths. And we've decided to produce a commemorative T-shirt design to mark the occasion.

Artists of all ages are invited to enter our T-shirt design contest. Download [a blank T-shirt page here](#) to start. To submit, scan your drawing and email it to info@berkeleypaths.org with the subject line *T-shirt Contest*. **Our submission deadline has been extended. Submit your entries by July 10.**

Contestants with the top three designs will receive one of the new T-shirts*. And the winning designer will receive 3 T-shirts and \$50 in swag on the BPWA online store.

*A professional graphic artist will use the winning design to develop the graphics for our new T-shirt.

OAK STREET PATH UPDATED



Left to right, Bob Gomez, Nick Jones, Annie Hill, David Kittams, and Steve Glaeser take a break from their hard work.

Path builders smooth the way on Oak Street Path

By Janet Byron

Our crack team of path builders has replaced old wooden steps on lower Oak Street Path with new steps that will smooth the way for walkers on the busy path north of the Rose Garden and Codornices Park.

“We follow standards to make the spacing more predictable and comfortable for walkers,” says Bob Gomez, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association board member and path-building liaison. He reports that the path builders installed 14 steps, most of them replacing existing steps.

Oak Street Path begins at the east end of Oak Street, crosses over High Court and Laurel Street, then continues on to Euclid Avenue a block north of Eunice Street. [Read more](#)

COMING SOON: BPWA BUCKET HAT!

BPWA will have our new bucket hats for sale starting mid-June

Combine comfortable sun protection with a smart fashion statement—all while supporting BPWA's valuable work on our paths. Our hats are 100% garment-washed cotton twill in a goes-with-everything beige, and they feature BPWA embroidered in evergreen. The hats will cost \$33, shipping included.

[Contact us](#) today if you'd like to receive a notice when the hats are available. Or bookmark [our store](#) and check back often.



UPCOMING WALKS

NOTE: Walk leaders request that all participants be vaccinated and boosted, or masked. Heavy rain cancels.

San Francisco's 16th Avenue Tiled Steps

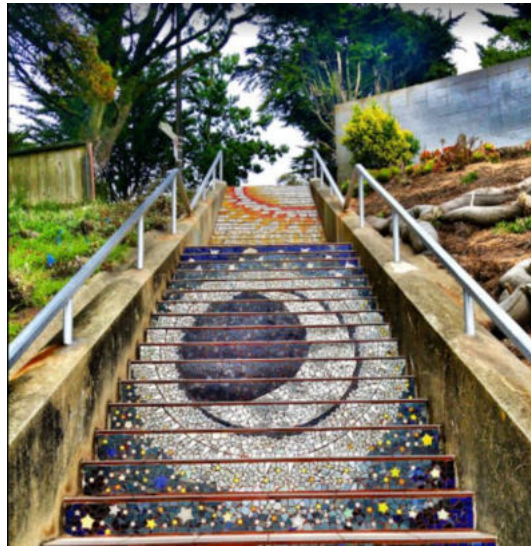
When: June 5, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., **RAIN OR SHINE!**

Leaders: Tamara Gurin and Janet Byron
Meeting place: Downtown Berkeley BART, main entrance

Distance and duration: 8 miles

Accessibility: 163 stairs; kids and dogs that can keep up are welcome

The 16th Avenue Tiled Steps are a little-known gem in San Francisco's Golden Gate Heights neighborhood. Joining us will be one of the lead artists, Aileen Barr, who will inspire us to make stairway art a reality on the Berkeley paths. [Read more](#)



2/3 of the San Francisco Crosstown Trail

When: June 19, 9 am

Leader: John Ford

Starting location: Glen Park BART Station, San Francisco (If traveling by BART, catch the 8:17 a.m. Richmond-SF train at North Berkeley. It is expected to arrive at Glen Park at 8:54 a.m.)

Ending location: Lands End, San Francisco

Accessibility: Many stairs and some narrow trails. Very well-behaved dogs on leash are permitted.

The Crosstown Trail was inaugurated in 2019. The entire trail is 17 miles long, but we will tackle the northwestern two-thirds of it. We'll walk through parks and neighborhoods and see parts of San Francisco that are only known to locals. There are a number of hills—it's San Francisco, after all. Dress in layers, and bring water and a lunch. [Read more](#)

PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES



Join a path maintenance work party!

Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Help us keep our paths clear for all to enjoy by joining us at a path maintenance work party! The work is mostly weeding, sweeping, raking, and clipping. We will have gloves and tools available, but feel free to bring your own. Please bring your own water; we won't be offering water or refreshments.

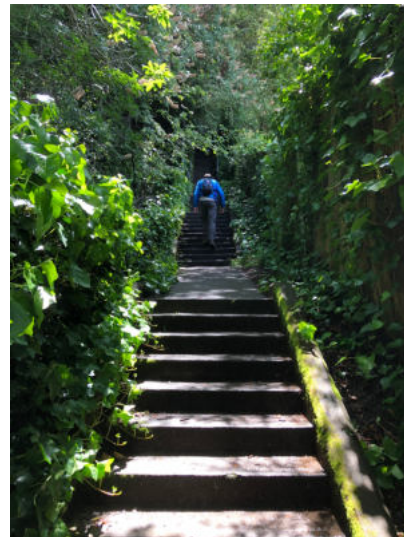
Please RSVP to receive an email with the locations for this month's work parties:
path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org.

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a community organization of people who treasure the public pathways that crisscross our city. [Learn more](#)

The BPWA board generally meets monthly. Our next meeting is May 22 at 12:30 p.m. in Cragmont Park. Guests are welcome! Please contact info@berkeleypaths.com for more information.

To support our path-building efforts, you can [donate online](#). All donations go toward building new paths, repairing and clearing paths, purchasing handrails, and advocating for paths.



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