



Region 9 of the National Association for Interpretation
Northern Nevada, Northern California, Hawaii and Guam

Summer 2008

2009 Spring Workshop—Save the Date!

And the winner is...okay we are all winners when it comes to planning and attending the Region 9 Spring Workshop. Many of our Region's members were able to enjoy the 2008 Spring Workshop on the beautiful northern coast of California—another “Big Thanks!!” needs to go to the Spring Workshop Chair, Carolyn Widner Ward and her committee for putting on such a fabulous workshop.

It's been a few months now...are you going through withdrawals? Fear not! The date and location for the 2009 Region 9 Spring Workshop has been decided—mark your calendars now.

The 2009 Spring Workshop will be held the weekend of April 17-19 at Walker Creek Ranch Conference Center.

Walker Creek Ranch is located on over 1700 acres of rolling hills in West Marin County, only about one hour north of the Golden Gate Bridge. It has diverse habitat and an abundance of wildlife, miles of hiking trails, a four-acre lake and year-round flowing Walker Creek.

The site should be a fantastic place to hold our next Spring Workshop—there are many activities in addition to the fun NAI Region 9 events in which everyone can participate.

Our Deputy Director, Frank Binney, is currently heading up the Planning Committee for the Spring Workshop, and the Committee is still looking for members. If you would like to help with the planning of the Workshop, please contact Frank at 415-488-1200 or frank@frankbinney.com. There are a variety of duties that need to be filled, so if you think you can help (and you can...trust me!), please let Frank know.

More details will be available in future issues of *Westwinds*.

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Director's Report

(Editor's note: This issue has been a bit delayed due to some work-related assignments with which I have been involved—sorry for the delay and I apologize for any confusion if some dates are not correct. This article was originally received in June, but I feel the information is still pertinent.)

Hello, NAI Region 9 Friends!

I hope you are enjoying spring- and summer-like weather, the first mountain wildflowers and the last of the Spring migrants. And those of you on the Pacific Islands—is it any different, in Paradise?

Let me remind Region 9 members that “NAI Now” is a monthly e-mail newsletter that replaces the hard-copy “InterpNews” you used to receive. If you have an e-mail address, be sure that the National Office has it so you can get this, and the election ballots for both Regional and National elections. (If you need to sign up for email delivery of news and ballots, contact Jamie King at membership@interpnet.com.) Registration for the 2008 National Workshop in Portland, OR, is by web-registration only, and you should have received a postcard reminder promoting this. Go to www.interpnet.com and click on the beautiful National Workshop icon (a black and red salmon in the Northwest style) to get into the registration pages. Hotel accommodations are made separately and you should do this soon as well.

May/June issues of *The Interpreter* and *Legacy* should have arrived in your postal mailbox by now. *The Interpreter* has the 2008-2009 Green Pages as an insert, highlighting the services of our commercial members. *Legacy's* theme of “Great Oratory Moments” has a very timely article on the Lincoln-Douglas debates. A similar format has been proposed for our current national election cycle (the 1858 debates were during a Senatorial election in Illinois).

Other Regions and Sections send Region 9 officers their newsletters. Here are some highlights from Spring 2008 issues:

- *Connections* (from the Environmental Education section) featured conservation of rare livestock breeds, and notes that San Jose's Happy Hollow Park and Zoo has recently received 4 Navajo Churro sheep. These were once reduced to just 500 in number, but there are now 5000 registered.
- *The Naturalist* is from NAI's largest section (over 800 members, I think), Interpretive Naturalists, and featured an article on the endangered Tecate Cypress of southern California, urging members to feature their local endangered species in programs, to build community support for efforts to protect them.
- Region 7's *Mooselips* had an article on the Dinosaur National Monument's Quarry Visitor Center, which has been closed because it is “almost literally [erected] upon a foundation of sand.” It has been shaking itself apart almost from the beginning. This is the building inside which many of us have watched paleontologists work on the more than 1500 dinosaur fossils right before our eyes.
- *Town and Country* is the newsletter of Region 1, which will host the 2009 National Workshop in Hartford, CT. Their recent issue reprinted an article from an environmental education journal on “Widening the Circle: integrating people with disabilities into nature programs” with suggestions for accessibility and inclusiveness.

Let me know if you would like to have a copy of any of these articles.

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Director's Letter

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Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a copy of the NAI Membership Brochure (it is also on page 39 of the recent *Legacy* and page 25 of the recent *The Interpreter*.) Please use these to offer membership in NAI (and Region 9!) to a colleague or friend who is not currently a member. Our Region has the potential for many more members and you are the best recruiters of new members—plus, you get a credit towards your own membership for each referral (be sure to note that on the proper line). Starting this year, all members, from Basic level on up, will receive *The Interpreter*.

As always, let me know if you have questions, comments or suggestions or just to say Hi!, at lnkpln@earthlink.net, or 308 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or 510-526-7609.

Have a safe summer!

Alan Kaplan, Director
Region 9, NAI

REGION 9 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL WORKSHOP!!

**November 11—15, 2008
In Portland, OR**

WHO? Students, New Interpreters (<5 years) & Part-time or Seasonal Interpreters (<5 years).

HOW? Request an application form from Cam Wolff, 9880 Brunswick Way, San Ramon, CA 94583-2906

or

email to ednaturally@comcast.net

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phone 925-828-6084.

Application **WILL BE DUE** to committee no later than

September 20, 2008



NAI National Workshop Portland, OR November 11-15, 2008

Join your NAI friends at the National Workshop in Portland, OR in November!

The NAI 2008 National Workshop will reveal a bounty of natural and cultural riches. NAI 2008 will offer the chance to explore the Oregon Cascade Mountains, Willamette Valley, Columbia River Gorge, and Pacific Coast, as well as all the professional development and networking opportunities you find at every NAI Workshop.

The workshop slogan, "Sustaining the Circle," refers not only to the role of interpretation in promoting a positive conservation ethic, but alludes to Enos Mills' charge to "increase the tribe" by widening the circle of interpreters.

Schedule at a Glance

The workshop officially opens with an **opening reception** in the exhibit hall the evening of Tuesday, November 11.

Participants may want to come early to take advantage of a **preworkshop session** or the **Interpretive Management Institute** Monday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 11.

Keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, and other meetings occur Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday (November 12, 13, and 15).

The **Interpretive Media Awards ceremony** occurs the evening of Thursday, November 13.

Off-site sessions occur Friday, November 14 during the day, followed by the scholarship auction in the evening.

The workshop officially ends with the **awards banquet and dance** on Saturday, November 15.

For more information about the 2008 National Workshop, check out www.interpnet.com.

E-newsletters are here! (well, soon...)

Would you like to save a tree and receive your issues of *Westwinds* online? We will soon be offering that option to all of our members, so if you would like to stop receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and switch to an electronic version, please let our editor, Mary Loan, know. She will add you to the list and let the National Office know also. And thanks for being environmentally conscious!



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