



# Protectors of Tule Springs

SUMMER 2016

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been a great 2016 so far for POTS!!

This spring we partnered with the Clark County School District, NPS, and many other supporting groups to put on the Mammoth Penny Push. This effort resulted in 331,000 students learning about Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument (TUSK) thru a PBS produced video and teacher resources available for lessons. I am pleased to announce that 1/3 of the schools participated in the penny drive. Sherri Grotheer recently met with CCSD Superintendent Skorkowsky. He has signed off to repeat this campaign in 2017! See pages on page 3.

I also am excited to unveil the new POTS logo. Earlier this year, the board partnered with artist Sharon Schafer to create a colorful new logo to enhance the POTS branding efforts. It is beautiful! Soon, you will see a redesigned webpage, newsletter, and other logo items for sale.



## BOARD REPORT

We are pleased to announce the addition of 3 new POTS board members. We are looking forward to their talents and new perspectives as POTS moves forward to greater support of TUSK.

New members include:

\*Dawn Reynoso-Dawn got her Master's degree in paleontology and geology from UNLV. She did extensive work volunteering on the Tule Springs State Lands.

\*Kori Kloberdanz-Kori works for CCSD in strategic planning. She formerly worked in advertising with R&R Partners. Branding and messaging are her passions.

\*Joel Casar-Joel and his wife Bethann have been members of POTS since the early days. He recently retired from his Dental practice and is anxious to spend more time working for Tule Springs.

***The Mission of the Protectors of Tule Springs is to increase public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, through aid to the National Park Service and support of programs for the interpretation and protection of Monument resources.***

## PROTECTORS OF TULE SPRINGS

# MAMMOTH ACTIVITIES



### CLEANUP AT END OF JONES- APRIL 16TH

100 volunteers braved 30-40 mile an hour winds to remove 20 tons of trash from this heavily abused area. POTS, Sierra Club, LV Metro and other community members made a dent in the debris.

Immense help was given by the City of Las Vegas who brought in dump trucks, bulldozers and other heavy equipment to remove tons of construction debris dumped into the canyons during the past 10-20 years. Thanks to Councilman Steve Ross, Sandy Croteau and LV City Manager Jerry Walker for organizing this effort and to Republic Services for the donation of their dumpsters!

But, that is only 1/2 the story. Las Vegas crews (20 people) came back out for 3 days in June and removed 330 TONS of construction debris, some of which contained asbestos. As you can see in the before and after pictures below, the change is amazing. It is now safe to hike on TUSK at the end of Jones. We thank everyone involved. This is what a community effort is all about.

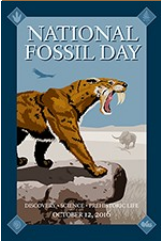


## 2016 SCIENCE FESTIVAL



NPS and 30 POTS volunteers made for a very successful day! 8,000 visitors explored dozens of booths, but the POTS display was always packed with kids and people lined up to here about Tule Springs Fossil Beds. The new clay fossil imprint activity was a hit; messy, but the students loved it. Join us in 2017.

## NATIONAL FOSSIL WEEK OCTOBER 2016



A WEEK OF ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE NPS 100TH YEAR!

Beginning October 8th, POTS will partner with a variety of organizations to expand public awareness of National Fossil Week and the NPS Centennial. We begin on October 8th at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum with our 2nd annual Pleistocene art contest winners and end on October 15th with Get Outdoors Nevada Day at Lorenzi Park where our main activity will be helping kids make birthday cards for NPS! That should be a fun day. Email Jill at [jkdestefano@gmail.com](mailto:jkdestefano@gmail.com) if you can volunteer either day! We are also hopeful that the first kiosk that POTS funded for NPS will be unveiled that week. Keep your fingers crossed.

## MAMMOTH PENNY PUSH RESULTS



\$36,549.45



Total raised by CCSD students during the month of April for TUSK. Winning schools were Foothill High, Cadwallader Middle, and Eva Wolff Elementary. During the month of May we recognized 9 classes (3 from each level) for outstanding efforts. Winning classes received pizza parties, & TUSK logo bags. The top school at each level won a school wide ice cream party provided by Meadowgold Dairy.

The money will be used by NPS to fund cleanup and educational outreach efforts. The first purchase was an 8' x 20' trailer that will have a Tusk inspired "wrap" on it and an awning. This trailer can then be towed to any location on the Monument where cleanup efforts are needed. Supplies have been purchased thru a grant that NPS received.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 1: ALIANTE PARK VENDOR EXPO BOOTH 11-3PM**

Come by and say hi. Volunteer contact stanude@gmail.com

**OCTOBER 8: FOSSIL WEEK ART CONTEST AT THE LAS VEGAS NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.**

9-2 pm Volunteers needed. Email jkdestefano@gmail.com

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 8: POSSIBLE KIOSK UNVEILING**

Check you email or Facebook for date and times.

**OCTOBER 15: GET OUTDOORS NEVADA DAY**

Come celebrate the National Park Service's 100th birthday at Lorenzi Park from 9-2pm  
Kids will be making birthday cards for NPS

In our booth that day! Volunteers needed at jkdestefano@gmail.com

**OCTOBER 25: POTS MEETING-SUN CITY ALIANTE CLUBHOUSE 6-7:30PM**

Speakers include Alan O'Neill discussing Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area which now has a visitor station in the southern end of the valley.

**OCTOBER 1 & NOVEMBER 12 MONUMENT HIKES**

Times and details to follow. We are planning on two hikes each day. POTS volunteers on Sandy Croteau's team will be leading the hikes to show our new rangers Curt & James our path.

## THANK YOU!!!!

It is with a sad heart that I announce that POTS founding board member Lilly Ann Rothstein lost her battle with brain cancer this summer. She was an inspiration to us all and fought for the creation of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. We are happy she saw it come to fruition and will continue her dream of making it an outstanding National Park for all to enjoy.



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