

TUSK Talk

March 2018



President's Corner

HAPPY SPRING

It has been a busy winter and I have been remiss getting out a newsletter. If anyone is interested in taking on this task, I would love to talk with you .

Have you checked out the new website??

<http://protectorsoftulesprings.org>

Thank you to board member Kori Klobdanz for working with Dempsey Graphics to put together an interactive fun site. You can actually keep up with Protectors by reading the blog on the home page weekly. It is like having a newsletter delivered every week! Look for your next newsletter to come electronically with links to the stories you want more info on.

Welcome to our newest Board member Brenda Bowman. Brenda is a lifetime member who has been doing the bookkeeping for us for several years. Thank you for taking over as our treasurer

TUFA TRAIL HIKES A ROARING SUCCESS!!

As I write this we are finishing up the spring hikes out to the new trail area, The Tufa Trail. Sandy Croteau and Dev Basudev have spent countless hours mapping out a new area to explore.

Public hikes were conducted on March 17th and March 28th out to the 11,000 year old fossilized stream beds, the only ones still visible in North America. Additionally, Sandy has done extensive research on the endangered plants in this area which was originally set aside by the BLM as the Eglington Preserve. This area of the Monument will soon be surrounded by the Villages of Tule Springs home development. An important part of our public outreach is to educate those new residents to the wonders of TUSK so that they will take care of it.



KATHLEEN SPRINGER & JEFF PIGATI FIELD TRIP FOR MEMBERS

On a cold windy day in February, 25 hardy souls traveled by vehicles out to an area of TUSK that few people have visited. Kathleen and Jeff taught us the geology of Tule Springs, what makes it so special, and gave us a taste of their years of research into this fossil rich area. Amazing as it is, the research on TUSK is only beginning and many scientists will study the geology, paleontology, botany, archeology, and climatology in the future. Two ice ages are already documented in these fine sediments and thousands of bones tell the stories of the animals that lived here. What will the future hold?



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.

Upcoming Events

****April 28th**

Boy Scout Jamboree table
Craig Ranch Park
Email

sandyc@protectorsoftulesprings.org
if you can help

****May 5 10-5**

Las Vegas Science Festival
Market Center white tents
Email

stann@protectorsoftulesprings.org
if you can help

****May 22 6-7:30pm**

Meeting Sun City Clubhouse
7390 Aliante Pkwy.

Diane Keith NPS Superintendent
& Eric Scott
Paleontologist and
Ice age horse expert

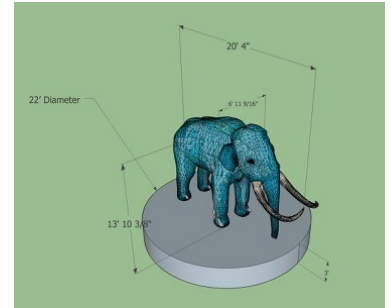
A Mammoth of an undertaking

It takes a dream, partners, organization, and tenacity to take on a project for TUSK that will be the centerpiece of a new trail head for the Monument. But, that is the dream of Senior Girl Scout Tahoe Mack who is creating a life size Columbian mammoth to be put on North Las Vegas park land at the beginning of what will be the first trail in TUSK, the Tufa trail off of North 5th Street.

In order to accomplish this for her Girl Scout Gold Award, (akin to the Eagle Scout award), Tahoe has partnered with renown sculptors, artists, engineers, KBS home builder, the City of North Las Vegas, and Protectors. To kick off the \$100,000 fundraising campaign to fund this project, NV Energy presented Tahoe with \$10,000 at our January meeting. A great start!!! Donations slated for this project will be taken on our website Protectorsoftulesprings.org Just click on "donate" and tell us this is for the Mammoth project.

Thank you Tahoe for your dream. We are here to help you in any way we can. Thanks to Board member Sherri Grotheer for being such a positive role model for these future leaders of Protectors of Tule Springs.

Pictured are Sherri, Tahoe, Judy Stokey of NV Energy and NLV City Councilman Richard Cherchio.



MEMBERS ONLY TOUR OF LAS VEGAS NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM FOSSIL REPOSITORY



On March 26th, 20 members of Protectors toured the fossil repository at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. These 20,000 bones are the remainder of the collection previously housed at the San Bernardino County Musuem. Now, all but the "Big Dig" fossils from Tule Springs are home in Nevada. Thanks to Marilyn Gillespie and her staff for giving us this sneak peek. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule another tour on a weekend this summer. The last picture is a huge tusk still in it's jacket. The tally marks are the number of hours that have already been spent in prepping this amazing specimen.

Look what we have.....our very own online shop full of POTS logo merchandise. Thanks to board member Kori for getting this up and running for us.

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Vegas, NV. 89084

JUST SOME FUN PICTURES



The bearpoppies are making a comeback! Baby ones all over the place (pic on left) will grow up to be gorgeous.



Sabertooth cat on new overpass
On 215 beltway traveling west.



Large mammoth tooth
at the repository