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## CELEBRATING **Steven P. Medley**



## A Message from the Chairwoman

Everywhere we look at YA we find Steve's mark on our long term contributions to Yosemite National Park, his deep connections to so many of us, and his light approach to life and work. These are big shoes to fill and this is a big space to fill too.

The memorial service for Steve, at Wawona on November 4, had us laughing and crying and so beautifully captured in story after story our wonderful friend and companion and his impact on so many people. The crowd that gathered (and many of you were there I know) was proof positive of one of Steve's greatest accomplishments—he made YA into a family. That extended family came together and celebrated being part of a community that Steve had touched and nurtured in a special, very personal way. Is there a greater tribute or legacy? I think it would be hard to find.

One of Steve's many publishing accomplishments was *The Complete Guidebook to Yosemite* which he authored and revised five times; it has sold over 100,000 copies and brought \$500,000 to the bottom line for YA that helped us serve the park. The insert in this journal, "The Complete Guidebook to Steven P. Medley," was put together with love and care by Beth Pratt, our Vice President/CFO and Interim President, and others. It was designed by Dan DiVittorio, who had recently finished the Yosemite Falls book with Steve, which was a collaborative project with the Yosemite Fund. This "guidebook" is a lovely tribute from Smedley fans far and wide that we wanted to share with you.

In Steve's honor the Board of Trustees of YA has established a Steve Medley Memorial Fund to support exceptional publishing projects and educational outreach. Both became a strong identity and long lasting contribution of YA to the park during Steve's tenure. We hope you will consider making a special gift to this fund in his memory as well as continuing your annual support, which is vital to our ongoing mission of education delivered every day to park visitors. YA makes a difference because of your support as volunteers and members. We can't do it without you!

I encourage you to take advantage of your membership and all it has to offer. Here are a few suggestions for a New Year's resolution: In 2007, deepen the connection to Yosemite for yourself and your family by taking an Outdoor Adventure or a free art class at the newly revitalized Yosemite Art & Education Center, attending the March 31st Spring Forum, volunteering for YA, or purchasing our publications for yourself and others. There is so much to choose from—come and enjoy the benefits of your membership, and help us help Yosemite at the same time.

We at YA are gathering ourselves and preparing to find new leadership for our organization while keeping our operations vital and focused on fulfilling our mission. We are so fortunate to have Beth Pratt's talent and knowledge of the organization and its many partnerships to step in and keep our ship steady as we move through these unexpected and uncharted waters. YA is in good hands and our staff, trustees, and all our friends and partners have acted like a family, offering support at every turn. This is one of those times when you are really grateful to have a big caring family. Thanks, Steve, for the comfort of a family.



Christy Holloway  
Chair, Yosemite Association Board of Trustees

*Cover: Steve Medley's friends and family filled the area in front of Wawona's Grey Barn on November 4.*

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CHRISTER NORDEN

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**THOUGH WINTRY WEATHER THREATENED** in the days leading up to November 4, Saturday morning the clouds blew away to reveal a clear, crisp, textbook-perfect fall day. Outside the Grey Barn in Wawona, more than 500 family and friends gathered amidst the falling leaves to pay tribute to Steve Medley. At the site of so many members' meeting auctions and raffles emceed by Steve in his inimitable playful style, and the gateway to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, where one of Steve's early seasonal park service jobs was as a living history demonstrator, we were outside, in the elements, connecting with and seeking solace in the natural world Steve treasured.

*Steve's close friend Paul Gallez addressed the assemblage.*

*Jan van Wagendonk couldn't help but laugh as nine-year-old Tara Neill told a delightful yet touching story about Steve; Tara's mother Sadhna looked on.*



Jan van Wagendonk, Steve's friend, hiking companion, and beer-drinking buddy of thirty years, led a two-hour gathering during which twenty-three people spoke. There were representatives from all of Steve's 57 years of life: family, childhood friends from Gilroy, law school chums, best friends (there were many!), former supervisors, Park Service and other professional colleagues, and neighbors. Each person shared a new story or a favorite memory, often bringing raucous laughter to balance the assemblage's frequent tears. A portrait emerged of a brilliant, irreverent man who loved his family, Yosemite, and a good cold beer.

After the memorial, most attendees moved to the front lawn of the Wawona Hotel for a recep-

tion graciously hosted by DNC. The hugs and story-telling continued as the far-reaching circle of friends celebrated the life of the man who brought us together. Even as darkness enveloped the grounds, several clusters of people remained, enjoying each other's comfort for a few minutes more.

Remembrances and the text of several memorial talks are posted on the "Remembering Steve Medley" message board; you can access them via the YA website ([yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)) or at <http://www.quicktopic.com/38/H/yCgeBQ89h8be>.

*The celebration was capped off with a reception on the front lawn of the Wawona Hotel.*

**"God makes the rivers to flow. They tire not, nor do they cease from flowing. May the river of my life flow into the sea of love that is the Lord."**

**—SANSKRIT HYMN FROM THE RIG VEDA**



Walk away quietly in any direction and taste the freedom of the mountaineer. Camp out among the grasses and gentians of glacial meadows, in craggy garden nooks full of Nature's darlings. Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves. As age comes on, one source of enjoyment after another is closed, but Nature's sources never fail.

—JOHN MUIR, *OUR NATIONAL PARKS*



Deputy Superintendent Kevin Cann spoke on behalf of the National Park Service.

Paul Gallez



Retired NPS Chief Interpreter Len McKenzie (and Steve's supervisor when the latter worked for the NPS) read hilarious excerpts from the postcard correspondence they shared, in which fictitious park visitors extolled Steve's towering (and possibly overstated) virtues as a ranger.



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*YA board chair Christy Holloway*



*Beth Pratt, YA's Vice President/CFO and Interim President*

*Musicians Martha Eads (r) and Sandra Stocking (l)*



*Steve Shackelton spoke on behalf of Yosemite Rotary (of which Steve Medley was president at the time of his death).*



PHOTO COURTESY OF SANDY BELL

**“Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”**  
—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



# Steve Medley Memorial Fund Established

The YA board of trustees has established a fund in Steve's memory to support publications and educational outreach. This will be an ongoing restricted fund with the monies raised used for publications and education projects intended to enhance YA's contributions to the park. We thank the more than 120 donors who have contributed over \$31,000 to this fund so far.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to honor Steve's legacy of excellence in publications and educational programs, send your gift designated for the "YA Steve Medley Fund" to the Yosemite Association at PO Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318. You may also make donations using your credit card by calling 209-379-2646 or online at [yosemite.org/helpus/donations.html](http://yosemite.org/helpus/donations.html).



**Steven P. Medley**  
July 11, 1949–October 5, 2006

*The Medley family and the Yosemite Association board and staff are deeply grateful to the following for their invaluable contributions to the November 4 event celebration:*

**DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite** for logistical support and hosting the reception;

DNC's **Joe Alfano, Brett Archer, Jared Brooks, Kristina Davis, Jenney Dunckley, Alice Harten, Kathy Langley, Kathleen Long, Lisa McKee, Travis Messman, Terri Nishimura, Bridget Rabon, Joe Rabon, Sue Reinold, Tracy Rogge, Kerri Sanders, Robert Stritzinger, Bryan Vader, and Roger Young** for planning, executing, and staffing the events;

The National Park Service's **Charles Cuvelier, Dave Henderson and staff,**

**Burrel Maier, Steve Shackelton, Dean Shenk, and Ed Whittle** for Grey Barn logistics, traffic and parking management;

**Dan DiVittorio and Associates** for designing *The Complete Guidebook to Steven P. Medley*;

**Robin Weiss** for designing the memorial program;

**Dumont Printing and Gayle Takakjian-Gilbert** for printing and delivering the *Guidebook* and programs;

**Rich Seiling and West Coast Imaging** for digital imagery work, and printing and mounting the photo collages;

**Lou Carter, Joan Conlan, Jeff Grandy, Liana Lopez, Denise Matsuoka, Connie Nielson, Katlyn Nielson, Ralph**

**Ochchipinti, Julie Schuller, and Anne Steed** for on-site support at the memorial;

**Christer Norden** for photographing the events;

Musicians **Martha Eads and Sandra Stocking** for their performance;

And scheduled speakers **Jan van Wagtenonk, Christy Holloway, Beth Pratt, Kevin Cann, and Steve Shackelton** for starting off the tributes so eloquently.

We also thank everyone who attended, all who spoke, and the many more who were there in spirit, for sharing your strength, your kind thoughts, and your stories. As nine-year-old Tara Neill said, Steve will live in our hearts—always in our hearts.



# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## YOSEMITE ART AND EDUCATION CENTER

Free art classes for Yosemite visitors will be offered at the NPS/DNC/YA Yosemite Art and Education Center starting at the end of March this year, and running through the month of October, which is a longer season than we've had before. The full schedule of each week's visiting artists (new and familiar) can be found on the YA website at [www.yosemite.org/visitor/AAC.html](http://www.yosemite.org/visitor/AAC.html). If you haven't been to our building in Yosemite Village, this would be a good year to come by to take a free class, pick up art supplies, or sign up for an Outdoor Adventure class. The YAEC is located at the river end of Yosemite Village, downhill from the Village Store; it's the building where the ATM is located.

## COMING SOON: 2007 INTERNS

YA and NPS will visit the campus of UC Merced soon to start recruiting another multicultural, polyglot intern cadre. This group of students will spend the summer in the park, training with the NPS Wilderness Branch and the Interpretation Division, and then serving the public in visitor contact information and interpretation roles.

If YA members are interested in contributing to the support of this valuable program, we could truly use your help. Please consider earmarking your usual donation, or contact our development office about getting more involved.

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

The full 2007 catalog of courses will arrive in your mailbox shortly, but you'll find most courses already shown on our website under the "Seminars" page. There is a great mix of field programs in natural history, backpack trips, photography and more, with a combination of some new faces and some proven veteran instructors. We are very pleased to have **Jack Laws**, the illustrator and author of *Sierra Birds – a Hiker's Guide* teaching a field journaling course, and **David Lukas**, who did a major



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revision of the Storer and Usinger classic *Sierra Nevada Natural History*, teaching a natural history course for us this year.

You'll find some new photography courses, new art courses, and a whole series of weekend adventure hikes. We have a very special series of four courses that address the little-known contributions of **people of color** to Yosemite's history; participants will add to their sense of this park's valuable Indian, African-American, Chinese-American and Latino heritage. To encourage program growth, most tuitions are staying the same as last year, and some of our programs are less expensive than ever. This marks the 30th year of **Michael Ross** teaching for YA, and he's offering his usual breadth of opportunities to connect with Yosemite, plus a special course on how to write a children's book. He is considered by many to be the park's very best naturalist; if you haven't been out with him yet (or recently) come celebrate Michael and Yosemite together.

As our winter courses transition to spring, YA members can maximize their learning with the members' **Spring Forum** when we offer several one-day courses bracketing the Forum itself (see page 12 for more information about the forum). This weekend combines the Forum's usual comradeship with both snow and wildflowers.

We are very excited about our fourth annual **Yosemite Birding Festival**, May 4-6. World-renowned birdsong expert **Don Kroodsma** will help us all develop our listening skills, and photographer **John Hendrickson** will delight us with his storied life with raptors. Both will be signing their books, and there'll be the usual scope of programs and birding field trips with the best naturalists/instructors there are for Sierra springtime birds. See more details on all of the above at [www.yosemite.org/seminars](http://www.yosemite.org/seminars), or call us at (209) 379-2321.



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# MEMBERS PAGES

## Call for Volunteers

Each year, a number of dedicated YA members give generously of their time to benefit YA and the park. Their service is rewarded with extended stays among the beauty of Yosemite and the satisfaction of helping something they care about. You can be a part of it—by volunteering with YA this summer.

## Month-long Volunteers

What is it that draws you to Yosemite—the towering granite of Yosemite Valley, the meadows and peaks of the High Sierra, or the heritage of Wawona? You can share that experience with other visitors by joining our month-long volunteer program. May through September, month-long volunteers greet thousands of visitors to the park providing vital information, staffing interpretive facilities, and introducing new members to YA and our mission of education and stewardship in the park.

Volunteers receive free camping in group sites at Yosemite Valley, Wawona, or Tuolumne Meadows, a 30% discount at the YA bookstore, a free Outdoor Adventure, and discount cards from the concessionaire. Most volunteers work 30 hours a week with time off to relax and explore the park. Volunteers are needed May through September in Yosemite Valley and Wawona, and late-June through September in Tuolumne Meadows.

For more information and an application, visit our website, [www.yosemite.org/helpus/volunteer.html](http://www.yosemite.org/helpus/volunteer.html), or contact Laura Beardsley at 209-379-2317 or [lbeardsley@yosemite.org](mailto:lbeardsley@yosemite.org).



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*Volunteer Dawn Sherertz assists a park visitor in the bustling Day Use Parking Information Station (the Yurt).*



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROSITA CONNESS

## YA Recognizes Service of Fresno Volunteers

Travelers passing through the Fresno-Yosemite International Airport may have stopped into the YA store for information or to browse through our products. When they do, they are greeted by the warm smiles and helpful natures of our knowledgeable volunteer staff. On October 28th, YA hosted these unsung heroes to lunch and an entertaining game of YA trivia. Many thanks to these hardworking volunteers who, with the help of store manager Millie Byrd, work year-round to keep the Fresno store running: Nabil Abd El Hadi, Richard Conness, Dolores Day, Judy Dechow, Ted Hoesman, Janet Klug, Bill McLeod, Cheryl Milnac, Brenda Nelson, Lenore Stork, and Marlies Zehender.

## 2007 Work Weeks Announced

For the 20th year, YA is collaborating with Yosemite Institute, the National Park Service, and DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite to bring you the Cooperative Work Weeks program. With funding from DNC, YA volunteers join an NPS project leader and a Yosemite Institute naturalist for a week of restoration and revegetation work in locations throughout the park.

### 2007 TRIP DATES:

#### **June 17–23: Weed Warriors and More (Yosemite Valley, El Portal)**

It's not just weeds anymore! Volunteers will assist with the restoration of grasslands, oak woodlands, and mid-elevation meadows. Help us protect native wildflower blooms by removing non-native plants, repairing fences, and helping with other projects.

#### **July 15–21: Plant Protectors (Wawona)**

Ensure that the grandeur of Wawona Meadow and the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias are preserved by removing non-native plants, assisting with vegetation monitoring, surveying, and meadow assessments.

#### **July 29 – August 4: High Country Restoration (Tuolumne Meadows)**

Protect one of the largest sub-alpine meadows in the Sierra. Assist with a variety of restoration projects including trail restoration, site maintenance, and removal of encroaching conifers in Tuolumne Meadows.

#### **August 12-18: Wilderness Restoration (Sunrise High Sierra Camp)**

Restore trails and remove campfire rings to ensure that the pristine beauty of the wilderness remains intact. Volunteers hike in and camp in a group setting in the backcountry.

#### **September 16–22: Yosemite Valley Fall Restoration (Yosemite Valley)**

Preserve majestic meadows and native wildflower blooms by removing encroaching non-native plants and assisting with other restoration projects in the valley.

#### **NEW! White Wolf Restoration Projects Planned**

Help DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite with historic landscaping and restoration around their facilities at White Wolf this spring and fall. All meals will be provided by DNC for these special trips.

#### **June 23–29: Week-Long Early Season Restoration**

Help restoration crews with decompaction efforts, trail delineation, and duff and seed collection while staying in the White Wolf Campground. Volunteers will work Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Tuesday off to rejuvenate and explore.

#### **September 14–16: Winter Ready Weekend**

Spend three days planting and reforesting White Wolf after the busy summer season.

Volunteers work on various projects for four days with a day off in the middle of the week to rejuvenate and explore. Each trip accommodates up to fifteen volunteers at group camp sites. Volunteers each contribute \$75 to help cover the cost of meals served during their stay.

Full descriptions of each project and applications will be available in early February on the YA website at [www.yosemite.org/helpus/volunteer.html](http://www.yosemite.org/helpus/volunteer.html) or by calling Laura Beardsley at 209-379-2317. Work weeks fill quickly. Applications received by March 30th will be entered into a lottery to determine volunteer assignments.



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*This could be you in Summer 2007!*

### MEMBER INFO LINE 209/379-2317

If you're planning a trip to Yosemite and have questions, give our phone line a call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We don't make reservations, but we can give appropriate phone numbers and usually lots of helpful advice.

## Looking Ahead to the Spring Forum

While some of us here at YA are applauding the recent snowfall and the promise of winter, others are thinking spring. Mark your calendars now for the Spring Forum, March 31, 2007. Join other YA members for an inspiring and informative day to welcome spring to Yosemite Valley.

During the forum YA members will explore the park with local naturalists and interpretive rangers or discover new sides of Yosemite by taking advantage of a variety of presentations from renowned experts. Highlights for 2007 include a park update with Superintendent Mike Tollefson, a discussion by Butch Farabee and Dr. Michael Ghiglieri of research and accounts presented in their forthcoming book *Off the Wall: Death in Yosemite*, and a discussion of Yosemite's influence on the Arts and Crafts Movement in America by Leslie Freudenheim. Children under 12 and

their parents or guardians will be treated to special programs just for them. The day concludes with a chance to meet our esteemed presenters, trustees, and staff at a book signing and wine and cheese reception just for members. Registration and lodging information was sent to all members in early January. Space is limited to the first 500 participants. We hope to see you there!

The evening before the forum, those who have donated \$250 or more to YA in the last year, along with Sustaining, Patron, and Benefactor members, are invited to join us for a private reception honoring our featured speakers. **If you would like to attend, there is still time to make a donation or upgrade your membership!**

If you have questions regarding these events, please contact the Membership Department at 209-379-2317.



*Native American NPS Ranger Ben Cunningham-Summerfield gives his 2006 Spring Forum interpretive walk on Traditions of the First People. Walks are held rain, snow, or shine!*

## May We Share Your Address With Other Nonprofits?

Occasionally we have the opportunity to trade our mailing list with other nonprofit organizations, so that both entities may increase our membership rosters and enhance our ability to support our respective parks or institutions. List trades are invaluable to nonprofits because they introduce us to new potential members while helping us minimize our operational costs.

Although we have rarely capitalized on such opportunities, we would like to be able to do so when we know the other

organizations to be reputable and to have something of value to offer to our members. If you would prefer not to have us share your name and address, please notify the Membership department by calling us at 209-379-2317, by sending an e-mail to [info@yosemite.org](mailto:info@yosemite.org), or by mailing a note to us at P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318. All "do not share" requests will be acknowledged and will be honored in perpetuity. Note that telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are not released or traded for any reason.

## GOT YOSEMITE?

Add a little adventure to your weekend with an Outdoor Adventure course the day before and/or after the Spring Forum. On March 30th, explore the Unknown West End with Dave Dahler or the secret life of winter at Badger Pass with Dick Ewart. On Sunday, March 31st, learn a new skill trekking with Jayah Faye Paley, creating Biological Illustrations with Dov Bock, or discovering the Wildflowers of the Merced Canyon with Michael Ross. Outdoor Adventures are available for an additional fee, and as always, YA members receive 15% off tuition. For more information or to register, call 209-379-2321 or visit [www.yosemite.org/seminars](http://www.yosemite.org/seminars) for more information.

YA thanks the National Park Service, The Ansel Adams Gallery, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite, Yosemite Institute, and many other friends for their vital assistance with the Spring Forum.

## Yosemite Renaissance XXII on Display February 24, 2007

Yosemite Renaissance, the annual competition and exhibit of artists' interpretations of Yosemite, will be on display in the gallery of the Yosemite Museum from February 24 through May 6, 2007. The exhibition brings together contemporary artists' visual representations of landscape in an effort to continue the role of the arts in the preservation and protection of our state and national parks. An opening reception will be held, Friday, February 23rd, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The exhibit will be open every Friday through Monday, 10:00 am through 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm through 4:00 pm.



# ASSOCIATION DATES

Legend:

OA = Outdoor Adventure

YAEC = Yosemite Art & Education Center free courses

FEB.

**Feb 2:** OA: Full Moon Snowshoe

**Feb 3:** OA: Full Moon Snowshoe

**Feb 10-11:** OA: Winter Ecology Weekend

**Feb 17:** OA: A Writer's Winter Walk

**Feb 17:** OA: Hard Road in Gold Mountain

**Feb 19:** YA Administrative Office closed for Presidents' Day holiday

**Feb 23:** Yosemite Renaissance XXII exhibit opening reception, Yosemite Museum Gallery

**Feb 24-25:** OA: Discovering the Winter World

MARCH

**Mar 3:** OA: Full Moon Snowshoe

**Mar 17:** OA: Dewey Point Snowshoe

**Mar 30:** OA: The Unknown West End

**Mar 30:** OA: Discovering Badger Pass in Winter

**Mar 30-31:** YAEC: John McClary, Watercolor with Ink Pen

**Mar 31:** Members' Spring Forum, Yosemite Valley

APRIL

**Apr 1:** OA: Poles for Hiking, Trekking, and Walking

**Apr 1:** OA: Biological Illustration

**Apr 1:** OA: Wildflowers of the Merced Canyon

**Apr 2-7:** YAEC: Steve Curl, Watercolor

**Apr 7:** OA: Hite's Cove Wildflower Photography

**Apr 8:** Ostrander Ski Hut closes for the season

**Apr 9-14:** YAEC: Carolyn Fitz, Sumi-E Painting

**Apr 13-14:** OA: LNT Trainer Certification

**Apr 13-15:** OA: Wildlife Photography

**Apr 16-21:** YAEC: Bob Magnuson, Sketching Yosemite

**Apr 23-28:** YAEC: Pam Pederson, Travel Sketching

**Apr 30-May 5:** YAEC: Robert Chapla, Acrylic Painting in Yosemite

**Late Apr:** Spring 2007 issue of quarterly members' journal *Yosemite* to be mailed

MAY

**May 4:** OA: Beginning Birding

**May 4-6:** OA: Yosemite Birding Festival 

**May 6:** Last day to view Yosemite Renaissance XXII exhibit, Yosemite Museum Gallery

**May 12:** OA: Yosemite Waterfalls Grand Tour

**May 12:** OA: To the Top of Yosemite Falls

**May 7-12:** YAEC: Douglas Castleman, Outdoors with Watercolor

**May 14-19:** YAEC: Fealing Lin, Painting Yosemite's Hidden Treasures

**May 18-20:** OA: Hetch Hetchy Wildflowers

**May 19:** OA: Old Big Oak Flat Road Descent

**May 19-20:** OA: Emerson and Muir, Transcendentalists in the Grove

**May 21-26:** YAEC: Chris Van Winkle, Watercolor plein-aire

**May 28-June 2:** YAEC: Roger Folk, Watercolor

JUNE

**June 1:** OA: Finding the Moonbow

**June 2:** OA: Stanford, Crocker, and Dewey Points

**June 3:** OA: To the Top of Nevada Fall

**June 4-9:** YAEC: Don Fay, Watercolor for Landscape

**June 8-10:** OA: Hetch Hetchy Photography Backpack

**June 9:** OA: Eagle Peak

**June 9:** OA: Birding Yosemite Valley

**June 10:** OA: Foresta Birds

**June 10:** OA: Stanford, Crocker, and Dewey Points

**June 10:** Buffalo Soldiers in Yosemite

**June 11-16:** YAEC: Ann Elizabeth Theirmann, Pastel plein-aire Sketching

**June 16:** Half Dome in a Day 1

**June 18-23:** YAEC: Carole Buss, Watercolor Yosemite —A Place in Your Heart

**June 22-24:** OA: The Art of Field Journaling

**June 22-24:** OA: The Sierra's Wild Soundscapes

**June 23:** OA: Get Lost with a Ranger

**June 23:** OA: Topping Liberty Cap

**June 25-30:** YAEC: John McClary, Watercolor with Ink Pen

**June 28-30:** OA: North Dome Moonrise Photography Backpack

**June 30:** OA: Panorama Trail Descent 1

**June 30:** OA: Hetch Hetchy: Yosemite's Other Valley

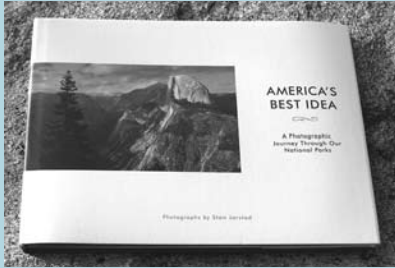
**June 30-July 1:** OA: Mountain Birding

For an expanded events calendar, visit [yosemite.org/member/calendar.htm](http://yosemite.org/member/calendar.htm)

To register for an Outdoor Adventure or to book a custom adventure, call 209-379-2321 or visit [yosemite.org/seminars](http://yosemite.org/seminars). Proceeds from all YA programs help support Yosemite!

# YOSEMITE CATALOG

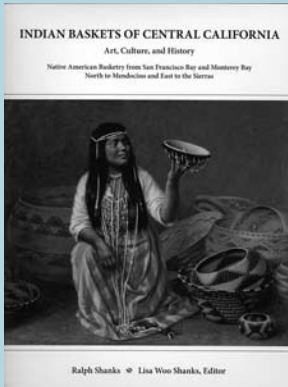
## NEW BOOKS



### **America's Best Idea**

*Photographs by Stan Jorstadt*

This photographic journey through our National Parks takes you on a visual tour of America's most special natural and cultural places. Arranged in chronological order from the year that each park received protection as public land, *America's Best Idea* provides you with a history of names, dates, and designations of all national parks in the United States. This book provides an iconic full-color image of each national park, highlighting the spirit of preservation that became a guiding force in the creation of the National Park Service in 1916. The publisher has donated all copies of *America's Best Idea* to the Yosemite Association, and all net profits from book sales benefit the educational programs of Yosemite National Park. 135 pages; 12 inches x 9 inches, color photo illustrations, hardcover with dust jacket; copyright 2006, American Park Network. \$24.95; **members price \$21.21**



### **Indian Baskets of Central California: Art, Culture, and History—Native American Basketry from San Francisco Bay and Monterey Bay North to Mendocino and East to the Sierras**

*by Ralph Shanks*

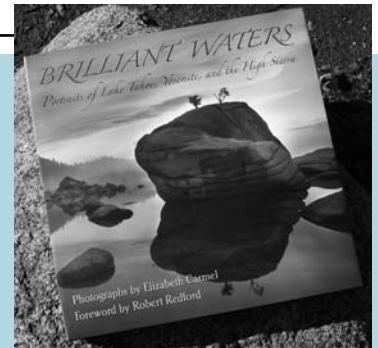
This unique book provides a complete study of the exquisite Native American basketry from the San Francisco Bay Area and the Monterey Bay region north to Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino and eastward across the Sacramento Valley to the crest of the Sierras.

Baskets of the Pomo, Ohlone (Costanoan),

Coast Miwok, Esselen, Huchnom, Lake Miwok, Maidu, Wappo, and Yuki people are lavishly illustrated and knowledgeably and sensitively described. Color photographs and drawings illustrate the rare, fine California Indian baskets from museum and private collections in the United States and Europe. The vast majority of these baskets are illustrated for the first time. Ralph Shanks is vice president of the Miwok Archaeological Preserve of Marin. Lisa Woo Shanks is editor of the Basketry of California and Oregon Series. 176 pages, 190 color illustrations, 8.5 inches x 11 inches, hardcover with dust jacket; copyright 2006, Costano Books. \$45.00; **members price \$38.25**

### **Brilliant Waters: Portraits of Lake Tahoe, Yosemite and the High Sierra**

*Photographs by Elizabeth Carmel  
Foreword by Robert Redford*



*Brilliant Waters* combines Elizabeth Carmel's stunning landscape photography with a selection of moving poetry by recognized writers. Robert Redford contributes engaging insights and commentary in the book's foreword. This collection of remarkable photographs captures both the intimate details and grand panoramas that exist exclusively in the Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, and the High Sierra regions of California and Nevada. 104 pages, 12 inches x 12 inches, hardcover with dust jacket; copyright 2006, Hawks Peak Publishing. \$49.95; **members price \$42.46**

## SPRING FORUM SPEAKER!

### **Angels in the Wilderness: The True Story of One Woman's Survival Against All Odds**

*by Amy Racina*

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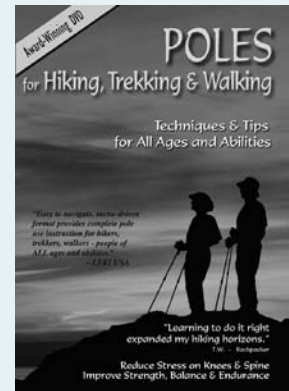
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