A LOOK BACK AT THE PAST YEAR

Our 3rd Annual Treasure Island History Day on February 21, 2009, and our wonderfully successful Zoe Dell Day on May 17, were followed by a membership drive and Annual Meeting on June 27. In June and August, we hosted tour buses from Sonoma County on docented tours of our lobby exhibit, our historic buildings, the Bay Bridge, and points of interest on the island. The tours included lunches arranged by on-island catering facilities, Job Corps Fine Dining and Wine Valley Catering.

Although we lack the staff to offer regular tours, we always welcome inquiries and will try to accommodate groups that would like a tour of Treasure Island arranged by TIMA. To discuss tours, please contact Anne Schnoebelen [see contact list at bottom of right-hand column].

OUTREACH
Treasure Island hosts numerous special events, giving us an opportunity to educate visitors about the island’s rich history. Board members and volunteers staffed booths provided by the Dragon Boat Festival on September 26 and 27, the Treasure Island Music Festival on October 17, and the California State Parks Foundation Birthday Party on October 25. We also staffed a table aboard the USS Hornet Museum during their huge celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Hornet’s recovery of the Apollo 11 crew.

PRESIDIO TALKS
Many of our supporters attended the Pacific Unity lectures on October 1 at the Presidio, featuring TIMA board member Anne Schnoebelen, along with art experts Adriana Williams and Will Maynez.

Many thanks to all of those who made the presentations possible, including Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) Project Manager Peter Summerville and Public Affairs Officer Marianne Thompson, and the exceptionally helpful staff at the Presidio Trust. Also thanks to board member Maureen Bourbin and volunteers Manuel Ezquerro and Zelda Holland for staffing our information table. We had guests from as far away as Lake Tahoe and Georgia!

PRESIDIO EXHIBIT
Our Presidio talks were held in conjunction with the exhibit Treasure Island 1939: San Francisco’s Pageant of the Pacific, presented by TIDA. The Treasure Island Museum Association will be mounting a temporary exhibit of selected photographs from that exhibit in our lobby office after the first of the year. For announcements, watch our website, www.treasureislandmuseum.org

We had help at events from a small crew of talented and enthusiastic volunteers including Patty Bruszewski, Manuel Ezquerro, Zelda Holland, Arthur Corbin, and John Underhill. Many thanks to all of them for helping to make our events possible.

ACQUISITIONS
While the museum’s collection remains inaccessible, we continue to collect artifacts and memorabilia relating to the island’s history, and would appreciate donations.

Recent acquisitions include a four-foot plaster Pacifica, broken in two parts, dating from the time of the GGIE, but exact provenance unknown; an...
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18-inch plaster medallion featuring a familiar Golden Gate International Exposition logo, provenance also unknown; a set of drawings for an alternate GGIE plan; thirty minutes of original 8mm color footage of the GGIE, filmed by an Oakland schoolteacher, as well as her collection of GGIE brochures and booklets, all in exceptional condition; and a large collection of Treasure Island ephemera from the ’80s and ’90s, featuring original Treasure Island Museum brochures, articles from The Masthead (NavSta Treasure Island newspaper) about the island and the museum. Space prevents us from listing all acquisitions here.

Landmark

On November 13, 2009, we passed the first anniversary of the installation of Treasure Island: Portal to the Pacific. Originally scheduled to remain in place for just three months, our story-telling exhibit has become a part of Building One for, we hope, a long time to come. It is rare to pass through the lobby without seeing one or more visitors reading and learning about the island’s history.

A Longer Glimpse into the Future

It has been twelve years since Naval Station Treasure Island was shut down. In the near future, Treasure Island will be transferred by the Navy to the City of San Francisco. The fate of the Treasure Island Museum collection will be decided by the Navy at that time. Components of that decision may have enormous effects on the fate of the future of TIMA. We are making every effort to prepare ourselves for that decision.

We are committed to the re-establishment of a physical history museum on Treasure Island, whatever the fate of the collection may be.

Your donations will help us accomplish the tasks ahead. See the letter on the right side of page one for details and how you can help.