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The 31st Annual Asilomar Conference is coming Feb 10 – 13, 2017.

It is no too early to register to be sure you get a room on the grounds.

The [coupon](#) is on page 8. Note that this is the weekend PRIOR to Presidents’ Day (our usual dates), as Asilomar booked another group in “our” time-slot. In 2018 we’ll be back to normal.

From the President



I hope all of you have had a good summer; some may have had time for a vacation or for a family reunion, while others’ employment keeps them “at the office” instead of exploring this amazing planet. Whatever your schedule may have been or will be, we thank you for being a member of our Northern California Association.

We are saddened to announce that our First Vice President–Programs, Jon Strolle recently passed away, but he shall be remembered by the past and upcoming programs he has planned.

During the coming months, we’ll have a wide variety of monthly visits to interesting Bay Area sites planned by Jon. Judy Hardardt, the former Program Chair, will come back. Thank you, Judy. In May, we’ll confer scholarships on worthy graduate students from some of our associated campus Chapters. The hard work of Second Vice President–Scholarships, Joanne Sandstrom, and her committee (and your monetary contributions) make this possible. My thanks to all members who have given generously to our scholarship program past year and before.

For faculty members from the universities in our Association area that have Phi Beta Kappa chapters, we accept nominations for our Teaching Excellence awards. If you were motivated, impressed, or enthralled by a teacher at any of those schools, please nominate him/her for a Teaching Excellence award, using the form available at www.pbknca.org/teaching/. Teaching Excellence Chair Narcinda Lerner awaits your input.

We encourage you to attend our annual weekend symposium February 10-13, 2017 at Asilomar (Pacific Grove). (Note that this is the weekend PRIOR to Presidents’ Day, which is our usual time, as Asilomar booked another group in “our” time-slot. In 2018 we’ll be back to normal.) We enjoy hearing speakers on a variety of subjects from literature to science and everything in between, have fascinating conversations, and marvel at nature’s magnificence as we wander the retreat grounds. Asilomar Chair, Deirdre Frontczak, will be delighted to receive your reservation. All proceeds from the symposium are used for our award programs. See pages 4-5.

Please contact any Board member if you have an interest in volunteering with our Association. We’d be delighted to get a chance to know you better.

Mary Turner Gilliland, President 2011-2017

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Nominations for the Teaching Excellence award for Spring 2017 are being accepted now

The nomination form is available on the web at www.pbknca.org/teaching. It can be filled out online (preferred) or a copy can be printed and mailed. You probably have had teachers who influenced your academic career; reward them with a nomination for our Teaching Excellence Award.

Narcinda Lerner, Teaching Excellence Chair

Upcoming Events

We are saddened to announce that our Program Chair, Jon Strolle, passed away on Aug. 17, at the age of 76. We will miss his outgoing personality and hard work on our board, but as they say, the show must go on, and other board members have stepped up to take care of the events that Jon had arranged for us. Judy Hardardt will come back as Program Chair.

Be sure to read this important information about our enrollment, refund and cancellation policies.

If you cannot attend an event for which you have a reservation, other members may be waiting. Please contact: for Mozzarella or Cline - Ray Hendess, (707) 364-7615; for Point Lobos – Mary Gilliland (650) 321-9966; for Teatro – Judy Hardardt (707) 696-9498; for MOMA - Jennifer Jones (925) 413-9302. If you call in advance refunds may be available unless NCA will lose scholarship money — that is, unless we are financially committed, based on your enrollment, to an organization at which the event will be held. We are most grateful to those who prefer to donate the program fee to the scholarship program in lieu of a refund. Members who just “don’t show up” will not receive a refund. Most events can accommodate you and any friends or family you'd like to bring along. Occasionally an event will have a limited enrollment, in which case we may not be able to accommodate more than one member and one guest per enrollment. You will not receive written confirmation of your reservation for the events. Directions are available from the event websites, Google.com, or your GPS.

Ray Hendess, Communications Officer

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 2:00 pm
visit Ramini Mozzarella. Deadline Sept. 6**



Ramini Mozzarella of Tomales, CA was founded in 2009 by Craig Ramini and Audrey Hitchcock, with a dream of raising Italian water buffalo and be-

coming the only Americans currently making authentic, artisan buffalo mozzarella.

Audrey will give a 45 minute talk followed by a tasting surrounded by buffalo and a chance to pet the babies. Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic and beverage of their choice which can be eaten during the tasting in the picnic area.

Cost: \$30.00

When: Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Deadline: September 6

Directions: 175 Gericke Rd, Petaluma, CA 94952.

See www.yelp.com/map/ramini-mozzarella-petaluma

**Friday, October 21, 2016, 10:00 – 12:00
Point Lobos Walking Tour.**

CANCELLED

**Thursday, November 17, Cline Cellars,
Mission Models Tour and Wine Tasting.
Deadline October 17**



A historic display of all 21 California missions, built to scale in 1939 for the California Pacific Exhibition. The building was

designed and constructed specifically to house these models.

Website: <http://californiamissionsmuseum.com/>

The tour will be followed by a wine tasting.

In 1939, the California Mission Models made their debut at the World's Fair at Treasure Island. Their construction was based upon two years of research and was completed by a team of German cabinet-makers under the direction of Italian artist Leon Bayard de Volo. All were designed to scale, are faithful representations of the original missions, and are finely detailed down to the shrubbery and the figures utilized. Materials used in their construction include wood, clay, glass, cast iron, paperboard, and real plant material. As a collection, the models are acclaimed as an extraordinary and accurate depiction of California history.

In 1998, the Cline Family saved the models from being auctioned off individually, and in 2005 created the museum as a fitting showcase for these historical treasures. In addition to the models, the museum also features a life-size figure of Father Junipero Serra, mission paintings by artists Robert Morris and Henry Nelson, and two stained-glass panels originally housed in Mission Dolores prior to the 1906 earthquake.

Information about each of the missions is at <http://californiamissionsmuseum.com/the-missions/>

Cost: \$20.00.

When: Thursday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Deadline: October 17

Location: 24737 Highway 121, Sonoma, CA 95476.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO:

Take highway 101 North over the Golden Gate Bridge into Marin County. When you reach Novato take the highway 37 exit (stay on 37, you'll be going East for about 8 miles) take a left onto highway 121 North (Sears Point Raceway will be on your left). Continue on highway 121 for 4.5 miles and Cline Cellars will be located on your left.

FROM OAKLAND:

Take Highway 80 North to Vallejo, and then take highway 37-Marine World exit (going West). Stay on highway 37 for about 10 miles, turn right onto highway 121 North, continue on highway 121 for about 4.5 miles and Cline Cellars will be located on your left.

**Sunday, December 4th, 2016, Teatro
Campesino, San Juan Bautista.**

CANCELLED

**Visit to SF MOMA Saturday, January 14,
2017. Deadline December 21**



Come and join us for a one-hour private tour of the new SF MOMA by a professional art historian. (The SF MOMA was recently closed for a 3-year expansion and re-

modeling.) We will explore the highlights of the SF MOMA Permanent Collection, which includes painting, sculpture and works on paper from 1900 to the present. We will learn about the geographical centers and artistic trends that helped shape Modern Art. Notable works include Henri Matisse's *Femme au chapeau* (Woman with a Hat), 1905; Marcel DuChamp's *Fountain* (1917/1964); and Mark Rothko's *No. 14* from 1960.

Website: www.sfmoma.org

Cost: \$35 includes tour and entrance fee. **For SF MOMA members the cost would be \$20.**
When: Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 10:30am
Deadline: December 21, 2016
Location: 151 Third Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

From BART:
The museum is in walking distance from BART.
The closest station is Montgomery. After exiting BART, head Southwest on Market St, turn left on 3rd Street.

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*“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”
Albert Einstein*

If the news of the day is getting you down, take heart – it’s once again time to reserve your weekend of learning, inspiration and fellowship on the magnificent Monterey coast!

Past participants describe the weekend as “the best aspects of college, without the exams” and “the greatest high of the year – without drugs!” For information on last year’s event, visit <http://www.pbknca.org/asilomar/asilomar.2016.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.php> and use the coupon on page 8 to register.

If you have questions on this year’s program, please contact dfrontczak@scu.edu. For registration or logistics matters, please contact Barry Haskell at bghaskell@comcast.net. All registered participants will receive forms to reserve their Asilomar accommodations, including meals, during the month of October; please watch your email for more details.

A preview of 2017 speakers includes:

Dr. Anja Manuel, International Policy Studies, Stanford, Friday evening
India and China: The New Superpowers

In the next decade and a half, China and India will become two of the world’s indispensable powers—whether they rise peacefully or not. During that time, Asia will surpass the combined strength of North America and Europe in economic might, population size, and military spending. India and China will have vetoes over many international decisions, from climate change to global trade, human rights, and business standards.

From her front-row view of this colossal shift, first at the State Department and now as an advisor to business leaders and a lecturer at Stanford University, Anja Manuel takes us on an intimate tour of the corridors of power in Delhi and Beijing. We wring our hands about China, Manuel writes, while we underestimate India, which will be the most important country outside the West to shape China’s rise. Manuel shows us a different path: We can

bring China and India along as partners rather than alienating one or both, and thus extend our own leadership in the world.

[Lisa Bradford, Asilomar, Saturday morning](#)
The Remarkable Women of Asilomar

Asilomar is an unusual state park – a mile of ocean front trail, a sandy State Beach, a 25-acre Natural Dunes Preserve, and a busy conference venue – approximately 107 acres in all. But even more, the site has played a key role in the evolution of ideas that have shaped modern life, particularly the emergence of the women’s movement. This talk, presented by Asilomar’s Cultural Resource specialist, offers a unique insight into the backgrounds of some of the notable women whose passion and commitment to the YWCA goals – encouraging higher education for women and creating an environment of greater ethnic diversity – have left an enduring mark on Asilomar from its inception in 1913 to the great resource we treasure today.

[Molly King Ph.D. Candidate, Stanford, Saturday afternoon](#)
Who owns knowledge?

Who takes the credit for the creation of new knowledge? And who gets the promotions that eventually follow? In this talk we’ll examine the impact of gender on who gets credit in science. Academia is a great place to study workplace dynamics, because it is a purportedly meritocratic environment that is supposed to hire and promote on the basis of clearly defined criteria. But is this what really occurs? In this talk, King will discuss her research on the relationship between gender and academic authorship (and eventually success in careers). Who gets to ask the questions determines the questions that get asked! A Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Stanford, King is a 2016 ΦBK -NCA Scholarship awardee.

[Dr. Penelope Boston, NASA Ames, Saturday evening](#)
The Planet Within: Caves from Earth to Mars and Beyond

Renowned speleologist and Director of the NASA Microbiology Institute, Dr. Boston’s research focuses on astrobiology and geomicrobiology of extreme environments – caves, mines, deserts, high altitudes and latitudes – and robotics for research in such environments, both earthly and extraterrestrial. In this talk she focuses on the origins of life in the substrate environments of earth, and on technologies that make possible an unprecedented level of discovery and exploration.

In 2015, Penny served as a national Visiting Scholar for the PBK Society, and as a guest speaker for the Denver Triennial – where she was truly a star! Spend a weekend at Asilomar, and find out why.

[Dr. Richard \(Ed\) Green, U.C Santa Cruz, Sunday afternoon](#)
Recent human evolution as revealed by Neanderthals

As Co-Director of the Paleogenomics Lab at UCSC – a role he shares with his wife, Dr. Beth Shapiro – Ed Green conducts research in genomics, computational molecular biology, human evolutionary genetics, ancient DNA, gene splicing and more. In this talk he explores the implications of recent study of Neanderthal fossils – the best record of our closest extinct human relatives.

[Elan Portner, Ph.D. Candidate Stanford, Sunday evening](#)
Open ocean food webs: how we study the largest habitat on Earth

The open ocean contains over 95% of habitable space on our planet and is utilized by the most abundant organisms on the planet, many of which undergo the largest known migrations. Its expansiveness, and the fact that most of this habitat lies far beneath the ocean’s surface, make it a particularly difficult system to study – but also makes

the potential for discovery immense. Scientists use nets, cameras, sound, and surprising assistants to learn about how organisms in these habitats interact and how they respond to natural and anthropogenic pressures. Dive in to an interactive seminar and get introduced to the hidden wonders of the open ocean.

A student of ocean ecosystems at Stanford University, Portner is a 2016 ΦBK-NCA scholarship awardee.

[Stephen Palumbi, Stanford Woods Institute, Monday morning](#)

A senior fellow with the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, Palumbi studies the genetics, evolution, conservation, population biology and systematics of a diverse array of marine organisms. In particular, he is focused on the use of molecular genetic techniques in conservation, including the identification of whale and dolphin products offered in commercial markets. This talk will explore issues raised in his recent book, *The Evolution Explosion: How Humans Cause Rapid Evolutionary Change*, which shows how rapid evolution is central to emerging problems in modern society – and to efforts to resolve them.

You can see information about last year’s wonderful event at www.pbknca.org/asilomar/asilomar.2016.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.php. It is not too early to sign up now! Coupon on page 8.

Asilomar Chair, Deirdre Frontczak

Event Coupons

Please print legibly. **No acknowledgments will be sent.** If you subsequently can’t make an event, others may be waiting. Check <http://www.pbknca.org/newsletter> for the contact name and number.

Tour Ramini Mozzarella
Saturday, September 24, 2016. At 2:00 p.m.
Deadline September 6, 2016
Attending _____ x \$30.00 per person = \$ _____
(Check payable to ΦBK NCA- Enter “cheese” on check)
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Mail coupon and payment to:
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**Tour Cline Cellars Mission Models
Saturday, November 17, 2016. At 11:00 a.m.**

Deadline October 17, 2016

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SF MOMA

Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Deadline December 21, 2016

Non-members _____ x \$35.00 per person = \$ _____
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(Check payable to ΦBKNCA- Enter “MOMA” on check)
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I wish to thank Dr. Larry Lerner for proofing this newsletter; and Judy Hardardt, Mary Gilliland and Jennifer Jones for stepping in to cover the above events. *Editor*



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ΦBK at Asilomar February 10-13, 2017

Deadline for Reservations: December 10, 2016

Registration fee: # Attending _____ x \$125/person = \$_____

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Questions? Call Deirdre Frontczak at 707 546-4238

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