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Paul Grunland, a BPWA founding board member, loved the paths. In this 2011 shot, he's enjoying the view from Atlas Path.

Remembering Paul Grunland

[Parts of this article are adapted from <u>an obituary</u> by Amanda Bradford that appeared in The Daily Californian.]

Paul Grunland, a founding board member of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, noted local historian, and dedicated community volunteer, died February 2 at 93.

"Paul was a major factor in BPWA's success," said Jacque Ensign, BPWA co-founder and first president. "He became a very positive force as the board formed."

Jacque remembers that Paul also was instrumental in the creation of the first BPWA map of Berkeley's pathways in 1998, and his essay "A Brief History of the Berkeley Paths," has been printed on all eight editions.

According to Jacque, Paul's experience in retail sales was crucial in getting the map into local stores and led to the first run of 3,000 copies quickly selling out.

As our twice-monthly walks became routine, Paul led many of them, especially in Northeast Berkeley, Kensington, and El Cerrito. [See the description below of the Paul Grunland Memorial Walk on May 5.]

"Paul was one of those people who had an insatiable curiosity and a love of civic engagement," said BPWA President Colleen Neff. "He would always come up to me and say he had an idea about how to improve things around the city."

She added that he was one of the only people she knew who did not have a cellphone, email, or answering



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We sell Path Wanderer shirts, hats, and tote bags as well as guidebooks, posters, and note cards. Visit our store.

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machine. "When BPWA switched from a paper to an electronic newsletter, we made sure that we printed a copy and mailed it to him each month." Read more.



We'd like to see more stores with displays like this one at Books, Inc. on Shattuck Ave.

Wanted: Map Sellers and New Accounts

We need more volunteers to help market our 20th anniversary, better-than-ever, new edition of our fabulous map, *Berkeley and Its Pathways*. Some of our retail outlets have closed or no longer carry our map, and we want to replace them.

Please <u>contact us</u> if you have ideas for new accounts, would be willing to make "sales calls" to introduce the maps to merchants, or occasionally could deliver maps to our existing accounts.

We also want to recognize our current sales team: Thanks to former board members Jacque Ensign, Steve Glaeser, and Keith Skinner and current board members Sandy Friedland and Colleen Neff. Special thanks to Linda Schieber and Pat McPeak, loyal map sellers who never have been on our board; to former board member Angus Dunston, who fills our online orders; and to all our walk co-ordinators, who have sold maps on our walks.

Upcoming Events



Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a grassroots organization of people who treasure the public pathways that crisscross our city. Read more.

Meet Our Friends

You'll find links to many other organizations that promote walking, pedestrian safety, protecting the environment, and more on our website.



Look for Us at BAHA's 43rd Annual Spring House Tour, "Berkeley Woods," Sunday, May 6

A little-known neighborhood high in the northeast corner of the city, Berkeley Woods will be the location of the <u>Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association</u> (BAHA) annual Spring House Tour, Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 5.

This neighborhood also was home to the late Paul Grunland, a founding board member of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, who died in February. We will honor Paul's memory on a walk Saturday, May 5, which will include parts of Berkeley Woods. [See the description below.]

Named for the eucalyptus trees scattered within it, this subdivision once was the site of commercial greenhouses and nurseries. By the time it became part of Berkeley in 1959, 102 houses had been built there.

Today, according to BAHA, the neighborhood retains its "bucolic character" with lovely gardens, eclectic architecture, and no sidewalks.

Among the highlights of the house tour will be two Spanish Colonial Villas, until recently part of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary but now owned by Zaytuna College.

For more information about Berkeley Woods and to purchase tickets for the tour, click <u>here</u>.

Watch <u>our website</u> for the exact location of the BPWA booth. We'll be selling the new edition of our <u>Berkeley and Its Pathways</u> map and our <u>shirts</u>, <u>hats</u>, <u>notecards</u>, and <u>guidebooks</u> for walkers.

Walk With Us

Join us on our terrific guided walks, which are free and open to all. Unless otherwise noted, they last 2-3 hours and proceed at a moderate, conversational pace. We're sorry, but we can't accommodate your dogs except on walks specified as dog friendly. Please check our home-page for last-minute weather cancellations. Questions about a walk? Write walks@berkeleypaths.org



In his new book *Birds of Berkeley*, Oliver James shares his knowledge of the birds and ecology of his hometown.

Birds of Berkeley

Sunday, April 15th @ 8:30 a.m. (Note early start!)

Leader: Oliver James

Start: Entrance to Codornices Park @ Euclid and Eunice Avid birder and local author Oliver James will take us bird watching in the North Berkeley hills. Oliver recently published The Birds of Berkeley that features hand-drawn depictions of 25 local birds. Because April is spring migration season and birds are most active in the morning, the timing of this walk should be ideal for spotting many of the species Oliver includes in his book and others, which he will identify. Depending on where the birds lead us, we either will walk up to Remillard Park or stay on the quiet streets around Codornices. We'll stop often to look at and talk about the birds we see as well as the history of birds in the area. Plan on about two hours, with 2-3 miles of walking. The pace will not be fast, but some of the terrain may be uneven. If you are inspired to learn more about Berkeley's avian population, Oliver will sell signed copies of his book after the walk. Please bring binoculars if you have them.



Both walks will include trails, stairs, and sidewalks.

Our 8th Annual Long Walk April 29: Two Ten Milers Plus an Anniversary Party!

Sunday, April 29 @ 8 a.m.

Sunday, April 29 @ 2 p.m.

Leaders: Alina Constantinescu & Jacob Lehmann Duke **Start:** Both hikes will start and end at the bottom of the <u>UC</u>

Campus, at Oxford and Center, on the sidewalk

near <u>Arnaldo Pomodoro's</u> metal sculpture <u>Sphere within</u> <u>Sphere</u>.

We're celebrating our 20th anniversary this year with two special, ten-mile walks. Come to one or both, but don't miss our picnic and party in between them, starting at 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch, or buy one from one of the many eateries on Center St. We'll supply the cake. Read more.



In addition to the eclectic architecture on Woodmont Avenue, this plant-and-animal themed metal gate is a highlight.

In Paul Grunland's Footsteps: A Memorial Walk Saturday, May 5th @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Colleen Neff

Start: Summit Reservoir (<u>NW corner of the intersection of Spruce Street and Grizzly Peak Blvd.</u>)

This walk is dedicated to Paul Grunland, a founding board member of BPWA, who passed away in February. Paul was passionately dedicated to the pathways, was instrumental is the publication of our first map, and led many walks for us. This 4-mile route was a favorite of his because it included his own neighborhood. Originally called Berkeley Woods, it was annexed to Berkeley in 1959. Among the highlights of this route are the Flagg house, designed by Bernard Maybeck and a house that was shipped from England in two pieces.

Be prepared for a few moderate hills and some uneven footing, but most of the walk will be on flat gravel roadsides, paths, and trails as we follow the ridge of the North Berkeley hills. We'll maintain an easy pace for about two hours, enjoying the lovely woods that gave this area its name, and reminiscing about Paul and his many contributions to Berkeley.



The middle section of the trellis was rebuilt and some pathways were improved during the first phase of the Rose Garden renovations. Photo by Mary Rees

Celebrate the Rose Garden — and Moms! Saturday, May 12 @ 10am Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Start: Top of the Berkeley Rose Garden, 1200 Euclid Ave The Saturday before Mother's Day, we'll gather to celebrate the latest improvements in this beautiful Berkeley landmark. After a stroll among the roses, we'll head into the nearby neighborhoods to find more gardens, great views, and some Berkeley quirk. The first part of our walk will include the Rose Walk and Greenwood Common and the expansive views from La Verada Road and Cedar Path. As we loop back to the Garden, we'll learn the story of Annie's Oak; walk through Holy Hill, noting a library designed by famed architect Louis Kahn; and check out an elephant in his jungle setting. The route is about 2.5 miles on sidewalks, paths, and stairs and includes some hilly sections. We'll keep a moderate pace with breaks to enjoy the vistas and conversation. Afterward, you can linger in the Rose Garden for a special event with live music, family arts and crafts, and roses and candy for mothers. Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Rose Garden, the party runs until 1 p.m.

Join Our Work Parties



In March, our hard-working volunteers cleaned Miller Path East (above). You have two opportunities to join them in April as they tackle two overgrown paths.

Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Sunday, April 8 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 30 11:00 a.m.

Help us transform more weed-obscured paths into a safe and lovely walkways. Please email <u>Mary Lynch</u> if you can come to one or both work parties, and she will send you their locations. We'll supply refreshments and gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own.







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