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SAD NEWS



Co-founder Patricia DeVito passes away

We are sad to report that Patricia DeVito, one of the four founders of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, passed away in November. *Above*, Pat is second from the right at one of the earliest meetings, with, *right to left*, Jay Cross, Ruth Armstrong (co-founder), Eleanor Hall Gibson (co-founder), Maggie Hodges, Tom Edwards, Susan Schwartz, and Charlie Bowen.

Our sincerest condolences to Pat's husband Mike, her family, and many friends in the Berkeley community, as well as our deep gratitude for her dedication to the paths 25 years ago.

We will share a full obituary in the February newsletter, and the Berkeley city council will close their meeting in honor of Patricia DeVito on February 28.

Please send any remembrances of Pat to info@berkeleypaths.org, and we will post them on our website.

NEW MURAL FOR JERONIMUS ALLEY



A new mural for Jeronimus Alley

By Tamara Gurin

A new colorful mural greets visitors to [Jeronimus Alley](#), a walkway at 5 1/2 Street in West Berkeley between Camelia and Cedar Streets. The new mural is between Cedar and Jones streets, but there are murals all along Jeronimus Alley.

[Commotion West Berkeley](#) awarded Berkeley Path Wanderers Association a \$3,000 grant in January 2022 for the project, and we partnered with [Youth Spirit Artworks](#). Representatives from the three organizations worked together to develop concepts for the art, including surveying West Berkeley residents. Through surveys and focus groups, the project team (Tamara Gurin of BPWA, Lawrence Grown of Commotion West Berkeley, and Sally Hindman of Youth Spirit Artworks) identified two central topics of interest for the art work: nature and history.

YSA brought in local artist and muralist [Pancho Pescador](#) to work with YSA participants to create the beautiful, block-long mural, which was completed in late December. The resulting mural includes Indigenous people, and a coyote, quail, great egret, hummingbird, crow, blue jay, and deer. [Click here to see more pictures.](#)

On March 4, Pancho Pescador and the youth artists will lead a walk through the alley to discuss the mural and explore art in the surrounding neighborhood. We hope you can join us!

About the organizations and artist:

[Commotion West Berkeley](#) is a nonprofit committed to bringing art and culture to the local community.

[Youth Spirit Artworks](#) is a nonprofit that provides training in art and basic business skills for local youth.
[Pancho Pescador](#) is a local artist and muralist.

EVERY PATH IN BERKELEY WALK SERIES



25th Anniversary Walk Series starts in March

Explore every built-out path in Berkeley! As part of BPWA's celebration of its 25th anniversary, we will reprise the series of six walks created in 2014 by Jacob Lehmann Duke and Aviva Gerwein and featured in their guidebook, [Step It Up](#) (See "Every Path in Berkeley"). And like we did back then, at the end of the series, we'll throw a party to celebrate the achievement.

We will give a newsletter shout-out to all path-lovers who complete the entire series, and they'll receive a small prize too.

The series starts in March, and we'll run one walk per month. Here are the dates for the first two walks, and we'll announce the details, dates, and times for the others in the next few newsletters:

March 5, led by Tamara Gurin (rain date March 11)

April 1, led by (none other than!) Jacob Lehmann Duke

We hope to see you there!

JOIN OUR BOARD. PLEASE.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following opportunities:

- **Secretary** – board position to record minutes of board meetings and correspond with donors.
- **Social media coordinator** – board or volunteer position to take the lead on social media for BPWA; manage our Facebook, get us on Instagram and TikTok (?)
- **Events and marketing coordinator** – board position to take the lead on organizing BPWA events including Solano Stroll, BAHA tour, annual meeting, and other events; and oversee sales and fulfillment of BPWA swag (events and marketing can be separated into 2 board positions)

No experience necessary. We will train you! Interested? Write to BPWA president Janet Byron at info@berkeleypaths.org

UPCOMING WALKS

NOTE: Walk leaders request that all participants be vaccinated and boosted, or masked. Heavy rain cancels (we will send an email to let you know).



[Upper Shattuck/Marin Circle Walk](#)

When: Saturday, January 7, 10 am–12 pm

Leader: Bob Johnson

Start/End: [NW corner of Shattuck Avenue and Eunice Street](#)

Distance: 2 miles

Accessibility: A moderate hike with some uphill, a 500-foot elevation gain. Well-behaved dogs on leash are permitted.

Steady rain cancels.

Rain cut this walk short on December 3, so please join us again in January for the full walk. This area was developed mainly in the first part of the twentieth century. The neighborhood features fine historic architecture (including some very elegant homes), gardens, street trees, and several interesting paths. There is some uphill exercise, but we will take a moderate pace and will stop along the way to notice various features. [READ MORE](#)

[Stroll to Spring Mansion](#)

When: Saturday, January 15, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Leader: Janet Byron

Start/End: [John Hinkel Park amphitheater, Somerset Place](#)

Distance: 1.5–2 miles

Accessibility: Some steep parts and 37 steps total, with options to bypass; well-behaved dogs on leash welcome.

Join BPWA president Janet Byron for a stroll from the newly renovated John Hinkel Park through the Thousand Oaks neighborhood to see the 1912 Spring Mansion, the 12,000-square-foot mansion designed by architect John Hudson Thomas for East Bay developer John Hopkins Spring. [READ MORE](#)



[Exploring Campus and Panoramic Hill](#)

When: February 12, 2023 (rain date, Feb. 19) 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Leader: John Ford

Distance: 5 miles

Start/End: [Pomodoro Sculpture \(a bronze sphere\) at the bottom of campus, just east of the intersection of Oxford and Center](#)

Accessibility: Several steep stairways. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome.

We will walk up through the campus and through Panoramic Hill to the top of the Derby Canyon Trail and take that down to the Clark Kerr Campus. Expect interesting architecture and expansive views. [READ MORE](#)

25th Anniversary Series: Every Path in Berkeley in 6 walks

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Save the dates:

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PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES



Join us for a path maintenance work party!

Monday, January 16, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sunday, January 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

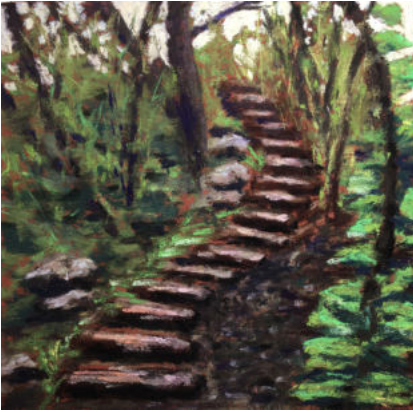
The work is mostly weeding, sweeping, raking, and clipping. We will have gloves and tools available, but feel free to bring your own. Please bring your own water; we won't be offering water or refreshments. Please RSVP to receive an email with the time, date, and meeting place by writing to Mary Lynch at path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!

Dear Path Wanderers,

In May 1998, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association was launched by four visionary women: Ruth Armstrong, Jacque Ensign, Eleanor Hall Gibson, and Pat DeVito. Next year, we will celebrate 25 years of unwavering commitment to building, maintaining, and improving Berkeley's beloved paths, stairways, and walkways. The dedication of our volunteers and enthusiastic support of path lovers like you makes all of this terrific work possible. THANK YOU!

2022 was another busy and productive year for the Berkeley paths! The achievements of our 100% volunteer-run



organization included collaborating with Berkeley Public Works to repair and add handrails to several paths, repairing 3 paths, hosting 20 path maintenance work parties and 34 free walks, and developing a wish list for comprehensive path improvements. You can see all of our 2022 highlights at:

www.berkeleypaths.org/pathstories/2022highlights

Many of you have already received our solicitation letter in the mail and or sent a donation. **If you're on our newsletter list and have never donated, please consider contributing in honor of our silver jubilee.** Your donations help us purchase more handrails and keep our work going strong for another quarter-century and beyond!

All donations of \$250 or more will receive a beautiful full-color T-shirt featuring a design created especially for us by local artist Marlene Tobias (shown). To celebrate our quadracentennial anniversary, we're offering additional path-related bonuses; go to www.berkeleypaths.org/donate to make your donation and learn more.

With deep gratitude, on behalf of the BPWA board,

Janet Byron
President, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

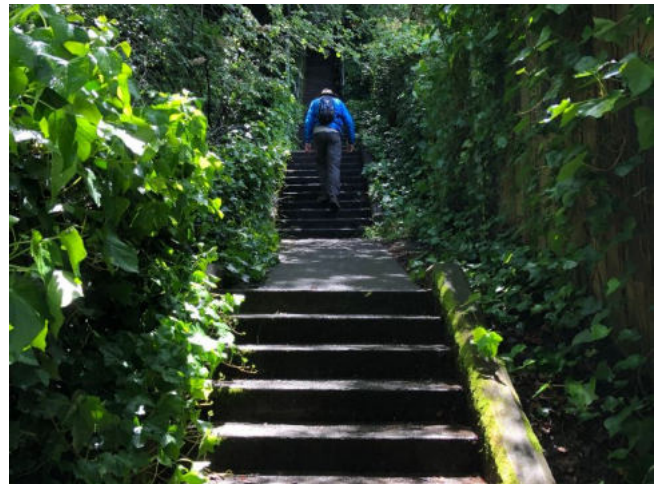
DONATIONS FOR PATHS

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a community organization of people who treasure the public pathways that crisscross our city. [Learn more](#)

The BPWA board generally meets monthly. **Our next board meeting is in January 2023; date TBD.** Guests are welcome! Please contact info@berkeleypaths.com for more information.

To support our path-building efforts, you can [donate online](#). All donations go toward building new paths, repairing and clearing paths, purchasing handrails, and advocating for paths.



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