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## JOIN US: ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 2



*Above, Austene Hall, Tom Edwards, Jacque Ensign, Karen Kemp, Emma Morris, Susan Schwartz, Paul Mahue, and Janet Byron around Ensign's dining room table*

### **Berkeley Path Wanderers Association Annual Meeting and Movie Night**

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 2, 7–8:30 p.m.

**Where:** [Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St.](#)

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association will host its annual meeting and a special movie night on November 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hillside Club. The short annual meeting will include the election of new officers and a brief “state of the paths” update from president Janet Byron.

In honor of the organization’s 25 years of community service, Berkeley Community Media will present original videos on three topics: the [Jeronimus Alley mural](#); the 25th anniversary celebration; and our history, featuring Jacque Ensign and several original board members. We will also see UC Santa Cruz student Kyle Keller's journalism studies video on running the Berkeley paths. The meeting and videos will be followed by socializing and light refreshments from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

## PATH STORIES



### **A Poetic Path**

*By Kirsten Mickelwait*

On October 14, about 20 people gathered at the Berkeley Rose Garden to experience one of our most popular paths in a new way: listening to “graffiti poet” Leslie Reed read some of the 60+

original poems she's inscribed on the "Running Fence" of Tamalpais Path. Reed has been writing on the redwood fence since 2019, transcribing verse that she channels from a higher source.

For Reed, being in the "silence of nature" is almost always the source of inspiration. "I'll start to hear a couple of lines, and they're usually similar to my own thoughts," she shares. "But then I feel an urgency to put the pen on the fence, and I'll just start writing." When her arm shoots up higher on the wall, she knows it's going to be a longer poem. [READ MORE](#)

## 10TH-EDITION MAP BANDANA



*The cotton bandanas can do double-time as cloth napkins for your Thanksgiving table! Photo by Jen Bilik.*

### **Express your gratitude with our paths bandana at Thanksgiving!**

Our new map bandana features the 10th edition of our best-selling *Berkeley and Its Pathways* map, now in 4 colors. This stylish, 22-inch-square, 100% cotton bandana features Berkeley paths on the northeast and central side of town, from the Ohlone Greenway to the UC Berkeley campus fire trails and Panoramic Hill to Kensington, and everything in-between!

[Available now](#): \$20 for 1, \$90 for 5, or \$175 for 10 bandanas.

**Each purchase helps our mission to maintain and build our treasured pathways, and purchase and install handrails. Get yours now!**

**BUY BANDANAS NOW!**

**DAVID LANCE GOINES POSTER**



In 2011, the Hillside Club commissioned a limited-edition poster from Berkeley's own [David Lance Goines](#) to help Berkeley Path Wanderers Association with its fundraising. A nationally known graphic artist, printmaker, and rabble-rouser, Goines passed away in February 2023 at age 77. We are now getting down to the end of the poster inventory, and the board has decided to offer the last remaining posters as a benefit for each donation of \$250 or more to help us improve, upgrade, and build paths.

The beautiful, sturdy "[Berkeley Paths](#)" poster (above) is 16 by 24 inches (unframed). When you receive your annual donation letter later this month, please consider giving \$250 or more and take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to support Berkeley's paths and own an original David Lance Goines poster at the same time!

**DONATE NOW!**

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## **UPCOMING WALKS**

**NOTE: Heavy rain cancels; watch email for cancellation notices.**

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### **[Pooches on the Paths: North Berkeley Parks](#)**

**When:** Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

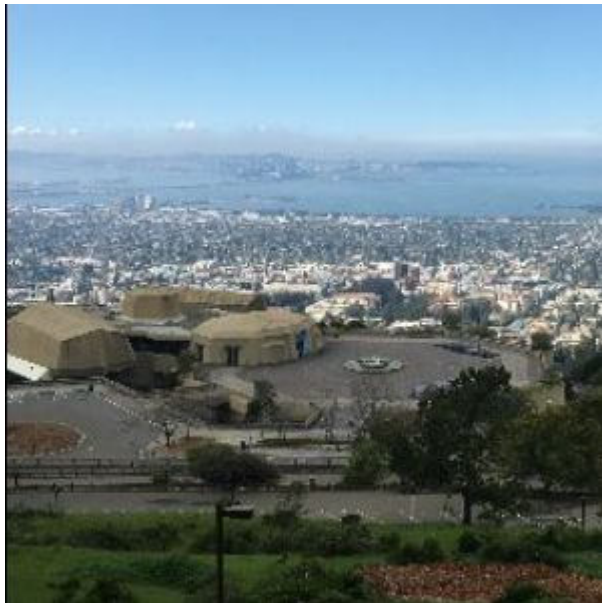
**Leader:** Lynn Deregowski

**Distance:** 3 miles

**Start/End:** [Berkeley Rose Garden](#)

**Accessibility:** Stairs, uneven terrain. Rain cancels.

In our continued quest to explore the 55+ parks Berkeley has to offer, this installment of Pooches on the Paths will meander through the north Berkeley Hills. Whether you have a four-footed friend or not, everyone is welcome on this convivial walk that will take us to four parks and numerous paths. [READ MORE](#)



### [Panoramic Hill to Jordan Trail](#)

**When:** Sunday, November 19, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Leader:** John Ford

**Distance, Elevation:** 9 miles, 1,300 feet

**Start/End:** [corner of Euclid and Hearst Avenues](#)

**Accessibility:** Well-behaved dogs on leash permitted, but must be comfortable on a narrow path with lots of people. Not wheelchair-accessible.

After walking through campus, we will take a couple of paths on Panoramic Hill and then a well-built single track path that connects to the Jordan Trail (aka the Strawberry Canyon fire trail). [READ MORE](#)

## PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES

**Join us for a path maintenance work party!**

**Friday, November 10, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 18, 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](mailto:path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org).



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SEEKING BOARD MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT:** Berkeley Path Wanderers Association has identified \$5 million in needs to bring the Berkeley paths up to code with repairs and the installation of handrails, construction of new paths, clearance of encroachments, and lighting and wayfinding additions. We are looking for a board member to take the lead on elevating our fundraising efforts to help the city and paths community to achieve this long-term goal. Board members serve 2-year terms with the option to renew once. Our fun board meets about once monthly. Write to [info@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.org) to volunteer for Berkeley paths!

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## Berkeley Path Wanderers Association



**Berkeley Path Wanderers Association 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 meeting is Thursday, November 16, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Guests are welcome! Please contact [info@berkeleypaths.com](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.com) for more information.

To support Berkeley's paths, you can [donate online](#). All donations are tax-deductible and go toward building new paths, repairing and clearing paths, purchasing handrails, and advocating for paths and walkers.

*Above, BPWA board members Janet Byron and Bob Johnson at the Kibune shrine near Kyoto*



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