



Margery Spielman - Guest speaker

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June Lake Clean-up
Sept 4,5,6th

September- 2020

Virtual Meeting - Mon -Sept 14th

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Board Meeting - Thur - Sept 24th

Virtual Meeting

Boat Dive - Sat - Oct ?

Sundiver Express

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High Altitude Diving & Cleanup

October Dive - Sundiver Express

Between cancelled boat trips, and lack of available divers due to the shutdown, I need to know who is available for a dive trip in October?

Preference would be the Sundiver Express but I am open to input. Please send me an email on your availability for October.

Also book your Catalina Trip for November 7. Preferred rooms are at Seaport Village.

Ken

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Presidents message for September

This month I am writing this newsletter pretty much from the fire line of the Lake Fire near Castaic Lake. With temperature well over 100 degrees every day, it is going to be a long fire season. Everyday I drive out of fire camp and look at the blue water of Castaic and wish I could sneak a dive in, or at least cool off.

As our June Lake trip draws ever closer, I hope that the Fire Gods ease up a little to allow me to participate in this year's events. We have worked hard to help put together a great weekend. If you have not made plans to join us, I think this will be a trip people will be sorry they missed. I will be if I cannot make it.

Membership time is here so please do not wait to the last minute to renew your club membership. I love our club and so proud to be part of it. It would be sad to lose any of you.

Looking at the clock, I need to head out and brief the troops going to the fire-line for night shift. I would love to tie my medical briefing into scuba diving, but then I would have to explain where we go diving in the desert. Brothers and Sisters of the best dang dive club there is, be nifty still diving at fifty and this month the club won't be the only one turning fifty.

Jeff Carlon



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To contact any of the board members E-mail (avdesertdive@gmail.com)

T-shirts are Needed

Tina Carlon would like to have any of your old AVDD related T-shirts, even if they are stained, faded or ripped!

She will be cutting them up and making something out of them?

...so only give them up if you are done with them!



Thank you very much!



Guest Speaker for September Margery Spielman

Artist

Margery Spielman is an accomplished environmental artist who has exhibited her paintings in numerous Marine Art Expos, including those in Monterey, Maui, Kauai and Paris. Her work is in the collections of Jean-Michel Cousteau, Mikhail Gorbachev and the late Jacques-Yves Cousteau.



Enjoyed by audiences of all ages, Margery shares her wealth of knowledge and experience of the undersea world through fun and informative PowerPoint presentations which she adapts to the needs of individual organizations or venues. Please contact her for additional information and availability.

To view her work, please visit the gallery.

Naturalist

Since 1995, Margery has worked for ROAD SCHOLAR (formerly known as ELDERHOSTEL), an international organization for adventurous seniors. She teaches courses on the marine environment and leads tours on Anacapa and Santa Cruz Island's

Graphic and Motion Designer

Along with fine art, Margery's creative talents also include logo design, graphic design, motion graphics, underwater video and video-editing. To view her videos and selected logos, please visit the gallery. For additional services, such as web-design, please visit her partners at the newly created design company Zekewerks.

Education

Margery studied Fine Arts and Photography at California State University at Northridge and Ventura Community College. In 2010, she completed an extensive course in Digital Multimedia at TDC (Technology Development Center) in Ventura, California, where her classes included videography, editing and motion graphics (Final Cut Pro and After Effects).

Diving

Diving since 1964, Margery is a NAUI / PADI certified instructor and has taught scuba and oceanography courses at Ventura Community College and Ojai Valley School. Her diving career also includes a background in Hollywood film production. As a member of the Screen Actors Guild, she has worked underwater as a model, actor, stunt-diver and production manager.

The Cousteau Society

Margery's freelance assignments for The Cousteau Society have ranged from writing and research to diving, illustrating and public speaking. She created the distinctive logo design for the Parc Oceanique Cousteau in Paris, France, and is credited with the research and logistics for a two-hour television documentary on the California Channel Islands. Also, she was one of the first women to dive as a member of the Cousteau Diving Team.

A longtime resident of Pierpont Beach, in Ventura, California, Margery draws her creative inspiration from all aspects of nature, which she experiences first-hand through skiing, hiking, mountain-biking and body-surfing. She continues to scuba-dive professionally, along with her partner John Gelsinger. Also, a veteran diver, he is captain and owner of the research vessel, HEY JUDE.



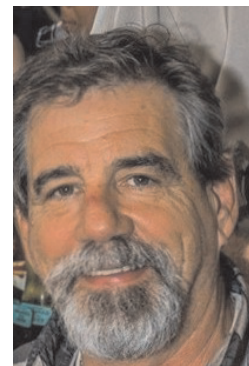
Coastal Cleanup Month is Here

With humble beginnings in the mid- 1970's when the Arcata Recycling Center started doing beach cleanups in search of recyclables until 1985 when the Coastal Commission (Center for Marine Conservation) started to organize beach cleanups. That first year there were 2500 volunteers. Last year 13,914 volunteers across LA County at 79 cleanup sites worked to remove 15 tons of trash and debris in just three hours. Talk about making a difference!

In keeping with CDC and state guidelines Heal the Bay and Coastal Commission has determined a social distance alternative to the mass cleanup efforts. This year we are expanding our cleanups efforts from the Summits to the Seas in a County-wide cleanup. We can go from the top of the Watersheds, Through our creeks, streets, rivers and neighborhoods, down to the beach. Over this month we are all encouraged to find areas near us and do cleanups in small family groups and share your efforts on social media with pictures and video. Send us your stuff and we'll share it on AVDD social media too.

In addition to participating in these conservation efforts I hope each of you will re-examine our plastic usage. Single-use plastics are still a huge environmental problem; with more & more plastic making its way into our oceans. The 4 R's are easy ways to help... Re-think, Re-use, Reduce the use of plastic and Recycle. Only purchase items that can be recycled.

It really does come down to making a conscious effort to make a difference. Everyone can help.



Dive Safe. Dive Clean

Don Nipper AVDD Conservation Officer

* **Dive Against Debris** <https://www.projectaware.org/diveagainstdebris>

* **Say No to Single Use Plastic** <https://e-activist.com/page/25073/data/1>

2020 June Lake Clean-up Schedule of Events



Saturday September 5th , 2020

- 8:30 Arrive and Set up at June Lake Beach
- 9:00 Dive Briefing (All divers required to attend.)
- 9:15 ~ 11:15 Dive & Beach clean-up activities
- 11:30 ~ 12:30 Lunch
 - Note: Tickets will be given out to all Clean-up Participants. Includes Divers performing clean-up activities, Support Personnel, and participants performing beach clean up activities. Non-Participants can purchase meal tickets for \$2.00 Each.
- 5:00~7:00pm AVDD Pot Luck Dinner and Raffle Site #47 Squirrel
Contact Robert Wisdom Site# 47 with any questions.

NOTE: Due to the uncertainty of Covid, this schedule may change. Please look to our Social media pages for updates.



Club Membership - Friendly Reminder

Ok everybody, this is just a friendly reminder that club memberships expire July 31, 2020.

Remember renewing members only have to fill out a new AVDD liability form (front and back). On the club website, pick what type of membership you want (single or family), then you will have 2 options (New or Renew). Once your payment has been received you will receive a new liability form. You can either electronically sign or print and fill out the form and bring it to the August meeting (if we have an in-person meeting) or you can mail it to the address listed below.

Paying your membership can also be done either on line or in person. Single memberships are \$25 and family memberships are \$40. If you worked the correct number of shifts at the fireworks booth for free membership, I have already notified you by email that your membership is free for the 20-21 membership year.

All memberships must be renewed/current by September 30, 2020. Remember your membership must be in good standing in order to participate in any club activities and/or receive club discounts and or benefits and you must have a new AVDD liability form signed and on file in order to get your free air fills (scuba tanks must have current viz. and hydro's) If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

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AVDD VP. "lil gnome"

