

# Point Loma Assembly

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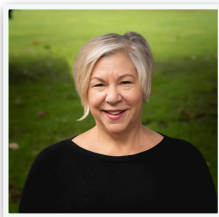
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## Our October 9 Meeting

Don't miss this month's program as we kick off our year with



We'll hear from Katy McDonald, President & CEO of Forever Balboa Park – one of the nation's most iconic urban parks.

Katy brings over 30 years of experience in non-profit leadership and is deeply committed to preserving and enhancing the beauty and cultural richness of Balboa Park. She is ready to lead us into an exciting new chapter.

### **Doors open at 4:30 p.m. at Point Loma Assembly**

Enjoy live music by pianist Danny Green  
and appetizers by Supanee at San Diego Thai Catering

At 5:00 p.m., we'll hear from Point Loma Assembly President Pam Fuchs.

Program will follow.

### **Point Loma Assembly's Mission:**

To promote literary, social, educational, philanthropic, civic, and artistic work, and to restore and maintain the Assembly building at 3035 Talbot Street.

**Point Loma Assembly is fortunate to have strong community collaboration with the Laub Family Trust, the Point Loma Foundation, Point Loma Optimist Club and Point Loma Rotary.**

## Message from the President

by Pam Fuchs

I look forward to seeing each of you at the kick off of our calendar of meetings for the year. October 9 is just around the corner. It will be nice to see each of you again.



I would like to take a moment to bring you up today with news from our Board of Directors Meeting held on September 11. As a tribute to the outstanding work that the Point Loma Rotary does for the community, the Board voted to donate \$1000 at the Bronze level to support the Ride the Point 2025. This year's ride will be held November 8.

I am proud of the programs that we are planning to present, I am proud of our committees, all are working to make the Assembly an important member of the Point Loma Community.



**Join Us!**

**Jill G. Hall**  
Book Talk and Signing  
Featuring:  
*'On A Sundown Sea:  
A Novel of Madame Tingley  
and the Origins of Lomaland*

4:30pm October 30, 2025  
Point Loma Assembly  
3035 Talbot St.

**La Playa Books**  
POINT LOMA, CALIFORNIA  
An ocean of literary events in your neighborhood!

La Playa Books and Point Loma Assembly are excited to announce an evening with Jill G. Hall as she presents her latest book, 'On a Sundown Sea: A Novel of Madame Tingley and the Origins of Lomaland.' A not-to-be-missed evening of Point Loma history and a magical story. Please join us for Jill's book talk and signing on October 30 at 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.



Thank you to our business sponsors: Arts District Liberty Station, Bali Hai Restaurant, Brigantine Restaurants, Call Glenn Again Handyman Services, Cygnet Theatre, Diane Sullivan Realty, Driscoll, Inc., Girl Scouts of San Diego, Good Point Gasoline, Jensen's Foods, La Playa Books, Little House of Flowers, Michele Kitchin Realtor, Point Loma Playhouse, Robert Realty, Robert Tripp Jackson Broker Southern Peninsula Properties LLC, Rosamaria Acuña, Realtor, Solare Ristorante, The Hartley Company Insurance, U.S. Bank Point Loma and Visions Museum of Textile Art.

**RENT THE ASSEMBLY** Rate is \$480 for four hours. Discount for charitable organizations. Visit [pointlomaassembly.org/rentals](http://pointlomaassembly.org/rentals).



**Meet Our Access Co-Chairs**

**Sue Stone**

After moving to California from rural Pennsylvania in 1967, I met and married a native Californian, Ross Stone, who was convinced there was no better place to live than Point Loma. We moved to the peninsula after raising our daughter,



Michele. I was a career educator. After teaching for a number of years I entered administration. I found it both challenging and rewarding and loved my work. Ross' career

involved travel, often six international trips a year. I accompanied him and appreciated the opportunities travel provides. When Ross passed away I had time to pursue new interests so, after hearing about ACCESS, I joined the Assembly. The following year I proposed starting Everyone a Reader at Cabrillo and the Board and members embraced the project. Being part of the Assembly and the Point Loma community has convinced me Ross was correct, there is no better place to live than here.



**Melanie Sherman**

I am from the Midwest, born in Ann Arbor, Michigan and studied business at the University of Michigan.

I've been in San Diego since the early 80's when I began a 40 year career in research administration at UC San Diego. When I retired, I was the



Business Director of the HIV Neurobehavioral Research Program and Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research. My husband owns YachtSource and he and our daughter are Point Loma natives.

We are avid fans of the arts and adventure travel but also enjoy giving back to the community. Most recent volunteer activities include the PLA Board of Directors, Mean Green Team and Beautification Committee, PL Assembly Board of Directors and ACCESS Committee Co-Chair, OB Woman's Club and Petal Share.

My passions are gardening, reading and endurance running. Boston, New York and Chicago marathons have been highlights but I also enjoy hiking, biking and sailing our Catalina 34.

**Fifth Year for the Goff Family Pumpkin Patch**

Yes, the Goff Family Pumpkin Patch will be at Liberty Station again. The free-admission patch opens on September 19 and runs through October 31 at the NTC Park in Liberty Station. Open Sunday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The free-admission patch opens on September 19 and runs through October 31 at the NTC Park in Liberty Station. Open Sunday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

## Point Loma Artists Association on Display at Point Loma Assembly

Point Loma Artists Association is proud to have their work shown at Point Loma Assembly. They are a group of artists that live in the Point Loma/Ocean Beach area and this year are celebrating their 25th anniversary! Enjoy their work on display at the Assembly. Here is the upcoming schedule:



### September through November

Julie Anderson-Watercolor

### December 2025 - February 2026

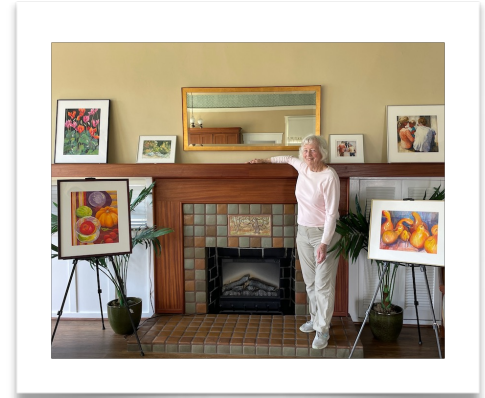
Tony Batakis and Cathy Coverly- Photography

### March - May 2026

Jill Giesick - Acrylic & Oil

Join them for their Holiday Sale on Saturday, November 22 at St Charles Borromeo Church.

Follow them on instagram @pointlomaartists or Facebook [m.facebook.com/ PointLomaArtistsAssociation/](https://m.facebook.com/PointLomaArtistsAssociation/)



## Membership News

by Sally A. Bixler, Membership Chair

At our October general meeting, I will introduce our 13 new 2025 members to the audience. Several of them “*tried us out*” from February to June at a reduced rate and then renewed for a full year. ! I think that is a great membership dues option. We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you! Some of you joined to further support our EAR program at Cabrillo Elementary, managed by member Sue Stone and others joined to support an ACCESS project. We hope you also enjoy our future programs that always prove to be interesting and informative. Always check our website at [pointlomaassembly.org](http://pointlomaassembly.org) or our monthly Newsletter to know the latest. I look forward to seeing you at the Point Loma Assembly!

### About Julie Anderson

After teaching Art in grades K-12, Julie retired and began her artistic journey. The vibrancy and versatility of watercolor led her to use this medium for the trip. Attracted by light and shadow, she photographs scenes which become the basis for her paintings.

Julie’s art can be seen in monthly San Diego Watercolor Society exhibitions, where she has won many awards, periodic Point Loma Artists Association shows, and on cards at Jensen’s.

November 8, 2025

**RIDE THE POINT**  
Jim Krause Memorial Ride

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5 Mile Family Fun Ride  
25 Mile Endurance  
6.2 Mile Walk/Run Century

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For pancreatic cancer research

Rotary Club of Point Loma

## Mark Your Calendars

by Rosamaria Acuña, Vice President, Programs

Point Loma Assembly has some great meetings coming up. Put these on your calendars now.

### November 13

San Diego Ballet performance - Presented by Artistic Director Javier Velasco.

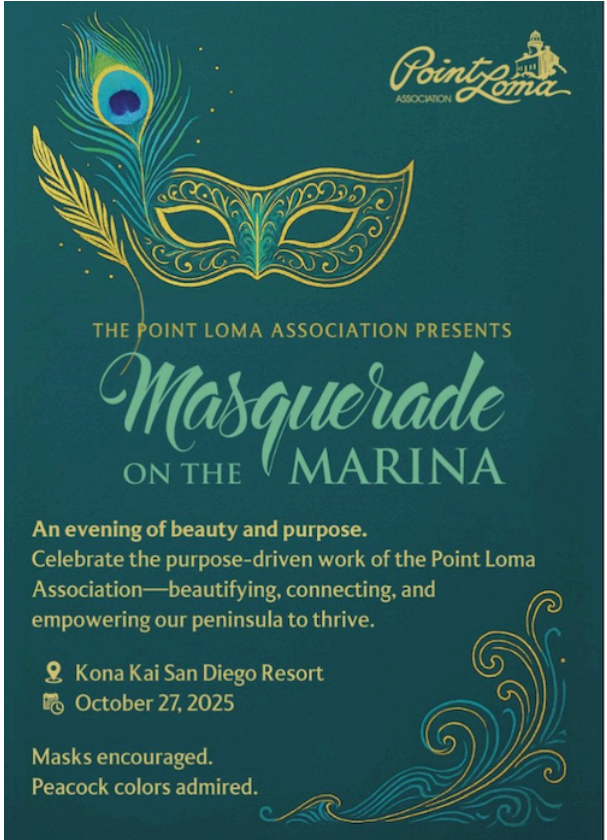
Reception live music by Apt4 Music (Liberty Station).

Food by Solare — Randy Smerik: Wood Oven Pizzas — Chef Brian Smerik.

### December 11

It is our annual Holiday Neighborhood Open House & Business Sponsor Showcase event.....

Christmas Carolers, Liberty Station Art/Quilt Museum. Food, fun, festive!



The poster features a dark teal background with a large, ornate masquerade mask in shades of blue and gold. A peacock feather is positioned above the mask. In the top right corner, the Point Loma Association logo is visible. The text reads: 'THE POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION PRESENTS Masquerade ON THE MARINA'. Below this, it says 'An evening of beauty and purpose. Celebrate the purpose-driven work of the Point Loma Association—beautifying, connecting, and empowering our peninsula to thrive.' The event details are: 'Kona Kai San Diego Resort' and 'October 27, 2025'. At the bottom, it notes 'Masks encouraged. Peacock colors admired.' There is a decorative blue and gold swirl graphic in the bottom right corner.

Point Loma Association

THE POINT LOMA ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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📍 Kona Kai San Diego Resort  
📅 October 27, 2025

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The poster features a group of cheerleaders in black and white uniforms, holding large drums. A circular logo in the top center reads 'POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL 100 1925-2025'. Text on the left says 'SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER! OCTOBER!' and 'La Playa Trail Assn presents a Point Loma High School Centennial Retrospective WITH STU HARTLEY AND ERIC DUVAL'. A photo in the top right shows a large outdoor gathering. Text in the bottom right says 'OCTOBER 21 5:30 PM POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY \$10 SUGGESTED'.

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## ACCESS Update

*by Sue Stone, ACCESS Committee Co-Chair*

The collaboration between Cabrillo Elementary School and Point Loma Assembly is off to an amazing start for the 2025-2026 school year. Cabrillo Principal Rebecca Vogel has increased challenges with a reduced budget, but is committed to keeping the nurturing environment while focusing on strong basics in literacy and math. ACCESS, through the Everyone A Reader program, is providing reading volunteers to all Kindergarten through Fourth grade classes. Three classes have also requested math support.

Research shows students learn better when academics are balanced with the Arts. Point Loma Assembly, *through the generous donations of the Bus Drivers, Lynn Silva, Dottie Laub, The Assembly General Fund, and others*, is sending students to classes taught by professional artists at Arts District Liberty Station. The Air and Space Museum's Mobile Mission Control Bus, *provided by Vicky Lareau*, will visit Cabrillo in October and all students will participate in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum featuring Robots and Rockets. Shrek

will be produced by Junior Theater in April and tickets for Cabrillo students have been purchased. More information about future activities is coming.

The Reading Room *that was paid for and renovated by Vicky Lareau* is in constant use. Teachers sign up to take their class for quiet reading or stimulating discussions. One child's comment expresses the reaction most people have when he exclaimed "Who cleaned this room! They made it beautiful!" The Assembly built garden beds for Cabrillo in the past and the school has an active outdoor learning component. Last spring the Assembly paid for garden benches so the children no longer sit on the ground. We are making a difference!

The ACCESS committee hopes more Assembly members will join us. If you are interested, contact Melanie Sherman (melaniegsherman@gmail.com or Sue Stone (suelstone@hotmail.com).

*(Pictured left to right) Arts District Liberty Station dance class*

*The Mobile Mission bus came to Cabrillo to teach Robots. The children sat in the aisle and learned basics and then went outside to make the robots and rockets.*

*Field trip to Sea World*

*Budding Artists at Liberty Station*

