

# Point Loma Assembly

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## February Lunch Program

### *Jazz & Legacy*

Presented by The Point Loma Assembly

#### Featuring

Rob Thorsen, esteemed musician, educator, and composer, along with pianist Melonie Grinnell and drummer Richard Sellers.

Enjoy a musical and historical journey from the past to the present.

You will also hear from our Legacy Chair, Vicky Lareau, with an overview of preservation efforts for our beloved building.

#### Thursday, February 12

11:30 AM – Lunch & Presentation  
Doors open at 11:00 AM

#### RSVP / Questions:

Rosamaria Acuña | 619-890-2828  
—or scan the QR code—



Join us for community, conversation, and an engaging program.



Please RSVP using the QR code here or at [acuna.rosamaria@gmail.com](mailto:acuna.rosamaria@gmail.com).

**ALL POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT OUR HALL ON 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, Point Loma Rotary and POPS.**

## Message from the President

by Pam Fuchs

Dear Members,



I believe the word for our February membership event will be SURPRISE! You will be impressed with Vickie Lareau's presentation about the success of the Legacy Campaign.

You will be equally impressed with the program presented by Rob Thorsen. Make your reservation today. I know parking can be difficult so consider carpooling or trying a rideshare to reach the Assembly Hall. I look forward to seeing you on February 12.



## Meet Board Member Carolyn Bick

Carolyn and her husband moved to Point Loma from Rochester, New York in 2020 right as COVID and the shutdown began. They moved to



be with their two adult children and families. They now have 4 granddaughters.

Carolyn and Sam raised their family in Rochester, NY where Carolyn owned a women's clothing store for 22 years. After closing her business in 2008, she was employed as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director for several organizations.

Carolyn has a love of Arts & Culture and Historic Preservation and has always believed in giving back and now volunteers in the Point Loma Community with the PLA Mean Green Team, was on the Board and wrote Grants for the Point Loma Summer Concerts and is on the Point Loma Assembly Board, where she chairs the Grant Program. She enjoys swimming, sailing, downhill skiing, hiking, reading, and photography. She taught sailing, raced sailboats and occasionally crews on sailboats in San Diego.

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

## Membership Update

by Sally A. Bixler, Membership Chair

Have you been thinking of joining the Point Loma Assembly? Well, now is your chance to try us out for 5 months for \$50 which is a 50% discount off our regular annual rate between February 1 and June 30. Enjoy our monthly newsletter with loads of information on what is going on in our community, attend monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month with interesting and engaging programs and meet some new neighbors! Our meetings are free of charge and always include bountiful refreshments and time to socialize with other members. Please check us out on our website at [www.pointlomaassembly.org](http://www.pointlomaassembly.org) and join online or contact me directly at [pointlomaassemblyhall@gmail.com](mailto:pointlomaassemblyhall@gmail.com). I hope to see you at the Point Loma Assembly "where the community likes to meet".



### Welcome New Business Sponsor

#### Service Kings

Service Kings Home Services has been proudly family owned and serving the community since 1991. With over 30 years of experience in the cleaning and restoration industry, the company is known for integrity, reliability, and a commitment to getting the job done right the first time. They are certified in nearly every area of cleaning and restoration, and continually invest in the latest technology to deliver the highest level of care for your home or property.

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Call them for a quote at 916-899-1740 or go to their website at [service-kings.com](http://service-kings.com).

LA PLAYA TRAIL  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS

A VICTORIAN  
VALENTINE

Join lecturers Sandee Wilhoit and Jamie Laird  
of the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation,  
to delve into the intricate customs and  
traditions surrounding dating, marriage,  
and love in the Victorian Era.

FEBRUARY 17, 2026  
DOORS OPEN 5:15PM  
LECTURE BEGINS 5:45PM

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SAN DIEGO, CA 92106

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10 AT THE DOOR

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## Congratulations to Arts District Liberty Station!

California has selected **Arts District Liberty Station** as a State-Designated California Cultural District for 2026 — a meaningful recognition of the creativity, history, and cultural vibrancy that make this district so special.



Selected as one of only 10 districts statewide, Arts District Liberty Station was recognized for its outstanding cultural legacy and its commitment to fostering diverse, inclusive creative spaces. This

designation will support efforts to preserve historic sites, strengthen the local economy, attract tourism, and continue elevating the arts throughout our community.

Liberty Station is proud to be home to the Arts District and to see its creativity and impact recognized at the state level. This is an exciting moment for the artists, makers, and partners who bring the district to life.

COLLABORATION WITH CYGNET THEATRE  
Somewhere Over the Border - Opens February 18, 2026



Check out our pieces in the Cygnet Theatre Art Gallery during their production of *Somewhere Over the Border*, which opens on Feb 18, 2026.

Inspired by a real-life journey, *Somewhere Over the Border* weaves a heartwarming tale of resilience and hope. Blending magical realism with the charm of *The Wizard of Oz*, this moving musical follows Reina's courageous journey to build a better life. With vibrant characters and a lively score, it's a musical about family, sacrifice, and the pursuit of the American Dream. Featuring a lively, Latin-inspired score infused with cumbia, mariachi, boleros, American rock, and hip hop, this moving story reminds us that courage can lead us anywhere — even over the rainbow.

Get your tickets today for this amazing musical and take advantage of **20% off** using promo code **Visions20**.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## At Point Loma/Hervey Library in February

February 11 - 1 p.m.

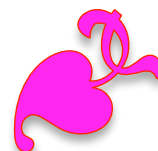
### San Diego's Most Haunted

This presentation will discuss the history and paranormal claims of various historical landmarks in San Diego such as the Whaley House, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Hotel Del Coronado, Santee Bark, Davis-Horton House and more.

February 25 - 1 p.m.

### Titanic - The Liner, the Legend, the Legacy

The story of the ill-fated liner still fascinates to this day. Learn the hidden facts of the Ship or Dreams, with stories of the passengers, crew and officers.



## ACCESS Update

by Sue Stone, ACCESS Committee Co-Chair  
Assembly & Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success. ACCESS is accomplishing its mission. The December book giveaway made a huge impression. Many children could not believe the beautiful book was theirs to keep. The thank you notes were heartwarming. Some said it was the first book they owned, others told the part they liked the best. "I love how it had Spanish and English and Persian." "I read it every night."

Spirit shirts were given to the children before boarding the bus to the Natural History Museum. Many realized the goal was to help chaperones keep track of them, and they thought it was funny and smart. Their comments included how proud they were to wear the shirt. As with the books most notes were filled with gratitude, wanting us to know they loved us and appreciated the joy we brought them.

The museum field trip invoked comments like, "I learn better seeing real things than watching them on TV". "Everything there is real." "The whale shark looked like it was swimming." I knew our collaboration was working when I read "I felt happy, excited and a little scared. Lol!"

Cabrillo still has many needs but the Assembly and now others in the community are helping. In January the ACCESS chairs met with POPS, a group of philanthropists who support worthy causes on the Peninsula. Their donation will assure some of the field trips and other needs will be funded next year.

Everyone A Reader still needs volunteers. If you can help, please contact Sue at [suelstone@hotmail.com](mailto:suelstone@hotmail.com).

Thanks to you, we are making a difference in the lives of Cabrillo Elementary School children.





Thank you to everyone who attended the Point Loma Assembly Lunch Program on January 12, featuring Superintendent Chris Rodriguez from Cabrillo National Monument and Emily Moore from the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation (CNMF). [www.nps.gov/cabrillo](http://www.nps.gov/cabrillo). We truly appreciate your time, presence, and engagement.

**Learn More**

To learn more about the **Cabrillo National Monument Foundation (CNMF)**—including free events, volunteer opportunities, membership, and donation options—please visit: [www.cnmf.org](http://www.cnmf.org).

**Save the Date – Upcoming Point Loma Assembly Programs**

More details coming soon—please mark your calendars:

- **Thursday, February 12** – Point Loma Assembly Legacy and Concert - see page 1.
- **Saturday, March 7** – History Open House - *Doors open at 9:30 a.m.*
- **Thursday, April 9** – Philanthropy Event - *Doors open at 4:30 p.m.*
- **Thursday, May 21** – Members Luau - *Doors open at 4:30 p.m.*

Thank you again for being part of our community and partnership. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

## Meet Our Artists-in-Residence

### Cathy Coverly

I love travel! I am constantly recording my impressions as I explore the world around me. I have been fortunate to spend time in Italy, board the Canal du Midi in France, and make friends in Japan and Australia.

Although I am primarily a glass artist, I often capture intriguing



vistas with photography so I can savor them and share them with friends.

I have worked in glass locally since 1974. I have been published in National Art Glass Magazines (*my work was featured on the cover of Glass Art Magazine in Jan./Feb. 2008*). I have been an Artist in Residence at Uroboros Glass Studios 2007 and 2011. In 2005 Wisconsin Dells was acquired by the Racine Museum of Craft. I created "Mariposa", a kinetic Urban Tree sculpture, in Aluminum and Glass for the Port of San Diego. Contact me at [coverleycathy@gmail.com](mailto:coverleycathy@gmail.com).

### Anthony Paul Photography

Tony Batakis is a 46 year resident of Point Loma, having moved here from Massachusetts after college. He worked for Solar Turbines for 41 years.

Photography has been a lifelong passion. He tries to capture interesting scenes from a unique perspective, and spends much time off the beaten path wherever he travels, and also at home.



*Both artists are Point Loma Artists Association members.*

**YOU ARE INVITED:**  
**STRING QUINTET**  
**BEAUTIFUL MUSIC**

**ANTON ARENSKY**  
**FRANZ SCHUBERT**

**Violin: Ai Nihira Awata, Igor Pandurski,**  
**Cello: Maximus Gurath, Nathan Walhout**  
**Viola: Kenneth Liao Host: Marketa Hancova**

*Point Loma Assembly 3035 Talbot, SD*  
*February 8, 2026, 7PM*

**TICKETS \$27** **619-788-7428**

A tree sculpture made of colorful butterflies in various colors like blue, purple, yellow, and pink.