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Docent Roster

2019



A Who's Who Guide of the UC Davis TERC Docents and Education Team

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Heather Segale

Education & Outreach Director, UC Davis TERC



Hometown: Tahoma, CA (originally from Michigan)

At TERC since: 2005 (before the new building was built)

Background/Education: Undergraduate degrees in Business, Psychology and a Master's of Science in Natural Resources with a focus in Hydrology/Limnology

Favorite thing about working at TERC: Working with all of the wonderful docent volunteers, AmeriCorps members and scientists at TERC

Interesting fact: I have volunteered in Kenya, Cameroon, and Costa Rica conducting water hygiene education programs and drilling wells for clean water.

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Alison Toy

Program Coordinator & Docent Program Manager, TERC



Hometown: Tulare, CA

At TERC since: Since 2012

Background/Education: B.S. Environmental Sciences Biological Emphasis and a minor in education from UC Berkeley

Favorite thing about working at TERC: Meeting all sorts of fantastic people from different walks of life and working for an organization whose values align with my own

Interesting fact: Taught English in Akita City in Japan for two years and moonlight as a snowboard instructor for Alpine Meadows

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Baylee Goodwin

AmeriCorps / Education Program Assistant, TERC



Hometown: Kings Beach, CA

AmeriCorps member since: October 2019

Background/Education: Bachelor's Degree in Zoology with a focus in wildlife conservation from Oregon State University

Favorite thing about working at TERC: Inspiring younger generations to care about the environment

Interesting fact: I love to travel. I have been to 14 countries and 5 continents (just Australia and Antarctica to go!)

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Elise Matera

AmeriCorps / Education Program Assistant, TERC



Hometown: Chapel Hill, NC

AmeriCorps member since: October 2019

Background/Education: Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies with a focus in Biology and Women's studies from Vassar College

Favorite thing about working at TERC: Getting to talk to new people about the things I care about

Interesting fact: I can tie a shoe with my toes!

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Stephanie Ambrosia



Hometown: Thousand Oaks, CA

Docent since: 2017

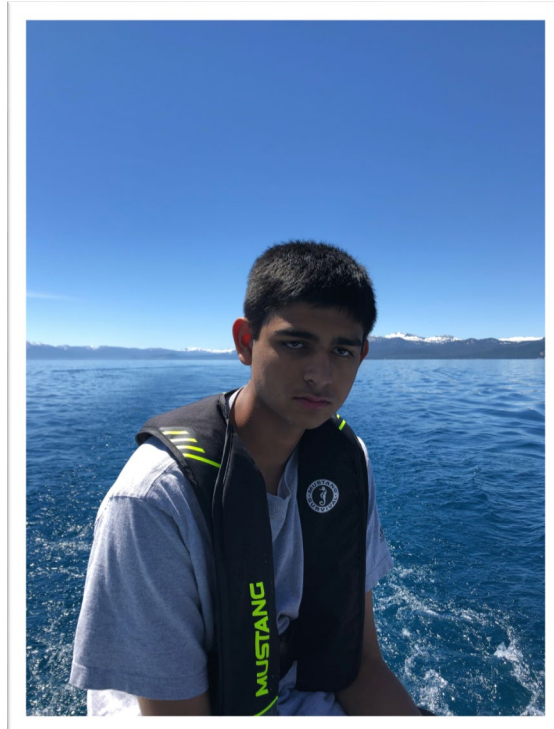
Background/Education: B.A. in American Literature & Culture; Teaching Credential in Elementary Education

Favorite thing about being a docent: Challenging visitors to think about the watershed in which we live and recreate

Interesting fact: Works as a full-time interpreter for the Lake Tahoe Sector of California State Park

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Adithya Ayanam



Hometown: Reno

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Going into 10th grade

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning more about Lake Tahoe and the Problems surrounding it.

Interesting fact:

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Beverly Bales



Hometown: Sacramento, CA (via Cedar Rapids, IA)

Docent Since: 2017

Background/education: B.A applied economics USF

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning new things, meeting people of all ages, from all over the world, contributing to the knowledge base of those who come through the door.

Interesting Fact: V.P of Sacramento Walking Sticks, Largest walk sporting club in the country (560 members)

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Barry C. Barmann



Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Docent since: 2016

Background/Education: BA in Psychology (Ohio State University), MA in Psychology (University of Pacific), PhD (University of California, Santa Barbara). Clinical Psychologist and co-Executive Director of the “Center for Anxiety and Chronic Worry, Incline Village. University Professor for 28 years at California Lutheran University.

Favorite thing about being a docent: To give people a better sense and pride for (as Mark Twain once stated): “the fairest picture the entire earth affords.” To provide visitors to the UC Davis Tahoe Science Center with a new lens through which to view Lake Tahoe from a difference perspective; one that says “I can make a difference; I can help make Lake Tahoe even more stunning through my efforts, and those of others.”

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Jim Beres



Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Docent since: 2015

Background/Education: BS/MS Electrical Engineering. MBA

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting new people and talking about Tahoe

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Martha Betcher



Hometown: Gardnerville, NV

Docent Since: 2017

Background/education: BS Microbiology, minor chemistry, 2nd Teaching credential, taught middle school science/math and worked as a school librarian for the past 17 years.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing love and science for Lake Tahoe and the Watershed

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Karen Bohannan-Reed



Hometown: Cupertino & Tahoe City

Docent since: 2010

Background/Education: B.S.: UNR, MS: UCSF

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting the guests.

Interesting fact: Retired nurse, native gardener & hiker.

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Terry Booth



Hometown: Dayton, NV (born CO, grew up in MO, adult life TX etal.)

Docent Since: 2019

Background/education: B.A applied economics USF

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning new things, meeting people of all ages, from all over the world, contributing to the knowledge base of those who come through the door.

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Dennis Breen



Hometown: Milwaukee, WI now Incline Village

Docent since: 2014

Background/Education: Retired MD

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing the history of Lake Tahoe and encouraging visitors to understand the challenges of preserving this treasure.

Interesting fact: I kayak, sail or swim in Lake Tahoe as often as possible during the summer.

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Mary Bronson



Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

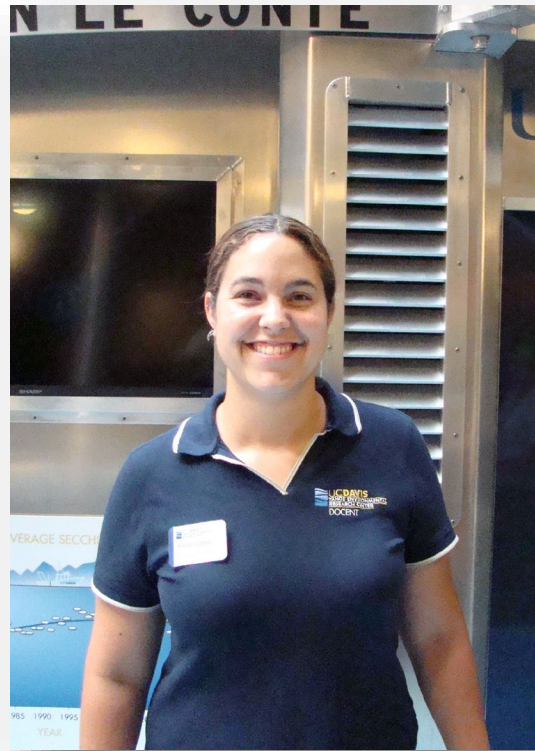
Background/Education: Career ranging from Project Management for railroad and transit control systems to producing a fine art and craft festival.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning more about the beautiful place we live and sharing this with others.

Interesting fact: I've volunteered with many different organizations for over 30 years.

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Kellie Carter



Hometown: Reno, NV

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: B.S. Fisheries & Wildlife Science; B.S. Biology;
Concentrations: Zoology and Marine Biology

Favorite thing about being a docent: I get to learn new things every time I docent. Someone always asks a question that I don't have an answer for. I then get to look it up and learn new things!

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Collin Caruso



Hometown: Truckee, CA

Docent since: 2014

Background/Education: Born and raised in Truckee/Tahoe attending our local schools and will be a junior at Truckee High

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning the science of Lake Tahoe and our wildlife, plus working on public speaking

Interesting fact: I've traveled in Asia, including Vietnam, Singapore and Hong Kong, and love playing baseball (made Varsity this past season)

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Jamie Casey



Hometown: Tahoe City, CA

Docent since: Summer 2015

Background/Education: Bachelor's degree from UNR in English Literature of Art and has a fascination with geology

Favorite thing about being a docent: Talking to people about Lake Tahoe and learning more about the lake

Interesting Fact: I was born here in Tahoe Valley at home in 1949. My mother had the library in our home

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Alan Castator



Hometown: Chicago

Docent since: March 2015

Background/Education: Litigation Lawyer 1972-2001; Judge Pro Tem 2005 – Present; BS University of Illinois; Juris doctor Chicago-Kent

Favorite thing about being a docent: Public speaking, research, educating the public

Interesting Fact: Springboard diver high school through college

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Ethan Chen



Hometown: Incline Village, NV

Docent since: June 13, 2019

Background/Education: Rising Senior in High School at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts

Favorite thing about being a docent: Not only a chance to learn about the lake, but also to teach, which us an extremely valuable experience. As well, I am able to meet likeminded people of all different ages.

Interesting fact: Avid scuba diver, love water sports, afraid of waves so prefer lakes

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JoAnn Cobb



Hometown: Tahoe Vista, California. I grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan & moved to the San Francisco Bay Area as a young adult. After being weekend & holiday visitors to the Lake Tahoe area since the late 1980's, my husband and I moved here full-time in September 2017.

Docent since: 2018

Background/Education: I worked for many years as an Information Technology Analyst & Consultant in San Francisco & Silicon Valley, then enjoyed a second career as a high school teacher. AB in History, Harvard University; California Teaching Credential in Mathematics & Social Studies, Notre Dame de Namur University.

Favorite thing about being a docent: I love learning about the Lake Tahoe area and sharing that knowledge with the people who visit the Tahoe Science Center. It is also terrific to meet and get to know the staff & fellow volunteers associated with TERC!

Interesting fact: I've been an outdoor leader with the Sierra Club for over 30 years & have helped teach an annual backpacking class for the Club for over 20 years.

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Heather Cotanch



Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Docent since: 2018

Background/Education: B.A. English Education from Syracuse University, M.S. Middle School Education from Bank Street College, M.S. Literacy, City University of NY

Favorite thing about being a docent: Seeing people of all ages and backgrounds learn something new. I especially love when the younger visitors ask thought-provoking questions.

Interesting Fact: I'm a certified yoga teacher. I blog about my recent move from San Francisco to Tahoe at www.altitudeadjustment.blog

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Phyllis Conces



Hometown: Born in New Orleans, LA but currently split my time between Incline Village in the summer and Dallas TX the rest of the year.

Education background: Associate Degree in Computer Science and Bachelor Degree in Accounting from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA. Master of Business and Public Administration from Rice University in Houston TX

My favorite thing about being a docent: How much I have learned about Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe Basin.

Interesting fact: My first summer in Tahoe was 4 years ago, and in that summer I hiked the Tahoe Rim Trail in 14 segments and kayaked completely around the Lake over 5 days. I am working on completing the TRT for a second time.

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Susan Crutchfield

Hometown: New Home, Texas

Docent Since: July 2017

Background/education: School Teacher, Bridge Teacher, BA Texas Tech

Favorite thing about being a docent: Hopefully getting others as excited about Lake Tahoe as I am. I love learning more and more about the area and the history of the lake and enjoy sharing that with others.

Interesting Fact: I have taught bridge for 15 years.

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Paul “Bubba” Crutchfield



Hometown: Liberty, Texas

Docent since: Summer 2017

Background/Education: Retired from U.S Rice Industry. Texas Tech – International Trade

Favorite thing about being a docent: Furthering the understanding of how research at Lake Tahoe can be used to improve water quality worldwide.

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Mary Dauteuil



Hometown: San Diego, CA

Docent since: Other org.

Background/Education: Business

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing info with visitors to keep the lake blue and clean.

Interesting fact: Foster kittens for WARF here in Incline

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John H. Eisele Jr., M. D.



Hometown: Davis, CA, & Truckee, CA

Docent since:

Background/Education: Retired emeritus professor at UCD School of Medicine (specialty in Anesthesiology, Pain Medicine & Respiratory Physiology)

Favorite thing about being a docent: Enjoy sharing science and ecology with Tahoe citizens and visitors. Only people can save the Lake

Interesting fact: Since boyhood I've loved nature and the outdoors, and of course, I was an Eagle Scout (back East).

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John Farley



Hometown: Davenport, Iowa

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: Aerospace Engineering, MS Stanford University

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Arnold Bernard Gorin, MD



Hometown: New York City

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: BA in Biology from UC Davis, M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine, Professor of Medicine

Favorite thing about being a docent: Teaching

Interesting fact: Have shown dogs (Briards) to AKC Championships

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Linda Gorin, MD



Hometown: Born in New York City, now in Scottsdale, AZ

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Graduated from Medical School, practiced for 40 years- spent 20+ years teaching MD's, PA's, NP's and school children

Favorite thing about being a docent: Really enjoy teaching

Interesting fact: Showed my dogs and used him as a therapy and service dog

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Walter Hall



Hometown: Reno

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: B.S. Business

Favorite thing about being a docent: Yet to discover

Interesting fact: Had a weather station on school roof (5th grade)

Carol Heinricy

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Hometown: Coleman, South Dakota

Docent since: 2008

Background/Education: BS in Elementary & Special Education, Masters of Education in Special Education, MS in Environmental Education, Retired from teaching for 30 years in Carson City, NV

Favorite thing about being a docent: Interesting people, and there is always something new to learn.

Interesting Fact: I would love to go back to Newfoundland.

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Yuki Hoashi



Hometown: Glenbrook

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Japanese born grew up in US and Japan, worked in Japan, England, Italy and US. MSc from City University in London and BA from Sophia University in Tokyo

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting new people and learning about the local area and helping the environment

Interesting fact: Japanese and English bilingual

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Christie James



Hometown: Now: Carson City, Nevada, Grew up in Orinda, California

Docent Since: May 2017

Background/education: B.S – U.C Davis, Environmental Policy Analysis and Regional Planning. MSS University of Denver –Applied communication. I do environmental education in ten schools in the Carson River Water Shed.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing my love of the lake and hearing others' stories of being at Tahoe.

Cathy Karr

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Hometown: Reno

Docent since: 2017

Background/Education: Occupational Therapy B.S.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing the lake with others, learning about protecting the lake.

Interesting fact: I have kayaked around the lake.

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Susan Kast



Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Educator, Writer and Photographer

Favorite thing about being a docent: Volunteering with new friends and educating other.

Interesting fact: Worked for Groundwork Dallas for 2 years – 501C 3 environmental group protecting the Trinity Forest and waterways. CERT certified

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Jim Kelly



Hometown: Tahoe City/ Rocklin CA

Docent Since: July 2017

Background/education: B.S/M.S Civil Engineering. Registered Civil Engineer; Environmental Professional – Managed District, San Francisco Estuary Institute.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Getting to know Tahoe and the people in Tahoe

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Steve Klukkert



Hatchery Docent

Hometown: Plumas County , CA

Docent since:

Background/Education: Formerly Plumas Co., CA Native Plant Society, and worked X-C winters on Donner Summit. I want to stay focused on deeper (ecology) in the Hatchery zone. I have a UC Berkeley graduate degree. I attended Feather River College (after UCB), where they had a Watershed Technology Program, a trout hatchery, & equine curriculum.

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Tim Kosier



Hometown: Watertown, SD

Background/Education: BA in Psychology, MA in Guidance and Counseling, with a focus on mental retardation and elementary education. I've spent 35.5 years working with people with disabilities.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting a variety of people-different ages, backgrounds, and locales.

Interesting fact: I enjoy hiking at Marlette and Spooner Summit, snow shoeing to Chickadee Ridge, and kayaking at Sand Harbour.

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Alex Kuprin



Hometown: Petushki

Docent Since: 2015

Background/Education: Physics, X-Rays, Outdoors

Favorite thing about being a docent: Inspiring visitors' thinking and interest in science.

Interesting fact: I was the "Most Unique Ski Instructor in 2014 – 2015" of the Diamond Peak Kids Ski School.

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Sandra Lackovic



Hometown: I grew up on Long Island, NY now I live in Incline Village

Docent since: 2012

Background/Education: BSN, MA Stony Brook University. Taught NYC inner city high school in Bronx, NY

Favorite thing about being a docent: Field trips! I love to see the students' engagement and excitement – hands on learning is so important!

Interesting fact: I do medical missions to Central and South America with the Flying Doctors of America

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Eileen Lewis



Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: BS, MS Chemistry; PhD Chemistry & Cognition; faculty member at Cañada College and UC Berkeley; Program Director at the National Science Foundation (Division of Undergraduate Education).

Favorite thing about being a docent: sharing knowledge and helping people understand Tahoe's environmental issues and opportunities

Interesting fact: Sailor, scuba diver, ski instructor, ski patroller, and granny

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Hank Lewis



Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: Industrial Engineering, operations research, 35 years as business executive

Favorite thing about being a docent: Having the opportunity to learn and give back to the community

Interesting fact: sailor, scuba diver, skier, national ski patrol, I live in Truckee

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David Long



Hometown: Portland View, PA

Docent since:

Background/Education: California Polytechnic University in Pomona.
Environmental Consulting.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Explaining the Tahoe natural environment.

Interesting fact: I love to fish.

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Barbara Longshore



Hometown: Incline Village, NV

Docent since: 2014

Background/Education: Over 40 years in public education including all educational institutions in Incline Village. Traveled to Australia, the Bay Area and Reno to teach. B.A. and standard secondary teaching credential.

Favorite thing about being a docent: After living in the Tahoe area for 40 years and learning about all the research that has been acquired, it is a sheer joy to share that with visitors and guests. Providing objective science based information for the protection of my home, Lake Tahoe, and it's watershed is rewarding.

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Ann Lyman



Hometown: Orinda, CA. I have lived in Piedmont for the last 34 years until we retired and moved up here three years ago.

Docent since: 2011

Background/Education: I graduated from ASU in Geography/Natural Resources and have worked in related fields. Recently, I have worked on conservation issues and environmental legislation.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Talking with people from different areas of the country and learning more about Lake Tahoe.

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Jim Markle



Hometown: Martinsburg, WV

Docent since: 2007

Background/Education: Master of Arts in Communication (Journalism-Print), Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH. My professional career as a creative director, advertising manager, photographer and writer covers several decades. That includes managing my own design firm outside Chicago. As a college instructor, I've taught an array of design, history, photography and writing courses. Since moving to Incline Village in 2007, I've spent more time with my photography. Since 2004, I have won numerous national and international awards. Although my images have appeared in numerous publications and galleries, I enjoy working with people, especially children. But the real inspiration for all my work is the environment.

Favorite thing about being a docent: I enjoy meeting people who express an interest in Lake Tahoe and want to learn more about the challenges we face. If I can inspire people, young and old alike, to appreciate, preserve and share our passion for the environment, what more can I ask?

Interesting fact: I love to travel and spend time with family and friends. I also enjoy the outdoors. That includes, camping, hiking, backpacking, biking, kayaking, skiing and strapping on my snowshoes.

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Larry McComber



Hometown: Marshalltown, Iowa; Scottsdale, AZ; Incline Village, NV

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: Industrial Engineer and business executive

Favorite thing about being a docent: I like being a docent because of the people I meet. Visitors who find TERC are very interested in the information TERC has to offer and are fun to talk with. TERC staff people are great.

Interesting fact: My wife likes to travel. We've visited 15 countries in the first seven months of 2013 with a bike trip to Slovakia and Hungary coming up in September. We visit US gateway cities as we leave or re-enter the USA. This year those cities include Houston, Seattle, Boston, Minneapolis and Philadelphia

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Shaye McMillen



Hometown: Fallon, NV to Reno, NV

Docent since: 6/13/2019

Background/Education: Currently a Wildlife Ecology or Conversation major with an emphasis on ichthyology at UNR

Favorite thing about being a docent: Getting to learn more about the ecosystem of the lake of sharing that knowledge with others

Interesting fact: I play trumpet in a mariachi band and trombone in a marching band. I also work for FedEx loading the delivery vans destined for the Tahoe Area 😊

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Bruce McNulty



Hometown: Hemet, CA

Docent since: 2018

Background/Education: B.S. California Maritime Academy (CSU), MBA Thunderbird Global School of Management (ASU)

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning

Interesting fact:

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Lettie M. Miller



Hometown: Incline Village, NV

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: MS Nursing Admin., love of science and taught classes in a hospital setting

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting new people, talking to people and getting the information

Interesting fact: Like to learn, teach and talk

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Nate Mills



Hometown: Tahoe City

Docent since: I'll look in to it

Background/Education: High School, some college and many extra-curricular activities

Favorite thing about being a docent: Have no decided

Interesting fact: I invented bike yoga!

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Joanne Monardo



Hometown: Warren, Ohio

Docent since: July 2018

Background/Education: Physical Therapist, Acupuncturist and Wound Care Specialist (retired)

Favorite thing about being a docent: Being able to influence visitors to think in terms of preservation of the lake

Interesting fact: Soon-to-be grandma

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Marla Moore



Hometown: Silver Spring, Maryland

Docent since: 2016

Background/Education: Retired from NASA. Advanced degrees in physics and astronomy

Favorite thing about being a docent: I enjoy meeting very interesting people and sharing information about the science of Lake Tahoe. Visitors are very interested and inspired by this wonderful TERC science center and the message we are trying to teach – very rewarding.

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My-Linh Nguyen



Hometown: Reno/Sparks, NV

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: Graduate degree in civil/environmental engineering, surface and groundwater quality, and water resource management.

Favorite thing about being a docent: learning about Lake Tahoe's environment and interacting with the public and other docents.

Interesting fact: I work as a source water protection engineer at Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, and previously worked as a research manager at a nonprofit drinking water research organization.

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Bob Niederer



Hometown: Los Gatos, CA, originally from Carlstadt, NJ

Docent since: 2009

Background/Education: BSEE, Lehigh University, MBA Santa Clara University

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning from meeting very interesting people that ask challenging questions that make me think and be on my toes. I learn as much from them as they do from me. Also, they really appreciate the work that TERC is doing and being shown around.

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Gary Nield



Hometown: Rocklin, CA and Incline Village, NV

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: Retired educator – high school and middle school for 36 years, BA Idaho State University, MEd, University of Utah, many other classes and workshops at UNR and UCD

Favorite thing about being a docent: Making people aware of Tahoe's uniqueness.

Interesting fact: I spent many years at Incline High School and Middle School teaching about much of Tahoe's natural history.

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Lynda Nield



Hometown: Rocklin, CA and Incline Village, NV. I also lived in Davis, CA for 20 years.

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: Idaho State University – Microbiology; taught Jr. High math and science; real estate broker; adult and family literacy country-wide director in Davis, CA; moved from Tahoe to Davis and back.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting different people and sharing the lake's "story" with them.

Interesting fact: I lived in Incline Village in the 70s and 80s, moved to Davis and then back to Incline.

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Frances Pierce



Hometown: Homewood, CA (via Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Vernal, UT, Golden, CO, Tucson, AZ, and Reston, VA)

Docent since: 2012

Background/Education: BA Earth Science, UC Santa Cruz; additional studies in business, Spanish, and economic geology. Retired after 37 years with USGS.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing all the great information in the Ed Center with adults and children alike, getting them revved up.

Interesting fact: I served as a scientist on a NOAA ship in the gulf of Alaska; I was a nanny for Jane Fonda, and had been coming to Lake Tahoe for 61 years before I actually lived here.

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Gil Potter



Hometown: Corcoran, CA

Docent since: 2015

Background/Education: MBA from UC Berkeley, former Hospital Administrator and Health Care Analyst.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing my love of Tahoe with visitors.

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Carolyn Pretzer



Hometown: Tahoe Vista, CA

Docent since: 2017

Background/Education: BA: Social Science, Chico State; MA: Elementary Education, Sacramento State University

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning the current science and facts about Tahoe. Telling visitors and residence about the lake past present and future.

Interesting fact: Carolyn has lived “car free” in Tahoe for ten years!

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Priya Finnemore Renkert



Hometown: Cupertino, CA

Docent since: 2016

Background/Education: BA: Geography/Environmental Studies; MA: Geomorphology

Favorite thing about being a docent: rolling up my sleeves and getting my hands dirty at the Tahoe City Hatchery/Field Station!

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Bob Richards



Hometown: Born in Richmond, CA. Raised in Napa, CA. Now residing in Tahoe City.

Docent since: Since the program started.

Background/Education: Napa High School. UC Davis Zoology 1957-61, UC Davis Masters Program, Thesis done on lakes in the Siskiyou Mountains of Northern California.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting interesting people of all ages and nations and giving them information on one of the most unique lake ecosystems in the world (and getting to work with so many nice docents, Americorps members, and staffs of the UC Davis TERC, UNR, DRI, and SNC).

Interesting fact: I love flyfishing from a tube float, camping, hiking, RV traveling, helping my wife with her dog-raising hobby, living at Tahoe, and loving my two girls, their families, and our 7 grandchildren!

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Carl Ruschmeyer



Hometown: Round Hill, NV

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Professional Environmental and civil Engineer, MS Environmental Engineering, UC Davis

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing my knowledge of Lake Tahoe and developing future stewards

Interesting fact: Resident of Lake Tahoe for over fifty years

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John Russell



Hometown: So. Pasadena, CA

Docent since: 2014

Background/Education: B.S. and M.S. Colorado State University and Ed.D. University of Southern California

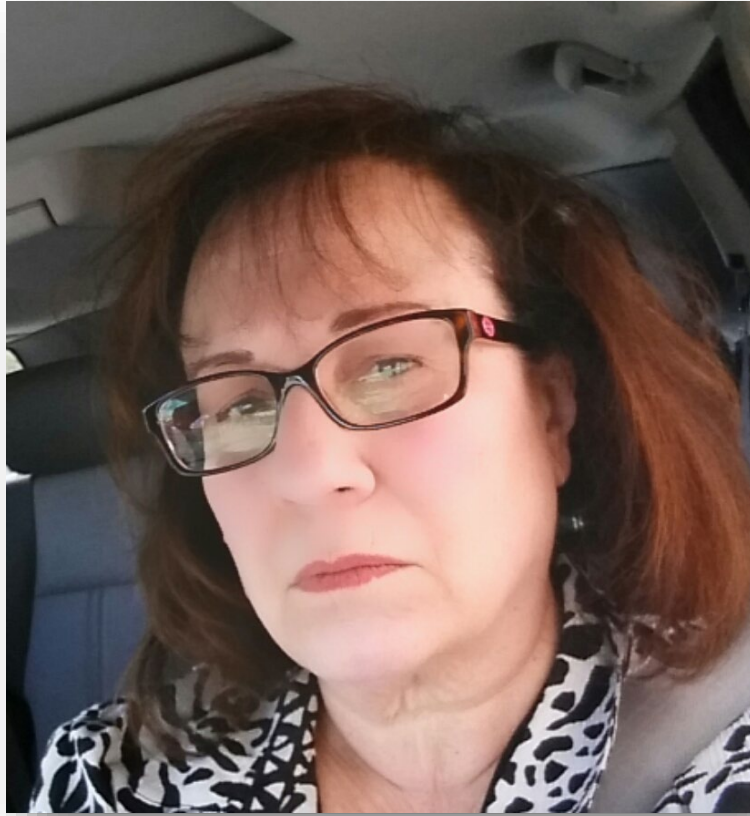
Retired university professor and commercial real estate broker

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting folks and educating about science related to the Lake Tahoe Basin, and stimulating students to become scientists.

Interesting fact: My favorite interesting fact was discovering Fremont made a mistake establishing state boundary lines.

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Marie Russell



Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

Docent since: July 2018

Background/Education: BA, Communication Studies, UNLV

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing the value of Science in everyday life

Interesting fact: I knew Elvis

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Nicole Simington



Hometown: South Lake Tahoe

Docent Since: August 2017

Background/education: Undergraduate at UC Davis, studying atmospheric science

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning more about Lake Tahoe

Interesting Fact: I broke my arm this past year.

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Edita Sirusalte



Hometown: Stateline, NV

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Business Administration

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting people, providing correct information to visitors about the area

Interesting fact: Lithuanian

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Marsha Fronterhouse Sohn



Hometown: Lives in Incline Village, but grew up in Albuquerque, NM

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Geologist - BS Geology, MSc Geology and MP GIS

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing my passion for natural science with others

Interesting fact:

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Kathy Southern



Hometown: From San Ramon – lives in ½ in Incline Village, NV and ½ in Grass Valley, CA

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: BS Business / accounting, MS Education Environment- last career was Environmental Sustainability for local Government.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Sharing my love of this area and environmental education

Interesting fact: Master Gardener in California, passionate composter

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Robert Southern



Hometown: Lives in Incline Village, and retired from San Ramon, CA

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Computer Science

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning and teaching

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Mark Spohr



Hometown: Tahoe City, CA

Docent since: 2018

Background/Education: B.S. Electrical Engineering MD

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting the most interesting people

Interesting fact: Mark handwired his first personal computer on his obstetrics rotation in medical school

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Ray Steinberg



Hometown: Incline Village

Docent since: 2017

Background/Education: Masters of Science in Structural Engineering

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting people

Interesting fact:

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Paul Twichell



Hometown: Grew up in Titusville Pa. (Home of the first Oil Well); Lived in Simi Valley Ca. for 37 years; Lived at Incline the past two years.

Docent since: June 2011

Background/Education: MS Physics University of Illinois 1974; MBA from USC 1979; worked at Rockwell International/Boeing for 33 years, Director Business Development for last 15 years (10 years advanced nuclear technology, 13 years rocket technology, and 10 years laser weapons). Co-founded Enhanced Energy Systems specializing in advanced oil recovery.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Meeting people with a diversity of backgrounds, attending UC Davis "monthly" lectures, and getting to know the outstanding TERC staff.

Interesting fact: Co-founder of K through 12 private school now with over 1300 students. Past Elder at Grace Brethren Church Simi Valley. Been married for 40 years with four grandchildren (two are twins).

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Linda Valle



Hometown: Reno/Kings Beach

Docent since: 2019

Background/Education: Teacher/ Program Consultant for 32 plus years, currently retired, but still at Incline High School. Loves the outdoor, wildlife and birding; traveled a lot especially in Central and South America

Favorite thing about being a docent: I love Tahoe and want to share my love and about the lake and educate others – especial children as they will inherent what we give them

Interesting fact: Loved hearing about the landslid

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Tiller Van Doren



Hometown: Markleeville, CA

Docent since: June 2018

Background/Education: I am currently a high school student who has taken AP computer principals and AP computer science A. I want to study Computer Science in college.

Favorite thing about being a docent: My favorite thing about being a docent is meeting all the new people and getting over my fear of presenting / talking in front of people.

Interesting fact: When the TERC building is closed, I sneak in and take the model John Le Conte for rides on the lake so it does not get lonely.

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Elaine Van Fossen



Hometown: Southern CA originally, Tahoe City for last 30 years.

Docent since: 2013

Background/Education: UCSB, BS Environmental Economics, UC Berkeley, Masters in Natural Resource Economics. Worked for USDA, Bureau of Reclamation, SRI International

Favorite thing about being a docent: Learning and sharing info about this area.

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Aaron Vanderpool



Hometown: Incline Village

Docent since: 2014

Background/Education: SNC Environmental Science and Ecology, Sustainability

Favorite thing about being a docent: Always learning and gaining a better understanding of Lake Tahoe and the natural world around us.

Interesting fact: I have seen ball lightning over Lake Tahoe and do not blame anyone for not believing me because I do not believe it myself.

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Terese Walsh

Hometown: Cincinnati, OH

Docent since: July 2018

Background/Education: Business Administration

Favorite thing about being a docent: The faces of amazement when telling others about the lake- it seems the element of surprise is never-ending!

Interesting fact:

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Rita Warren



Hometown: Originally from Berkeley, CA now in Incline Village, NV

Docent since: 2012

Background/Education: Docent at the Thunderbird Lodge at Lake Tahoe.

Favorite thing about being a docent: I love meeting people and learning along with them as they may have things to share relevant to the lake.

Interesting fact: I get along with all types of people, young and old! My father was among the people who started Incline Village back in the 1960's, so I have been at the lake since I was 13 years old. I moved here full time 18 years ago and love it. I also love all the facts I am learning to keep Lake Tahoe's environment healthy.

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Keith Williams



Hometown: Summer/Fall - Truckee; Winter/Spring – Davis

Docent since: 2016

Background/Education: BS, MA from UC Davis; PhD in Biomechanics from Penn State; Faculty member at UC Davis in Exercise Biology for 32 years.

Favorite thing about being a docent: Getting to see visitors, especially kids and young adults, nodding their heads when something related to environmental responsibility is interesting or makes sense to them.

Interesting fact: I spent ten summers when I was younger working as a California State Park ranger, leading hikes and campfire programs, so being a docent reminds me of those good times.