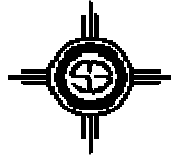


Celebrate the Sunbelt Lifestyle!



What's new at Sunbelt  
February 2009

Winter in Palm Springs is perfect weather for a bicycle ride!

"Tour de Palm Springs"

Saturday, February 14, 2009



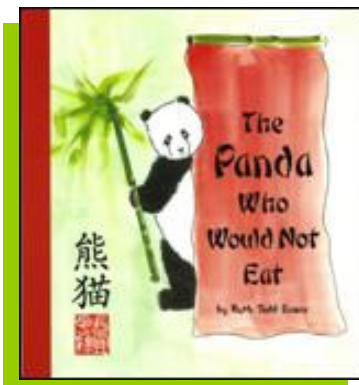
Come join us for one of America's most beautiful desert charity bike rides, and meet Nelson Copp, author of *Cycling the Palm Springs Region*

For more information visit [www.tourdepalmsprings.com](http://www.tourdepalmsprings.com)

### Upcoming Events

#### February

Tuesday, February 17, 1:30-2:30 pm - FREE



**Ruth Todd Evans**, author and illustrator of *The Panda Who Would Not Eat* (Sunbelt Publications 2007), will read her delightful children's story book at the **Fletcher Hills Library**. *The Panda Who Would Not Eat* is based on the true story of Shi Shi, the first male panda bear in the San Diego Zoo's Giant Panda Conservation Program, who didn't like the food that he was given at the Zoo. This book was published in cooperation with the San Diego Zoo and Quail Botanical Gardens. Books

will be available to purchase at the event.

Fletcher Hills Library is located at 576 Garfield Avenue in El Cajon. Call (619) 466-1132 for more information.

**Saturday, February 28, 2009; 9 am – 3 pm, Admission FREE to the park**

Come join **Maureen Gilmer**, author of *Palm Springs-Style Gardening: The complete Guide to Plants and Practices for Gorgeous Dryland Gardens*, **Nelson Copp**, author of *Cycling the Palm Springs Region*, and **Linda Pyle** author of *Peaks, Palms and Picnics* at the Annual Wildflower Celebration 2009 in Palm Desert at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Visitor Center.

Outdoor enthusiasts and family members of all ages are invited to come join in the fun at the National Monument's largest annual event. Wildflower-related photography, plant workshops, guided hikes and nature walks, live music, plein air artists, wildflower illustrations, engaging displays, informative programs, live animals, book signings by renowned local authors.

The National Monument Visitor Center is located at 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert, California.

Parking at the visitor center is limited; additional parking and free shuttle will be provided at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 47-535 Highway 74, Palm Desert.

Interested in scheduling a Sunbelt Author for your upcoming event?

For more information please contact us  
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## New Releases

**"Finally a cycling guide for the Coachella Valley!"**

**Cycling the Palm Springs Region** by Nelson Copp

6" x 9" paperback, 192 pages, 9780932653932, \$17.95

This book provides route maps and trip descriptions for 35 great rides in the Coachella Valley. Rides vary from easy road trips for the whole family along highways and bike paths to longer workout trips for more experienced riders, and plenty of tough off-road trails for the most physically fit.

**This Day in San Diego History** by Linda H. Pequegnat

6" x 9" paperback, 400 pages, ISBN 9780932653901, \$19.95

This intriguing book covers key people, places, and events that helped make San Diego the unique, colorful, and eclectic city and county that it is.. The author has chosen an event of note for each date on the calendar: on this day a particular person of note did something memorable, on this one, an important event happened or a place became noteworthy. Some events will be well-known to residents—many are obscure but important tidbits from our regions past.

**God in the Garden** by Maureen Gilmer  
9780829416886, \$17.95

Exploring the connections between faith and nature, this book offers tips concerning garden design and plant selection in a week-by-week journey through the Christian year.

**Rooted in the Spirit** by Maureen Gilmer  
9780878339386, \$32.00

Offering information on how to create your own spiritual garden, this book covers gardening basics while simultaneously exploring humanity's spiritual and religious connections to nature.

**The Complete Guide to Southern California Gardening** by Maureen Gilmer  
9780878338757, \$29.95

Profiling plants grown in Southern California, this comprehensive gardening guide addresses the basic fundamentals of maintaining an attractive garden, including lawn care, planting, and design.

**California Wildfire Landscaping** by Maureen Gilmer  
9780878338641, \$10.95

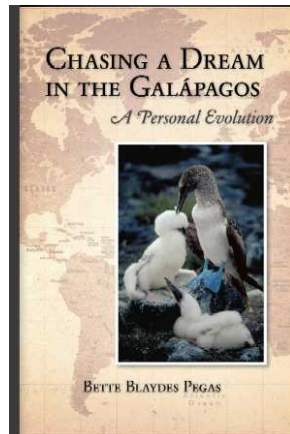
A holistic guide to wildfire-resistant landscaping and fire-prevention techniques for California homeowners, covering such subjects as native vegetation management, ornamental plants, and emergency water supply.

**Coming soon...**

**"Just in time for Darwin's Birthday!"**

***Chasing a Dream in the Galápagos: A Personal Evolution***

*by Bette Blaydes Pegas*



6" x 9" paperback, 168 pages  
ISBN 0916251970, \$14.95

A journey of self-discovery unfolds as a woman travels with her adult daughters to the Galápagos to see natural selection in action; includes an essay on Charles Darwin. **March 2009**