

California

September 11 – 21, 2008

Val & Harry flew from Jacksonville, NC, through Atlanta and arrived at John Wayne Orange County Airport. There we rented our "vibrant blue" PT Cruiser and headed north to sightsee and visit our friends Beth & Carl Gwinn near Santa Barbara. Val attended the Children's Miracle Network annual meeting in Newport Beach Sept. 15 – 19, 2008.



Newport Beach pier
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008

Carpinteria, Friday, Sept. 12, 2008



Friday morning, we walked at Carpinteria State Beach.







Kelp can make for some interesting, smelly beach art.

Old Mission, Santa Barbara, est.1786

Sept. 12, 2008











Museum of Natural History

Santa Barbara, Friday, Sept. 12, 2008





State Street, Santa Barbara





We visited wineries with Beth and Carl, including The Gainey Vineyard in Santa Ynez and Curtis Winery in Los Olivos.



Carl and Beth Gwinn













Carl Gwinn





Carl Gwinn



“Some prefer this photo!”

Carl Gwinn

Santa Barbara Pier

Sunday, September 14, 2008







Veterans For Peace, timeline of the conflict in Iraq







View of Santa Barbara marina



Surfer dude at Newport Beach



Catalina Island, harbor and village of Avalon

Friday, Sept. 19, 2008













The Botanical Gardens, Catalina Island

The idea for a garden came from Mr. Wrigley's wife, Ada. In 1935, she supervised Pasadena horticulturalist Albert Conrad, who planted the original Desert Plant Collection. Catalina Island's temperate marine climate made it possible to showcase plants from every corner of the earth.

In 1969, the Wrigley Memorial Garden Foundation expanded and revitalized the garden's 37.85 acres. Along with the new plantings came a new attitude. In the same way that the Wrigley Memorial uses primarily native building materials, the Garden places a special emphasis on California island endemic plants. (Plants, which grow naturally on one or more of the California islands, but nowhere else in the world.) Many of these plants are extremely rare, and some are on the Endangered Species list.

The Memorial Garden is particularly concerned with the six Catalina endemics - plants, which grow naturally only on Catalina Island. The Wrigley Memorial Garden Foundation maintains a special interest in the preservation of all Catalina endemics, including the rare Catalina Ironwood.

In 1996 the Wrigley Memorial Garden Foundation merged with the Catalina Island Conservancy. This was a natural combining of two important ecological organizations, both dedicated to the protection and restoration of Santa Catalina Island.



Dragon Tree
Mexico







Elephant-Foot Tree
Canary Islands











The Wrigley Memorial





The Wrigley Memorial honors the memory of William Wrigley Jr., who lived from 1861 to 1932. Although best known as the founder of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, largest manufacturer of chewing gum in the world, he also played an instrumental role in the history of Catalina Island. He truly loved the island, and with undying enthusiasm and energy, he brought numerous improvements: public utilities, new steamships, a hotel, The Casino building, and extensive plantings of trees, shrubs and flowers. William Wrigley Jr.'s greatest legacy was his remarkable vision and plan for the future of Catalina Island -- that it remain protected for all generations to enjoy.

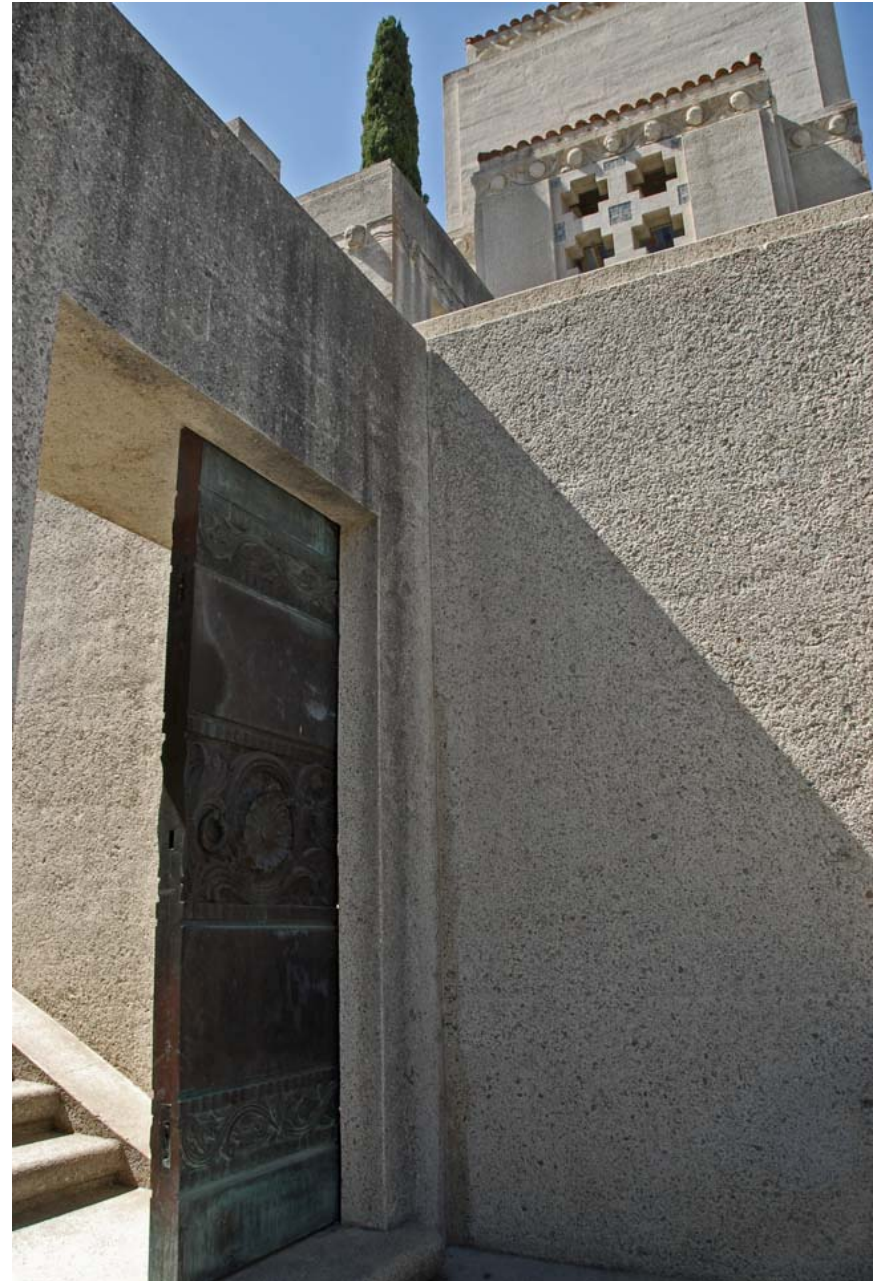
With its commanding view of Avalon Bay, The Wrigley Memorial is the centerpiece of the Botanical Garden. It was built in 1933-34 with the goal of using as much Catalina materials as possible. Quarried Catalina stones can be seen in the reinforced concrete construction -- the facade having been sandblasted to hide the cement and highlight the native crushed stones.

The blue flagstone rock on the ramps and terraces comes from Little Harbor, on Catalina's "back" side. And the red roof tiles and all the colorful handmade glazed tiles used for finishings came from the Catalina Pottery plant, which was in operation from 1927 to 1937. The marble inside the tower was quarried in Georgia.



These bronze doors, created to exact specifications for this memorial building by the Coleman Bronze Co. of Chicago in August of 1934, are made of only the best quality statuary bronze (90% copper) and the castings are no less than 3/16" thick at any point.

The blue flagstone rock on the ramp to the left and on both the terraces of the tower is natural product of Catalina. It came from Little Harbor.





Although handsome marble has been quarried in Catalina, pink and green marble from Georgia was used in this structure for certain desired finishing effects.





Mule deer on the golf course neat the Wrigley Memorial.



Laguna Beach

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008





Lawn Bowling

It is pretty obvious that this sport was stolen from the famous North Carolina sport of Core Sound Beach Bocca Ball!





Dana Point

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008





DANA POINT MARINE PROTECTED AREA

This Beach is a Marine Protected Area. Taking or possessing tidepool animals is against the law.

ABSOLUTELY NO COLLECTING

Follow the good tidepooler rules:

-  *Never remove animals, shells or rocks from the tidepools.*
-  *Never pick up animals... observe them where they are.*
-  *Walk gently, taking care not to step on plants or animals.*
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Central Coast COASTAL

Signs...

Lots of stuff you can't do, however I saw no helpful postings of what one is allowed to do!



WELCOME

For your safety and enjoyment please observe the following regulations:

-  **NO DOGS ALLOWED** OCCO 2-5-39 (d)
-  **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** OCCO 2-5-84 (a)
-  **NO ALCOHOL** OCCO 2-5-35
-  **NO FIRES** OCCO 2-5-82 (b)
-  **NO CAMPING** OCCO 2-5-17 (a)
-  **NO VEHICLES** OCCO 2-5-29 (g)
-  **NO BOAT LAUNCHING** OCCO 2-5-79

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Hours of Operation: **6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

For Emergencies Call 911

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