



2020 Annual Report

Friends of Snow Canyon State Park is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organized in 2011 and incorporated in 2012.

The **Mission** of the Friends of Snow Canyon State Park is a) to support the mission of the Park; b) to preserve and protect the ecological, historical and recreational integrity of Snow Canyon State Park through public awareness and education; and c) to promote the development of facilities and responsible recreation for present and future generations.

Board of Directors

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	Barry Neff
	Sandy Nelson

Non-Voting Members

Park Manager	Kristen Comella
Trail Steward Captain	Don Hite

Newly Installed Board Member

George Otott

Summary of 2020

The 2020 year has been deeply marked by the global pandemic of Covid 19. In March, the Board of Friends of Snow Canyon (FOSC) (referred to hereafter as the Board) cancelled its March indoor event and adopted best practice at that time: holding outdoor events only, limiting participant numbers for outdoor events, requiring social distancing, and not passing any kind of item from person to person.

In April, the Board began holding their monthly meetings via conference call due to the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” directive from the state. April events were cancelled, others were placed on hold. By May, all events were cancelled for the foreseeable future.

As this report is prepared for January 2021 release, the Board continue their monthly meetings via conference call. A primary item of discussion is the search for meaningful park-related activity that we can provide members while maintaining the strictest protocol possible for members’ safety.

We also note the changes made within the park. Employees wear masks and socially distance as they interact with the public. Ranger-led events have been cancelled. Trail Steward volunteers (supported by FOSC) are asked to maintain strict protocols as well, leading them to interact less than they otherwise might with the visiting public.

In this context, we provide the Annual Report of the FOSC organization—describing the activity to its membership. We sincerely thank each of you for your continued support during these trying times.

Supporting the Mission of the Park

A. *To Preserve and Protect.*

1. **Member Opportunities.** Snow Canyon State Park offers a unique experience to immerse oneself in breathtaking natural beauty within minutes of the region’s urban areas. Friends of Snow Canyon members contribute to Park efforts to maintain trails, protect the Canyon’s natural residents (both wildlife and plant life), and preserve the natural and cultural resources within the Park. As a member of Friends of Snow Canyon, you can celebrate that your dues directly contribute to the park’s mission and goals, ensuring that this gem of southwestern Utah is responsibly enjoyed by thousands of annual visitors now and for generations to come. Usually, FOSC sponsors multiple events for members to help with park beautification and maintenance. In the past, such events have included pulling of mustard weed, graffiti removal, and trail maintenance. Due to Covid 19, all such 2020 events were cancelled.
2. **Trail Stewards Program at Snow Canyon State Park.** This program is supported by Friends of Snow Canyon and is staffed by dedicated volunteers who serve as goodwill ambassadors to the Park. Under the

joint leadership of FOSC volunteer Don Hite and Assistant Park Manager Jordan Perez, Trail Stewards provide invaluable service. They are often the eyes and ears on the trails. Stewards meet and greet visitors to the Park's trails (while masking and social distancing), answer questions about the Park's natural history, including flora and fauna, its geology, and its local history. Stewards work diligently to maintain trails and participate in work parties to improve trails, all under the supervision of Jordan Perez. Don Hite and Jordan Perez both extend their appreciation to all of the Trail Stewards for their care of the Park and to the Friends of Snow Canyon for supporting the program. The following efforts and accomplishments for 2020 are noted:



ABOVE: JORDAN PEREZ (LEFT) WITH TRAIL STEWARDS DURING SPECIAL WORK PROJECT. BELOW: TRAIL STEWARDS HARD AT WORK

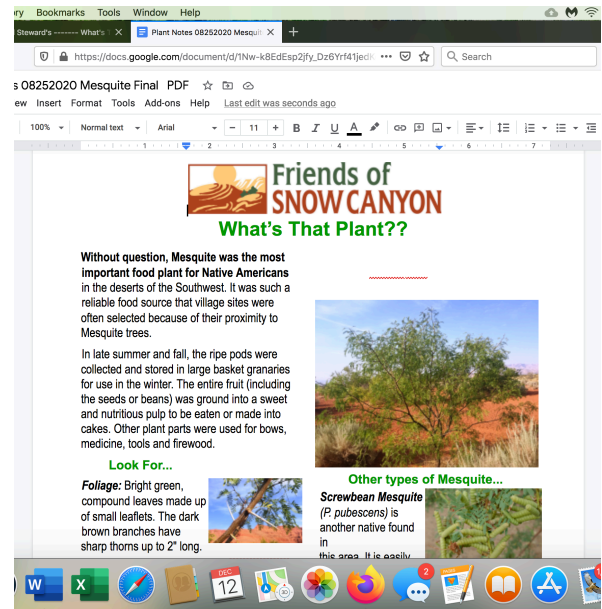
- Special Work Project: Hidden Pinyon Trail. February 8
- Hike the Cinder Cone Trail with Jordan, an educational opportunity for stewards to learn more about volcanic activity within the park. February 14.
- A current total of 46 Trail Stewards contributed over 2,042 hours of their time in 2020. This total surpassed 2019 hours, in spite of Covid 19 restrictions.
- The addition of new stewards is on hold until in-person trainings and orientations can be conducted safely.



B. *To Provide Public Awareness and Educational Events.*

1. We had planned a full year of events that would maintain our focus on providing FOSC members with opportunities to engage with experts to advance their understanding of ecological, historical, cultural, and recreational features of the park and its environs. We held two events prior to the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe directive:
 - The Origins and Impact of the Pine Valley Mountains, a presentation by Marc Deshowitz. January 22.
 - Your Wild Backyard, a presentation by Sarah Siefkin. February 18.
2. We maintain an informative website featuring flora and fauna of the Park, a description of upcoming events, biographies of the Board, and links to park resources.

3. We electronically send FOSC newsletters to all members. These newsletters, created and written by board member Isabelle Kalantzes, present current park-related information as well as FOSC updates and information. A total of 14 member newsletters were created and distributed in 2020.
4. We distributed three informational documents titled "What's in Bloom?". Created and written by board member Marcie Eberwine, these documents provided pictures and information on approximately 25 spring-blooming wildflowers found in Snow Canyon.
5. In order to ensure that Trail Stewards are well-informed about Snow Canyon's flora, Marcie Eberwine also created 17 documents titled "What's that Plant?" for Trail Stewards. These documents provided details on approximately 30 different plants.



SCREEN SHOT OF 1 OF 17 "WHAT'S THAT PLANT?" DOCUMENTS

C. Promote the Development of Facilities.

Friends of Snow Canyon annual memberships and donations have allowed FOSC to support Park improvements. FOSC has provided to the Park a total of \$48,922.73 since its inception. This year, based on planning and requests by Park Manager Kristin Comella, FOSC provided a total of \$8,900 to the park for the following:



NEWLY INSTALLED BENCH AT UPPER GALOOT PARKING LOT

1. \$400 for chat for Lower Galoot and Petrified Dunes parking lots
2. \$1,000 for reprinting the Rockin' Jr. Ranger booklet
3. \$1,500 to support an intern
4. \$2,000 for two new benches, one for Hidden Pinyon and one for Upper Galoot
5. \$1,000 for steel fence upgrades
6. \$3,000 for brochure printing
7. The Park is planning to develop a new trail to educate visitors about the desert tortoises in the area. In order to support this project, the Board is now accepting donations specifically for this exciting new project

Expressing our Gratitude

The Friends of Snow Canyon Board of Directors is grateful to every member for committing to support Snow Canyon State Park's mission. Your membership dues, donations, and volunteer hours allow the Park to move forward critical goals, ensuring that the park is cared for and maintained beyond what Park staff and funding alone could do.

We specifically thank the following:

1. Outgoing Board members for their time, dedication, and wisdom: Chuck Schwartzberg, Past President; Sue Gordhammer, Events Co-Coordinator.
2. All past and present Board members, who have provided countless volunteer hours on behalf of the Park and the FOSC organization.
3. Stewardship Sponsor
 - Joel Bingham
4. Golden Plus Memberships
 - Doug Beck
 - James and Linda Bily
 - Tom and Marsha McCoy
 - Peter Scherer
 - Clifford Snyder
 - Angela Van Fossen

Summary

Friends of Snow Canyon is completing its ninth year of supporting Snow Canyon State Park. Membership is the core of the organization and depends on each of you. Today, FOSC has a total of 168 memberships representing nearly 300 members.

If you have program ideas, suggestions for program improvement, or interest in serving on the Board or as a Trail Steward, contact any of the Board's members.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about Friends of Snow Canyon State Park and encourage them to consider joining FOSC in support of this incredible natural wonder in our backyards.

Contact information, along with membership renewal, new member information, and Park information can be found on our website:

www.friendsofsnowcanyon.org

Membership levels are listed below:

Membership Levels

- Individual \$20.00 (membership for one adult)
- Family \$30.00 (for the entire family)
- Supporter \$50.00 (for an individual or family and includes two complimentary one-day park passes)
- Golden \$100.00 (for an individual or family and includes four complimentary one-day park passes)
- Golden Plus \$250 or more (for an individual or family and includes four complimentary one-day park passes plus recognition in the Annual Report)
- Stewardship Sponsor \$1,000 (for individuals or corporations and includes recognition in the Annual Report as well as on our website)

Thank You for your Support!

Note: Detailed financial statements available on request



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