Earth Day! on San Bruno Mountain



Mural by Mona Caron

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"The Crocker Land Co. . . . are planning the most massive earth-moving operation since the Pyramids . . . bulldozers and scoops would excavate the rock from the ridge and terrace the hills . . . giant crushers will process the material; the results will be moved on a conveyor belt down the mountain, across the Bayshore Freeway, and onto barges; the barges would swiftly unload fill. . . into fill projects anywhere at bayside. . .possible total of potential fill . . . would total 240, 000, 000 cubic yards—many times over the amount of fill used to obliterate one-fourth of the bay in the past 100 years."
(Brugmann, Bruce B. "San Bruno Mt. –"Going, going. . ." The Bay Guardian [San Francisco] 18 June 1968)



March on San Bruno Mt's Guadalupe Canyon Parkway, 1970s
(Courtesy of San Bruno Mountain Watch)





Guadalupe Valley, mid 19th century

Plat of part of the Rancho Cañada de Guadalupe la Visitacion y Rodeo Viejo, finally confirmed to Henry R. Payson (San Mateo Co., Calif.) / Surveyed under instructions from the U.S. Surveyor General; by Alexander Garbi, Dep. Surr],
Maps of private land grant cases of California, land case map,
The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley. Land Case Map E-570. 1858.



Banner of the Committee to Save San Bruno Mt



The Committee protesting on the Mountain, 1970s

(Courtesy of San Bruno Mountain Watch)

"On April 22, 1970 . . .Earth Day, generated more than twelve thousand events across the country, many of them in high schools and colleges, with more than thirty-five thousand speakers . . . Congress took the day off, and two-thirds of its members spoke at Earth Day events. In all, millions of people participated."

(http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2013/04/15/when-the-earth-moved)


The New York Times

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1970

Millions Join Earth Day Observances Across the Nation



Guadalupe Valley, early to mid 20th century

View of Guadalupe Valley
before the development of Crocker Industrial Park,
as seen from Santa Clara Street in Brisbane, CA.
(Brisbane Library History Collection)



Brisbane's Environmental Activism.

Mural by Mona Caron
located at the Midtown Market
in Downtown Brisbane



Mission Blue Butterfly
Icarus icarioides missionensis
Lycaenidae (gossamer-winged) family

Some of the habitat islands of the Mission Blue
and Callippe Silverspot butterflies.
Clockwise, beginning from top left: San Bruno Mt, Twin Peaks,
Fort Baker, Vallejo hills, Milagra Ridge. (Google Earth)





Native grassland wildlfowers.
Nectar for the endangered
Mission Blue and Callippe Silverspot butterflies.



French broom (*Genista monspessulana)*
on San Bruno Mt

(Photo credit: Ariel)



Guadalupe Valley, 21st century

(Ariel, SBMW, Google Earth/Photoshop)



Callippe Silverspot butterfly
(Speyeria callippe callippe)



I took this photo on a foggy morning in May 2016,
while resting quietly among the grass
with a lovely Mission Blue.
I hope San Bruno Mountain is a place
of refuge and reflection for you
and future generations . . .

How does San Bruno Mountain
bring you closer to the Earth?
How do you witness the Earth struggling?
How do you plan to help?

Invasive species can reduce native biodiversity and diminish remaining wildlife habitat. Thank you for helping remove French broom and fennel in order to protect the grassland habitat of the Mission Blue and Callippe Silverspot butterflies on San Bruno Mt! Join us for future Habitat Restoration Days with the City of Brisbane!



Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare)* on San Bruno Mt
(Photo credit: Ariel)