

Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates, the County of
Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, and
The Community Hiking Club present as the August Community Nature Series

Placerita Canyon Presents:
TATAVIAM: MYTHS and MYSTERIES
Presented by Helen Sweany and Jim Bloch
Sunday, August 20th at 2:00 PM

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Two hundred and forty-eight years ago, on the morning of August 8, 1769, Juan Crespi and the Portola expedition entered our valley and met the Tataviam Indians. Over the next five days, ending on August 12, the feast day of Santa Clara, Crespi kept a journal recording what he was fed by the Tataviam, the village life he saw, and the plants he was able to identify. What can we learn from this encounter? What did the Tataviam eat, what did their language sound like, and what can we reasonably infer about their culture and spiritual life? Join Placerita Canyon Nature Center docents Helen Sweany and Jim Bloch and let's try to re-imagine this close encounter. Helen and Jim teach the ethnobotany class for docent training.

