



**County of Los Angeles Department
of Parks & Recreation**

The Bobcat Fire has burned LA County Parks Nature Center at the Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area. Animals had been evacuated earlier in the week; no animals or staff were hurt.

LA County Parks is deeply saddened of this loss. The Devil's Punchbowl is a beloved natural area visited by over 130,000 park guests each year. It is a unique 1,310-acre geological wonder where visitors walk, hike, enjoy horseback rides and stargaze, to name a few favorites. The Nature Center provided programming of native wildlife and park history; it was truly a gem of education for our youth and residents of the County.

Remarkably, the Wildlife Sanctuary staff office appears to have survived, with several pinyon pines, junipers and manzanita trees surrounding the park area. May this serve as a beacon of hope.

We will assess the conditions of the structures and further damage to the area when we are allowed access to the site. Our local heroes--firefighters--continue to work day and night to take down the multiple fires

We have a great new program at Placerita, Docent Enrichment via Zoom.

Docent Enrichment

Normally the 4th Monday
of the month @ 10am

Monday, November 23rd: Recognition of our new docents and bees with Sue Sutton

Thursday, December 17th: Zoom tour of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum. **NOTE: The museum isn't open on Monday so the program is for Thursday, December only.**

Visit with your fellow docents.

Gary Freiburger will be our Zoom Host. Thank you Gary!



The Rattler

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**Placerita Canyon Nature Center
Over 50 Years of Nature Education**

November-December 2020

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Hello Nature Friends,

You might not have noticed but I like to start the Rattler with a photo of what is in bloom in the park: telegraph weeds (*Heterotheca grandiflora*) came to mind... or maybe some fresh acorns or a picture of the fall foliage. While looking through my photo files, I realize that what we are missing the most in the park is YOU! All the docents that we cannot meet right now because of the restrictions of Covid-19. We have worked together, we have had fun, shared meals, learned for ourselves, and educated others. We have become friends and we care for each other. I do not have a photo of all of you, so this group photo will have to make do to carry the message. There will not be a Craft Faire this year, no Docent Training, and no holiday party but our feeling remains the same. You are the most important part of Placerita and always will be. We really miss you a lot!

We are concerned about your physical health and mental health, so here is a reminder: all the trails are open at Placerita, and the park is open daily from 7am to 6pm. The gate is open so you can hike, even though the office isn't open to the public at this time. If you are stressed, use Nature to bring you some peace. Walk on the trails, stop to take photos, and enjoy the foliage changing color. If you look carefully, I bet you can even find mushrooms! Californians are early risers, so if you want peace and quiet, switch it up to come later in the afternoon, the golden light is beautiful. If you want a physical challenge, hike the Los Pinetos trail, it will be rewarding and easier to do now with the cooler weather.

We want to wish you great holidays, it is hard to imagine but Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming. We send our best wishes to you and your families. Come and visit the park, we hope you will enjoy the beauty and the peace.





Hello Rattler Readers by Monica Chocooj

I am so happy to be at Placerita Canyon. Everyone I have had the chance to meet has been super nice.

I did come here at a strange time. February 2020, JUST before the closures for Covid-19. I know this has been challenging time for all, and my sincere condolences if you have lost someone to this terrible virus.

I am a So Cal native born in Long Beach. I showed up just a couple of days before my dad was out of the navy, so the navy paid for me. Hhhmmm does that mean I am the navy's property?? (Not digging into that one)

I was constantly volunteering in the Castaic Sports Complex office during my 4 sons' practices for all the sports they participated in there. It was a small facility at that time. The office was actually a converted Shipping container. When the shiny brand-new gym/office opened I helped to set it up. One day the man in charge told me to apply for the recurrent recreation services leader position. I had become a single parent during that time with young sons that needed me home. I was working several part-time jobs so that I could have a flexible schedule. I was really hesitant to try for the position. He told me he would work

with whatever schedule I needed, and he did. So, my career with L.A.Co. began at C.S.C. in March 2001.

I have worked several parks throughout my almost 20 years. I became permanent in 2005 when a Recreation Operations Manager in the North HQ wanted me to be her assistant. I have created a few programs and been part of designing some things as well as many fliers. I have run seasonal day camps, Tiny Tot's Day Camp, Mommy and Me sessions and Parent's Night Out. The longest location I worked at was Vasquez Rocks for 7 years. I handled all aspects of filming as well as anything else needed. I was so happy to be outside so much of the time. I also learned a lot during my time there.

I have always loved nature and animals. Petting zoos were my favorite thing when I was really little. My dad once told me I would bring him all kinds of injured animals saying "Fix it Daddy, please!" and he would do his best bless his heart. I truly want the planet and all of its inhabitants to be safe, healthy, happy and at peace. I have been accused of being a tree hugging hippie. I can live with that, lol.

Oh, a little P.S.

My sons are now grown men, two are married to amazing women and two have amazing women in their lives. I also have 3 little but-tons a.k.a granddaughters. My youngest one, Cobie came during this crazy pandemic so that was a very bright spot in a very weird year.



Learn About Butterflies?

Paul A. Levine was a docent at Placerita. He was a Vietnam Vet, a Cardiologist by profession, and a butterfly lover by choice. It was a deep passion that started in his childhood. Medical school might have been a bit of a distraction, and his career as a Cardiologist too, but his passion for the butterflies kept his life in balance. He became quite the professional in this field, that he pursued with his typical overflowing energy and unstoppable enthusiasm.

He taught us so much on this topic at Placerita, that we wanted to leave some trace of his joyful education after his passing. We have a butterfly garden, so it was logical to have a butterfly kiosk to provide some education on the topic.

After the kiosk was installed, RuthAnne Murthy used the calendar that Paul Levine made about Placerita butterflies. Her husband, Ashok Murthy, who is a wizard on the computer, digitized those prints and RuthAnne had them copied on photo paper in order to get pictures with good depth and color.

Paul Levine had taken photos of Monarchs, but RuthAnne wanted to provide in-depth information about the different development stages of them, and she ordered a small poster explaining those stages.

We hope it will be a great source of information for the visitors, the docents and the school children when they are again allowed to come on school trips to Placerita.

Thank you so much RuthAnne for taking on this project to completion. The location of the kiosk in front of the butterfly garden is perfect, and we know the education it will provide will be greatly appreciated...and the photos are a joy to look at.

Thank you, Paul Levine, you were our butterfly whisperer!





The Class of 2020

We have our wall of fame at Placerita. The photo of every docent is published on this wall. The photos are taken with care by the talented Jim Crowley, who is careful to put the docent name under each photo. This is extremely helpful, and we thank Jim very much for doing this for so many years.

It is important to learn the names of the new docents, and therefore this page is being published for you to practice in your spare time! However, it also a life saver when you get confused between two names because you can quickly refresh your memory. It is also helpful because Jim keeps his photo files up to date and is always quick to send a photo when a docent head shot is needed through the years.

Thank you, Jim Crowley, we are very proud of our wall of fame.

Always Learning

PCNCA cannot expect to help with school groups coming to Placerita, or to be providing our usual educational programs any time soon. However, the docents are used to receiving education once a month to refresh their knowledge about plants and animals in Placerita, to be aware of the seasonal changes in the park, and all the new rules in effect. It is an important step in our general and current events education, and a Zoom program will make this possible again.

It will take place on the third Monday of the month and is directed to the docents and volunteers.

Thank you to all who make this program possible, we appreciate your efforts and your technical knowledge. We will be ready on time to watch and listen.



Your Board Members

I know that you are not going to the Nature Center as often as before. However, you still have Board members who work behind the scenes as hard as ever to keep PCNCA going. You do not become a Board member at Placerita for the glory or special treatment, you do it because you find the Nature Center an important organization and you are willing to give it time and effort. Doing the job needed is your recognition and you do not get anything in return for your effort, except the satisfaction that maybe your actions made a difference.

Learn these names and recognize these faces, they try their best, be sure of it. And with the restrictions of Covid-19, it is a labor of love and hope.

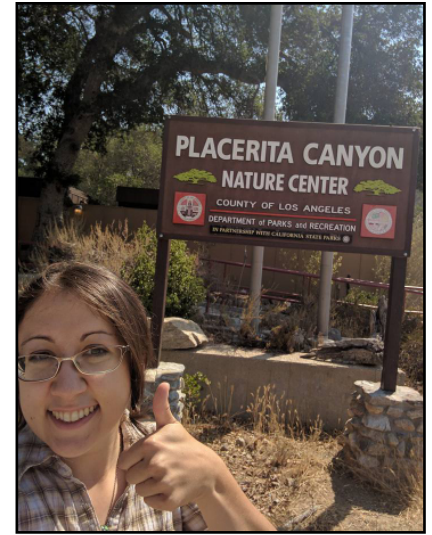
From left to right:

Gary Freiburger, Vice President – Fred Seeley, President – Ron Kraus

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Who is Olivia Miseroy?

You have read the article about the Devils Punchbowl and how the Nature Center burned down. If you are a new docent at Placerita, you might have been surprised to see on Social media and by email, everybody asking for news about Olivia and wondering if she was OK.

Who is Olivia and why did we care so much? If you do not know, I am happy to say that Olivia is fine! Her house and taxidermy studio did not burn, but it was a close call. To remind myself of the background, I re-read the interview about Olivia from May 2011.

A short summary: Olivia came to Placerita as a child, and has a series of pictures at all different ages sitting on the stone fireplace at Walker Ranch. She started as a volunteer at Placerita in 2009. She became Junior Volunteer of the year in 2011. She started to learn taxidermy, eventually it became her passion and her career. She became a County employee at Placerita and upgraded our taxidermy display, then she took the job of Ground Maintenance 1 at Devil's Punchbowl.

Placerita has a long loving history with Olivia, as you can see, and we were heartbroken for her to see the devastation at the Devil's Punchbowl. The county building did not suffer much damage, but the park will need some time to heal and regrow. Olivia, best wishes to you.

For the time being, Olivia is working at Vasquez Rock County Park.





RIP Linda Ioerger - October 13, 2020

Linda was a docent from the class of 2007. At first, we all asked her how to pronounce her name properly, but soon enough we were charmed by her lovely personality. Linda was reserved and private, but she was gentle, calm, and very pleasant, always with a sweet smile for everyone. When you got to know her, you found out that she had a great sense of humor.

Linda and her husband Steve soon became part of the docent group that we could rely on to be there helping at every special event. Linda was interested in showing the birds, and she started her training with Orion, the great horned owl that we had at that time.

In 2011, Linda discovered that she had breast cancer and she gave a good fight, having all the treatments and surgeries needed to get better. Which she did. Even as tired as she was, she was happy to show Orion during docent training.

In 2012, Catori arrived at the Nature Center. Catori is a barn owl, and Linda chose her name. Catori had some neurological damage but was less than one year old. She could not be released back into the wild and Linda was determined that she was going to train her so we could keep her at the Center.

Basically, what you need to do is to have an incredible amount of patience and time, holding the bird on your hand in a quiet environment so the wild bird will start trusting that the situation is safe...and that must be done every day for a long period of time.

Linda did just that, and trust started to form with Catori. After many months, Catori and Linda became a couple that could be seen on a regular basis on the front steps in front of the Nature Center and at every event.

Linda had an extensive knowledge about bird behavior, and she would share this education freely in her gentle voice. She spent lots of time with Catori and knew all her reactions, as well as all the details of her anatomy. Barn owls are exceptionally beautiful birds with an intriguing white face, so visitors always had many questions. With her sweet but firm manner, Linda had always impeccable crowd control so Catori would not be stressed.

It was with a heavy heart that we heard the sad news last summer when Linda came to the office, that the cancer had come back. When she was in bed and could not get up anymore, we were very touched that Jack Levenberg, another bird handler, brought Catori to say goodbye. Linda appreciated that too.

We will miss your presence at the Nature Center. Linda, thank you for loving those birds the way you did, we are forever grateful, you were a beautiful soul. Condolences to Steve, we share your sadness.





Manning Catori by Linda Ioerger

I asked Linda 3 times to give me an interview for the Rattler, but she was a very private lady who always had the same answer "Nobody would be interested!" This all changed when I asked instead for an article about one of the birds...This is what Linda wrote.

The Rattler November/December 2014

This beautiful bird with the heart-shaped face is the barn owl that lives at the Nature Center. Her name is Catori, a Hopi name meaning "Spirit". Catori seemed a particularly appropriate name for her, since the barn owl that lived at the Nature Center be-

fore her was named Hopi. I think of Catori as Hopi's spirit!

In addition to showing Catori to school groups, I particularly enjoy hanging out on the steps of the Nature Center with her and talking to visitors about her. This gives her a chance to feel the breeze in her feathers and gives people the rare opportunity to see such a wonderful creature up close, with no barrier between birds and human. I have literally seen jaws drop when someone see her for the first time.

Sometimes people can be a problem in their enthusiasm. She does not really like having people behind her, and kids will often come running up to her, which can be a little scary. Noises and the wind do not seem to bother her too much though.

Of course, everyone wants to pet her, and I must explain that I can't let them. (Pointing out the sharpness of her talons usually takes care of that request!) Other frequent questions are the basics: How old is she (about 3 years) How long do barn owl live (about three to four years in the wild, longer in captivity). What do they eat? (small rodents). How did we get her? (from raptor rehab).

Manning her like this (holding her on my hand) is also important for maintaining my relationship with her. She is still a wild bird. Handling her is less stressful for her is she is comfortable with me, and if she trusts me. During the school year, when I am already handling her several times a week, I will take her out for an extra hour or so on the front steps on Saturday mornings. During the summer, I'll do this at least twice a week.

Training to handle the birds has gotten a lot more rigorous since I started seven years ago. But I did have to learn to tie the dreaded falconer's knot--the knot that can be tied and untied with one hand while you are holding the bird on the other hand. I was having a terrible time learning to do it until one day I realized the knot is just a form of crocheting!

I have worked with Catori since she first came to live at the Nature Center about two and half years ago; it has been a continuing privilege and pleasure.

Thank You

We were delighted and very touched by a recent letter from a young girl who wanted to help the Nature Center. She went down her street and collected money from her neighbors to help to feed the animals at Placerita, and sent us \$51.61.

It is not easy to go down the street to ask for help, and we are extremely grateful for her actions.

Like so many businesses, the financial situation at Placerita is not the best. The school groups coming on their trips usually leave a donation after the morning-long presentation and guided hike, the visitors buy items in the gift shop or leave money in the donation box to feed the animals. The docent's education programs and music and movie presentations in the amphitheater were planned for the summer, and expensive equipment had been purchased.

While all these programs are free, the donation boxes do get filled up when people attend them. The Nature Center building is closed to the public, but inside the county employees are working. The park needs to be maintained, the phone answered, and so on. The docents are responsible for the cost of feeding the animals and no money is coming in.

The predictions for next year are rather bleak too. We have never stopped the little children's program done on Zoom, and new programs are started to energize the docents also on Zoom.... but those are also free and the cash flow is not improving. We will tackle those problems one day at a time, but it makes the action of a small child even more heartwarming.

Thank you again for your help.

Here is a list of tasks that Frank Hoffman gave me that you may like to help with. Please call ahead to tell Frank you are coming. Only 4 volunteers are allowed at the Center at a time. There are a lot of jobs! You are needed.

Watering in various parts of the park

Light animal care including cleaning enclosures and crates, preparing food

Light trail maintenance including aligning rocks, cutting back brush, cutting limbs that are on the trails, reporting graffiti

Maintenance of the butterfly garden and hummingbird garden

Working and watering in the nursery

Cleaning and dusting of the Interpretative center

Cleaning the turtle aquarium

Handling snakes and other small animals

Updating bulletin boards

Helping with the new butterfly garden bulletin boards (pond with Fred, flowers with Robert)

Frank says he has jobs daily...call him at 259-7721



Behind the Scenes

We know about the rule “no more than 4 docents or volunteers at Placerita at the same time” and that might discourage some of you from coming out to work at the Center.

The weather is becoming cooler and it is easier to work at Placerita in the afternoon, when fewer people are showing up. These Californians seem to be early risers, and around 3 pm, the place is empty. It is a good time to find something to do.

Cathy Hovore comes every Friday to water the plants on the patio, the youth volunteer of the year Lilliana Jade Hon has been watering on Sunday. There are spider webs and leaves to be picked up, and Dan Dunkan has been doing trail maintenance.

If you are concerned about contamination from Covid-19, bring your own equipment and call the Nature Center to coordinate your efforts, or ask for suggestions about what needs to be done. We are volunteers and docents, so we are always ready to work! Right? Right!!



Guillermo F. Najar March 27 1967 - August 7. 2020.

RIP. At the Board meeting, Russ Kimura told us the sad news, that Guillermo passed away from Covid-19. He was very involved with many projects at Placerita.

1. Joint venture project where PCNCA purchased three drinking fountains and county plumbers provide the installation of the fountains.
2. Joint venture project where PCNCA paid for the materials needed for an outdoor amphitheater and county crafts and maintenance staff provided the labor construction.
3. Joint venture project where PCNCA purchased the materials needed to construct a new vaulted handicapped restroom in the Placerita parking lot and county crafts and maintenance staff will provide the labor construction.

Our condolences to his family and all those who worked with him at the Nature Center.

Zoom Nature Tots on SCV News

(article from September 12, thank you for the publicity)

The Placerita Canyon Nature Center continues its popular monthly Nature Tots program for children ages 3-5 with a virtual Zoom program.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nature Tots encounters at the Center on the second Saturday of each month were mainly for preschoolers, but the last two sessions (on snails and hummingbirds) have been virtual and kids of all ages participated.

The following article by Placerita Nature Center Committee Chair Andrea Donner describes the Nature Tots program in more detail. To sign up, send him an email at johnwhitaker.home@gmail.com.

Despite the pandemic, and the fact that all the school programs have been canceled, Placerita Canyon Nature Tots is still going strong, but for a few changes.

The program is still on the second Saturday of the month, at 9:30 a.m and it runs about 30 minutes. The program, the planning meetings and the dress rehearsals are all done on Zoom. There is no age limit for participants, although we state that it is meant for young children. There is also no limit on how many participants.

It is becoming so popular that we have children from Boston, Long Beach and Colorado. Parents still need to register their children at least two days before the actual event.

When we held our Tots program in person, we tried to keep the children engaged with activities that were “hands-on.” Using Zoom has been challenging to do that. So, we try to keep the kids involved. During the program, we have asked the children to go look for items that we need to talk about.

For example, to demonstrate the fact that snails carry their houses on their back, Melissa Rocha asked the children to look for a backpack, or a towel to wrap around their back. Brian Broders asked the children to look for coins so that he could compare the size of the hummingbird to a dime.

When each parent registers for the program, they receive the Zoom instructions and a craft to do at home. On the day of the program, we ask the children to bring their crafts to the zoom session so that they can share what they made.

At the planning meetings, everyone shares ideas for the theme of that month’s program. There are some people that have perfected their skills and do the same each month. For example, Herb does a fantastic job of Storytime with the children and Sandy comes up with cute crafts for the children. We have been having 2 dress rehearsals each month since the technology can be challenging especially since we are all new at Zooming.

We would love to have more people join us with Placerita Nature Tots. It really is fun, and the docents learn a lot. It is also a way of keeping connected. Even if you don’t want to be a presenter, you could come and pretend you are a Tot and give us constructive criticism. Just let me know and we will add you to the Zoom list.

The topic for November is Rabbits and the December topic is deer.

I hope to see you at Zoom Nature Tots.

RSVP at nature_tots@placerita.org.





Mule Fat
Baccharis salicifolia

Trail Treasures By RuthAnne Murthy

Mule fat is an erect, woody perennial shrub that is native to California and the southwest United States. It grows up to 12 feet tall below the elevation of 3500 feet. It grows near streambeds and other moist places on the coastal sage scrub, chaparral and oak woodland. It is often misidentified as willow. Mule fat branches are grooved longitudinally, whereas the willow branches are smooth. Mule fat is a member of the sunflower family, Asteraceae.

Mule fat has narrow lanceolate (pointed) leaves that are evergreen. The leaves are about 2-4 inches long. The margins are finely saw-toothed.

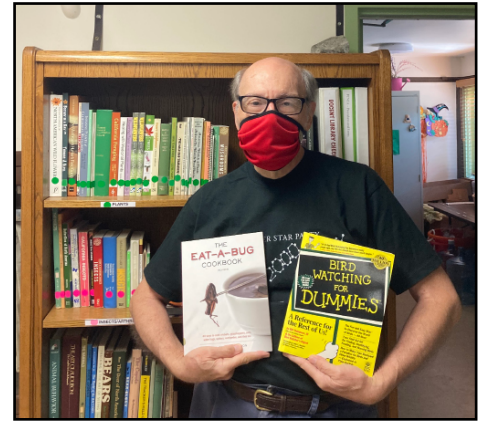
An interesting aspect of mule fat is that individual plants are either male or female. That is called dioecious. The male flowers are larger and have a

brush-like appearance as opposed to the female flowers that are roundish. There are numerous white groups of flowers that are called panicles. The flowers are approximately 1/4 to 1/3 inch in diameter.

Early California settlers used mule fat as browse for their livestock. It is said that the name mule fat came from the cattle bloating after eating the plant.

Mule fat was a useful plant for the native Californians. A paste of the leaves was used to sooth poison oak rash. The leaves were also used as the basis of shampoo and was said to promote hair growth and prevent baldness. The branches were used to make traps for fish and to make arrow shafts. The branches were also used as fire drills. When the sticks were rotated between hands on a horizontal surface, friction created hot sawdust that caught dried grasses on fire.

It is easy to take mule fat for granted because it is so common, but it is an old faithful friend that can be relied upon. That is why it is a true Trail Treasure.



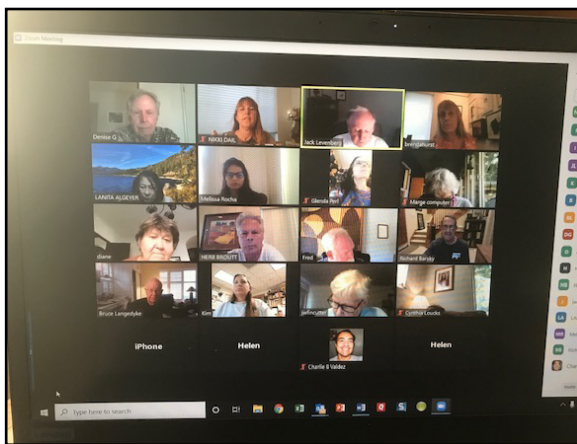
PCNC Library News by Gary Freiburger

Looking for some entertainment during these isolating times? The PCNC Library can help!

Now that the weather is starting to cool (I hope), it's a great time to take up bird watching! Don't know where to begin? Check out "Bird Watching for Dummies". This book will explain how to get started, how to use binoculars, how to pronounce bird names, where to look and what to look for.

Looking for some inspiration? Take a look at "John Muir in his own words" or "Sense of Wonder" by Rachel Carson. Are you experimenting with new recipes? The library has the "Eat-a-bug Cookbook". Have you been hiking and seen animal tracks? You'll find several guides to identifying animal tracks in the PCNC Library. "101 Hikes in Southern California" could introduce even the most experienced hiker to some new possibilities!

Remember that the library is open anytime that the center is open! As of this writing you should call ahead to make sure that you are able to visit. Checking out a book is as easy as filling in the name of the book and your name in the white notebook on the shelf. We are still accepting donations of relevant titles. If you'd like a list of all of our titles, drop me a line at: garyf789@gmail.com



Zoom Recognition

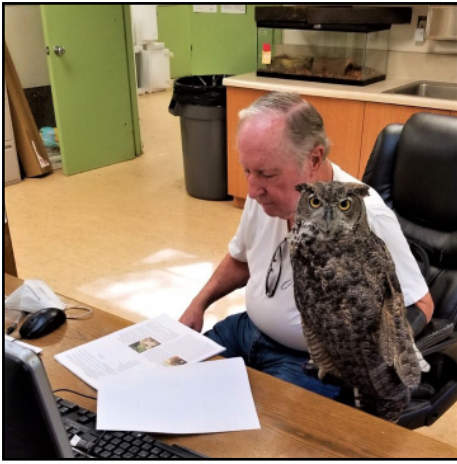
Every year, the graduation ceremony that takes place at Eaton Canyon is a big event, taking months of preparation and involvement from many dedicated docents. It is the time when five-year, ten-year and fifteen-year docents get their new gold name tag (the list of those 20 names was published in the previous Rattler). It is also the time when the docent of the year Robert Grzesiak and the Junior volunteers of the year, Lilliana Jade Hon and her sister Sophia Belle Hon would have gotten special recognition.

We could not get together because of Covid-19, but the Zoom technology made it possible to give special recognition to all who deserved it. We were delighted to see and hear Robert giving a short acceptance speech for his award. He seemed happy!

You are all very much in our thoughts, even if we cannot meet, and we are grateful for the time and hard work you are giving Placerita.

Thank you, Nikki Dail, for taking photos and making sure we could all follow the meeting on Zoom. It helps a lot to see those friendly and familiar faces.





An Adventure in Animal Tracks by Mari Carbajal

THERE'S A NEW EXHIBIT AT THE PARK! Come see the latest educational exhibit in our Observation Room. The display represents the tracks (footprints) of eight of the most commonly seen mammals in Placerita Canyon's Nature Center Park and surrounding areas.

On display is our 3' x 3' relief showing the various footprints of the eight mammals featured in the exhibit. Along with this beautifully crafted relief are eight different panels filled with information on each animal including its habitat and food preferences, and some fun facts about each animal that you may not know. The animals included are the Bobcat, Mountain Lion, Mule Deer, Striped Skunk, Common Gray Fox, Coyote, Virginia Opossum, and the "bandit" Raccoon. In addition to viewing each panel, there is a color-coded dot that will correspond to the relief to identify the actual footprint.

For anyone who wishes to take the information with you on a hike, there will be a sheet of information that you can take with you that identifies the measurements of the front and hind paws or hoofs of each animal including the track pattern so you can identify the animal as you hike throughout the park.

Thank you to the team for putting all of this together. Sue Sutton coordinated the team as the project Chair and it was my pleasure to gather information and design the panels, along with the layout of the exhibit. With the current pandemic, it has taken a long time to complete this project, but we were able to get it done regardless!!

To all, please enjoy our new exhibit when the park reopens its buildings to the public!

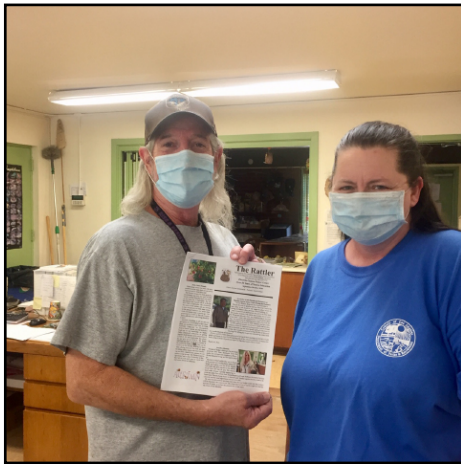
Animal Track Display--Part 2 by Jim Crowley.

Jim Crowley was responsible for purchasing the plywood and stand-off hardware, modifying a 4' X 8' plywood board into a 5' X 7.5' board by cutting and lap-joining two 4' X 8' boards, then painting and transporting it. In addition, he drilled the four mounting holes in each plaque. The plaques are a brittle polycarbonate laminated to aluminum. The people at Home Depot are to be commended, as they gave us a 75% discount on the boards due to some edge damage, which became scrap. This saved us \$56!

Combining the talent of Jim Crowley and Denny Truger, the display was installed on October 22. They had expert sidewalk supervision from Sue Sutton and Jack Levenberg, along with Sierra the Great-horned owl watching carefully. The owl had no complaints.

Frank Hoffman and Miles Butcher did a major cleaning of the observation deck and designed a system to block the door from touching the display.

This display cannot yet be seen by the public because it is inside the County buildings that are closed because of Covid-19.



Together with the Rattler

I asked the docents to send some photos with the Rattler to show us what they were doing while "Safer at Home".

I did not get too many photos... only from those I was able to grab at the Nature Center.

Jack Levenberg was peacefully reading in the company of Sierra, the great Horned owl.

Monica Chocooj and Frank Hoffman were kind enough to strike a pose with the Rattler.

