



Sylvester Passed Away.

Sylvester is a gopher snake that we had for 34 years at Placerita, so most the docents are well acquainted with that snake. It is always sad when this comes to pass but 34 years is a respectable long life for a gopher snake. We do not know for certain how old it was when it came to the Nature Center because it was a donation from Trisha, the daughter of Gini Shadwick.

Gini was a beloved docent who became president of PCNCA in the 90's. She then became a County Employee at Placerita and at Hart Park. You might have noticed her memory plate composed by Frank Hovore between the two oaks on the patio, "These two young oak trees are affectionately dedicated to Gini Shadwick, Docent Naturalist, in recognition of her years of enthusiastic public service at Placerita Nature Center. 1999 PCNCA".



The Rattler

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Dear Nature Friends,

We will let go of 2021 without too many regrets. It was a year of not being able to share fun and joy with our friends at the Nature Center (again), and that was painful.

2022 will change all this and it is hard to contain our excitement! A big hooray to have docent training starting on January 11 (spread the word to your friends). Even if some classes have to be conducted on the patio to observe the County Covid restrictions, it will work just fine. We have had docent enrichment classes there, we have electricity for slide presentations, and it will be great.

We have heard that the schools are eager to come back to Placerita for tours. We need to work out many details and protocols, but there is hope. The Animal Show is starting again in January on Saturdays (see flyer) and that is always exciting for the docents and the public.

We have had a very dry year and a hot summer; the winter is not over yet so there is still hope for some rain. Frogs have been heard sounding their first mating calls. Spring is around the corner. Let's welcome this new year with renewed optimism, make new friendships with each other and trust that the Nature Center is our forever home! Time to roll up our sleeves!

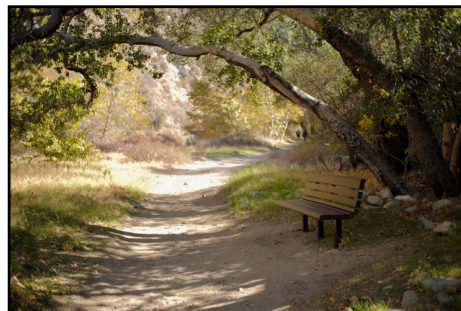


Photo by Josh Premeco

Turbo and Spedy...or Speedy?

Desert tortoises do not actually hibernate, but instead enter a period of dormancy that is called "Brumation". They slow down their metabolism to almost nothing, their heart rate drops, their temperature plummets and they do not eat or drink. They remain in this stage about 3 months. Turbo and Spedy, our two desert tortoises, are peacefully brumating in large boxes surrounded by newspaper. Around mid-March, they will start making slight scratching sounds in the box, and Frank Hoffman will know it is time to have a look to see how they are doing.

How do you know when they are ready to be brumating? It is about the same week each year, so Frank Hoffman has the box ready, but he always puts in food for one day to test the situation. This year the weather was very warm, and the tortoises got confused for a few days. When Frank noticed they were still eating, out of the box they came to enjoy the enclosure for 2 more days. When they were not eating any more, it was time to put them back in the box.

Spedy or Speedy? Heidi Webber reminded me about that story. Many years ago, when the tortoise was brought to the Nature Center, the name Spedy was written on his carapace with nail polish. We thought it was cute and we wanted to honor the donors, so we kept the name Spedy for a while. But as the years passed by, the proper spelling of Speedy has been adopted. Turbo and Speedy are inside, quietly brumating for now!





Photo by Gary Park
(www.garyparktookthese.com)

What's the Name of That Group of Birds?

By Ken Yasukawa

Groups of birds have many curious and interesting names. Although many of these names are obsolete, they do have a long history, probably originating from “venery,” an archaic name for hunting. The Book of Saint Albans (aka The Book of Hawking and Hunting) by Dame Juliana Barnes, which was first published in 1486, included a list of the “Compaynys of Beestys and Fowlys,” which included many of the words used by hunters of the 15th Century. Although these terms are not found in scientific papers and are not commonly used by birders, they may help in trivia or crosswords.

Here are a few of my favorite group names of birds commonly found at PCNC.

- A murder (congress, horde, muster, cauldron) of crows [American Crow]
- A dule (bevy, cote, flight) of doves [Mourning Dove]
- A trembling of finches [House Finch]
- A charm (treasury, vein, rush)of goldfinches [Lesser Goldfinch]
- A cauldron (cast, kettle) of hawks [Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk]
- A bouquet (glittering, shimmer) of hummingbirds [Anna's Hummingbird]
- A scold (band, party) of jays [California Scrub-Jay]
- A parliament (wisdom, bazaar) of owls [Great Horned Owl]
- A battery (drift, flush, rout, shake) of quail [California Quail]
- An unkindness (congress, horde) of ravens [Common Raven]
- A marathon (race) of roadrunners [Greater Roadrunner]
- A quarrel (knot, flutter, crew) of sparrows [White-crowned Sparrow]
- An affliction (chattering, scourge, constellation) of starlings [European Starling]
- A gulp of swallows [Northern Rough-winged Swallow]
- A committee (volt, wake) of vultures [Turkey Vulture]
- A confusion (wrench, fall) of warblers [Yellow-rumped Warbler]
- A drumming of woodpeckers [Acorn Woodpecker]
- A chime (herd) of wrens [Bewick's Wren]

If you would like to see more examples, try these web sites:

<http://birding-world.com/names-bird-groups/>

<https://baltimorebirdclub.org/gnlist.html>

<http://www.utahbirds.org/featarts/2009/BirdGroupNames.htm>



A Special Opportunity by Bill Kahl

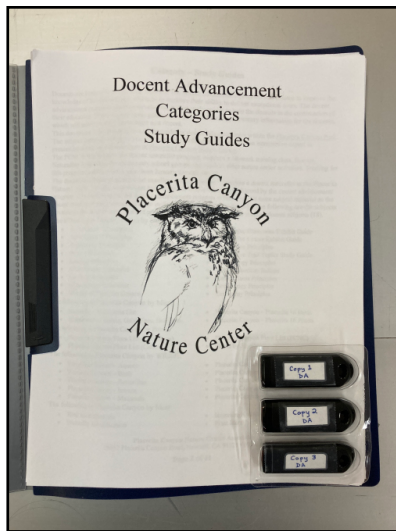
We Placerita Canyon Nature Center docents continue to look for new ways to stay involved with the park during these very different times. The past several Friday mornings, I have been fortunate to stumble into a wonderful activity. I assist with special needs adults on nature hikes and classroom discussions.

During a recent outdoor event at our amphitheater, I met Pat Coskran. Pat leads the Special Needs Program at Placerita. He has combined outside hiking and show and tell, with classroom exercises and discussion. His students range in age from the mid-twenties to the mid-thirties. Class sizes have generally been five to seven in number. Pat leads the hikes and discussions, while I sweep and contribute when appropriate.

Interestingly, while having only recently met Pat, I have known his son Sean for many years. I met Sean while doing volunteer work at Carousel Ranch, an equine therapy facility in Agua Dulce. Sean works at Carousel. Sean and I re-connected at Placerita over the summer, and I was introduced to Pat. A few months later, during a Docent Enrichment Tuesday, Pat asked if anyone would be available and willing to help him out. So I volunteered.

I'm not sure who gets more of a kick out of the activities with Pat; the students or me. The students are absolute sponges for knowledge (of which I pretend to have much) and I am happy and humbled to do something healthy and uplifting. It really rings true that the little things in life can give you the biggest bang!

I told Pat that he does a very good thing.....and I meant every word.

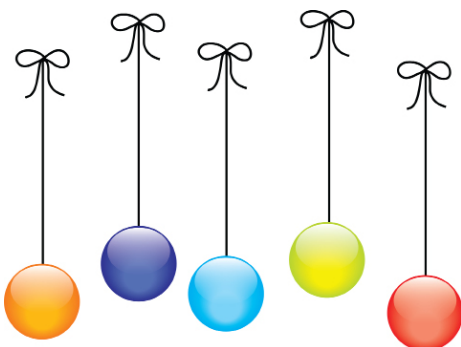


Brian Broder's New Achievement by Gary Freiburger.

Need a refresher after not leading hikes for a year and a half? The library can help! PCNC Docent Brian Broders has compiled an extensive guide to plants, animals, geology, astronomy, ethnobotany, and many other topics. His Docent Advancement Study Guides, filled with interesting facts and illustrated with color pictures, is now available digitally from the PCNC Library.

The Docent Advancement Study Guides are all available on thumb drives that can be checked out of the library. We have three copies and a printed table of contents. The table of contents and an extensive index are included on each thumb drive. Look for the gray binder in the "General Interest" section of the bookshelf (with gold dots on the spine.)

The library is a rich collection of resources for research and reading for enjoyment. A new addition is "Tree", an extensively illustrated book that lives in the children's section but contains a wealth of information for readers of any age. Check it out!



Just Another Secret Trick for Capturing the Best Nature Shot

by Tony Berru

Everyone photographing birds and other wild animals is looking to WOW the viewer of the image in a way that impresses. Personally, I don't look for an informational image, you know the one I mean, the image that says "this is a sparrow, cool, right?" For me, I am looking to assault your eyeballs with something that tells a story or at least makes you want to know more details about the image itself.



My name is Tony Berru and I have always been a college sports action photographer, and I also love street scene photography. Birds and wildlife were the furthest things I could imagine as an outlet to keep my brain challenged and active. Then came the pandemic, and all sports stopped. Family stuff made a large claim on my time as well, and I ended up photographing birds and wildlife in 15-30-minute daily windows of time. It was not a real challenge to change from sports photography to bird/nature photography because any photography is all about light and how you manage it. The real trick was finding places where I could have action readily available and an ability to hide myself in a way that made me blend in, to access the kinds of images I wanted.

Surprisingly, this was easier than I thought it would be. I found picking the right time of day and shooting from my parked car was a winning formula. The birds always show up if they don't feel threatened by a human mucking around and moving like a threatening giant. I also found that waiting patiently for hours wasn't necessary. If I was willing to take 10-15 minutes in the very early hours after sunrise and park where the light was favorable, these speedy guys would pretty much always show up. I call it Planned Speed Patience. Also, when you ultimately find your favorite spots, anticipating the taking off and landing habits these various birds demonstrate, you can take unique and eyeball assaulting images that will have your friends and family appreciating your vision in a new and satisfying way. Also, I don't claim to be Audubon Society material or a bird expert. Too much to know and have to have answers for. I am a photographer, one that wishes to chronicle cool and interesting imagery and share it for the love of being able to do it. I will usually get the name correct and will leave it to the viewer to research all the details of the breed on Wikipedia. I might tell the story of the shot and my observations of the birds. After all, that is its own story, right? Happy shooting!



Pat Coskran's New Team

by Pat

I remember the first docent training class I attended. Ron Kraus asked each of us why we wanted to become a docent. I said that my hope was to learn about Placerita, and hopefully share my knowledge with former students of mine from Canyon and Golden Valley High. Well, after being sidelined with the rest of my class because of Covid, I am now starting to work on my goal with fellow docent Bill Kahl.



Pictured here are some of my differently-abled students. It even looks like they're engaged, eh?

Say hi when you see us around PCNC!



The 25 Years Cup

At the December board meeting, Bill Webber received the 25 Years cup that he will share with Heidi Webber.

This tradition was started by Jim Southwell, and Evelyn Vandersande was the first docent to receive this cup.

We had hoped to have a little ceremony to give them the cup at the Docent Holiday party, but they were not available at this date.

The plaque on the base of the cup says "Heidi Webber and Bill Webber – In recognition of 25 years of devoted service to Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates 2021"

It is impossible to mention all the projects that Heidi and Bill have been involved in over 25 years, but I will name a few: outreaches, Holiday Craft Fair and Open House, the many construction, repairs, and amelioration that Bill did to the building, all the pot lucks and docent training lunches that Heidi provided, Heidi has been the Rattler publisher for 24 years, Bill is a board member, Heidi was the treasurer for 18 years and ran the Gift Shop for around 15 years, and so may more....most of all, they really care for the Nature Center and when asked, they are always ready to help.

Congratulations on a job well done, and our sincere appreciation for your love of Placerita. We are deeply grateful for all you have done and for all you will do.

They will keep the cup at their home for the holidays, but the tradition is that the cup stays on the docent's desk for all to see and appreciate their achievement.



Monarch Migration is Now!

Western monarchs are showing up along the California coast in greater numbers than last year's historic low, so that is very good news indeed.

One theory is that the long, hot, and dry summer contributed to an increase in population.

The best time to see monarchs is from mid-October through February. And where should you go? The best places are the Santa Cruz Monarch Butterfly grove, Pacific Grove Butterfly Sanctuary, Pismo State Beach butterfly grove, and the Coronado Butterfly Preserve.

Additionally, we are very pleased to let you know that Goleta Elwood Mesa open space has reopened and is a good spot to see many monarchs and to have a beautiful hike on top of the bluff, overlooking the ocean. Visitors should use caution on the trail because many of the trees are drought stressed and in danger of falling. This large grove is on the north side of Santa Barbara, so not too far away from Santa Clarita and very much worth the visit.

If you have the chance to travel to one of these places, the right time is now. It is an incredible experience to see the monarchs covering the branches like strange-looking fur. Go on a sunny day to see them flying around. On a cloudy day, they stay on the branches with their wings closed. (Photo by Ron Kraus at Pacific Grove)

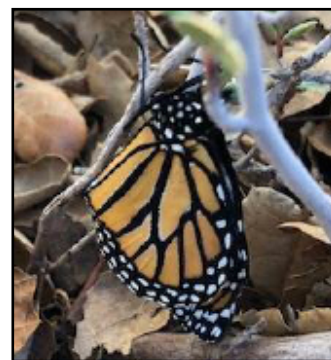


Richard Norton

I am sorry to say that Richard Norton, class of '08, has end stage colon cancer and will pass soon. He has been living in Hemet, and his son is currently with him at the hospital.

He never regained consciousness after surgery several weeks ago.

I received this message from Paula Parr and we thank you so much Paula for making us aware of Richard's sad situation., Even when we do not see some docents for a few years, they always keep a place in our hearts, and remain part of Placerita. Richard was such an interesting guy with much knowledge on many topics and a vibrant personality. We were deeply sorry to hear this news.



Birth Announcement

by Frank Hoffman

After more than two weeks of observation (about 18 days), our Monarch Butterfly pupae opened this afternoon, December 10, at around 3:30 pm. Here is the first picture of the brand-new monarch. After weeks of everyone looking in the garden at the first pupae, I just discovered yet another pupae for the first time! Pictures to follow tomorrow but it looks like it's going to pop any minute too!! We thought the first one was the only one, and we were happy to support it, but we are very proud to have 2. How cool, I love my job!



Hello from Irene Heerlein from the Class of 2012

I felt quite flattered when I was asked to tell my story for the Rattler. Unfortunately nowadays, I am not able to volunteer as much as I used to during my early years with Placerita. But here we go. First off, I apologize for any spelling and grammatical mistakes as this is part of my story being non-native. I was born in Germany, on the east side of the wall, where I grew up with – let's say – not a lot of materialistic things. But we had our garden where I helped mom with the weeds (I did not quite like that work) and I played a lot outside climbing trees and doing other weird stuff. Oh yes, the good old days.

In elementary school I already developed a joy for everything around biology and later at university I majored in geography. Strangely, I have never worked in these areas. With my bachelor's degree in business administration I was employed in various industries for the past 20+ years, the medical device sector being the latest.

But let's get to the more interesting facts about me. I have a wonderful husband who loves the outdoors as much as I do. Together we have climbed a lot

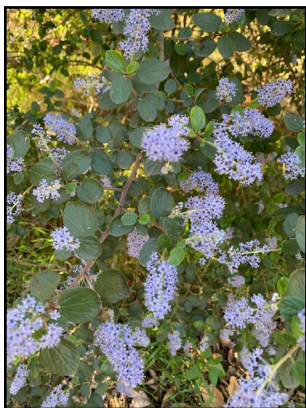
of peaks across the globe, and one of our more recent goals is to summit all the "14ers" in California. We use ice axe, climbing rope or just hiking boots for our adventures. We also do obstacle races, in fact while I am writing this article and letting my wounds heal, we just finished another one in Sacramento. I have a teenage daughter who surprisingly does not favor the outdoors anymore. I guess we pushed it too much during her childhood.

We came to the US in 2010 after a 7-year stay in Singapore. Back there we owned a dive school and explored all the Southeast Asian waters (which are way warmer than the coastal waters of California). In the US, I had no work permit for the first 2 years, so I wondered what I can do.

After reading the advertisement for the docent class at Placerita, I did not think twice. I took the class, was absolutely thrilled and became a docent in 2012 (best class ever Denny!). My favorite part was leading school groups, and it was so funny as my groups typically remembered me because of my accent. One boy even asked me once if I came by plane from Germany just to lead his group.

After a while I went back to work, and I could not do the school groups anymore which was really sad for me. But there is so much more to do at Placerita! I had another sweet moment when we started the treasure hunt booth at open house which I was leading for a few years. Again, I was able to bring nature in a fun way to kids' (and adults') lives.

In a nutshell, I am a very outdoor driven person. My love for nature was always in me but Placerita and its great people brought it back to life which I am very grateful for.



Hairy-leaf Ceanothus
Ceanothus oliganthus

Trail Treasures

By RuthAnne Murthy

Back in January 2020, Trail Treasures described hoary ceanothus in the "Rattler". Now its cousin, hairy-leaf ceanothus, will have its turn. They are both in the buckthorn family, but have many differences. You can review hoary ceanothus on placerita.org in the newsletter archive. Hairy-leaf ceanothus grows up to 9 feet tall and has a central trunk like a tree. The branches are covered with tiny hairs. Just like other buckthorns, it is often called California lilac. It grows below 4500 feet in elevation, and it is very common in the San Gabriel Mountains most often on north facing slopes.

The leaves of hairy-leaf ceanothus are a deep green on the top surface and lighter on the underside. The underside is covered with downy hairs. The leaves are 5/8 inch to 1 1/2 inch, and the margins are saw-toothed. The leaves are ovate (oval) and quite delicate. They are early summer deciduous to allow the plant to preserve moisture during the long hot summers.

The flowers form in loose panicles (clusters). They are a lovely blue or purple. They bloom from February-April. The flowers range from 5/8 inch to 1 inch in diameter. They are very fragrant. The flowers are important for pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

The flowers produce a cleansing lather when water is added that was used by Native Californians.

In the spring, hillsides turn into a sea of blue. That beautiful vision is due to hairy-leaf ceanothus, and that is why hairy-leaf ceanothus is a special Trail Treasure.



Amphitheater Location

So, you might have heard that there is an amphitheater at Placerita Canyon Center... but where would that be? After all, the park is pretty large so where would you start looking for it?

Put your worries to rest, Denny Truger understood your dilemma and has installed a brand-new sign to show you where it is. Conveniently enough, it is also in the first parking lot as you enter Placerita, so there is no chance that you will ever get lost...

Thank you, Denny, for doing this and helping our visitors find their way.



Docent Enrichment

In October, Diane Lang from Eaton Canyon came to teach the docents in Placerita about the oaks. We are a studious bunch, and everyone came prepared with pen and paper to take copious notes.

Remembering RuthAnne Murthy's warning that the mornings are chilly in the outdoor amphitheater, a few even better prepared people came with pillows or blankets to sit comfortably on the cold concrete benches. What we did not know was that Diane was going to test out a program designed for 4th graders, where learning is done through games. We were a little surprised at first, then we got into the spirit. It also gave us a good reason to move around and keep warm. We had so much fun!

We traced the roots of an oak tree using a few balls of string, we checked different seeds hidden inside woolen socks, we put together a huge oak tree with all the fauna and flora depending on the oak tree. We became kids again! It is so nice to laugh together, especially in these time of forced isolation. Everyone joined in the games, with the great team spirit that the docents always have.

We learned a lot and we were still talking about the event many days afterward. Thank you so much RuthAnne Murthy, for making this great program possible.



Docent Enrichment

Tuesday, November 23rd

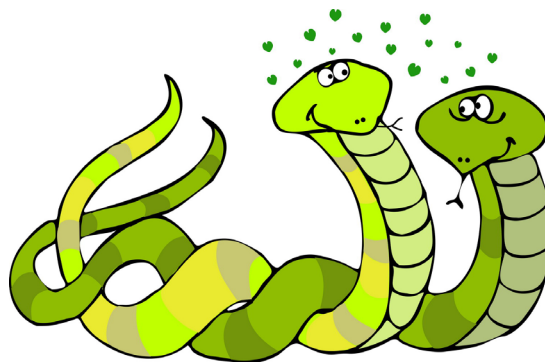
Special guest Olivia Miseroy presented "Arachnids." Olivia also brought her personal Tarantula collection and gave us many details about all she's learned through the years, including the way she handles her specimen with great care. That made for a very interesting and detailed presentation. Olivia had many fun stories explaining how she developed her knowledge firsthand, and how she learned about various species of

spiders and their different behaviors.

The second part of the morning was an animal show, to let the docents who present animals practice their presentations. It went seamlessly, and it is obvious that they are ready to present to the public. That was an important step because in January, we are going to start having an animal show twice a month at the Nature Center. The shows will be presented on the patio for extra protection against Covid, and we will ask for a small donation. Without having the school groups coming to the Center, our finances are starting to be depleted.

Please check the new flyer included in the Rattler. It was a great morning with fantastic presentations. Thank you to all who brought snacks! It was a lovely day, and it was so nice to sit in the sun on the patio catching up with each other.

It was very nice to see so many docents participating. Thank you RuthAnne Murthy, for making these docent Enrichment events possible.



Winter Programs.

Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docent Training: Tuesday, January 11. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 12 noon (see flyer)

Animal Show: First and third Saturdays of each month at 10.00am (see flyer).

Bird Walks: First Saturday of every month with Rosemarie Regis Second Saturday of every month with Ken Yasukawa From 8am to 10 am. For all levels of birders. Bring binoculars, water, and field guide.

Blooms of the Season with RuthAnne Murthy: Learn about native plants. Meet in the patio at 9.30 for a one-hour stroll on the 4th Saturday of every month. Bring your camera and questions. For more information about this free program call 661-259-7721 or 259-7832

Family Nature Walk with Judy McClure: Every Saturday from 11.00am to noon. An easy 1-hour walk exploring the area's natural and cultural history.

Placerita Nature Tots: Age 3-5. The next program in January is about Squirrels and February is Heads or Tails – registration required, check Placerita.org. Placerita Nature Tots take place on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

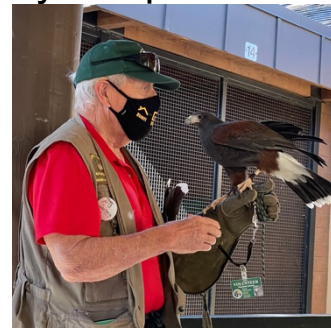
Docent Enrichment: December 28 – Santa Barbara Botanical Garden. Read your Trails and Nuggets for future Docent Enrichments

For more information, please call 661.259.7721 or visit our website at Placerita.org

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Come to Placerita Nature Center and meet the Animal Ambassadors who live in the canyon. Learn what the animals eat, where they live, their physical attributes and much more! Placerita Canyon Nature Docents/ Naturalists and staff will lead the discussion and answer all of your questions.



Where: The outdoor patio at the Nature Center
When: The first and third Saturdays of each month at 10:00



It is free and will be great fun for the entire family.
For more information, contact info@placerita.org





A Nice Surprise for Dan Duncan

"Last Sunday I walked into the Nature Center and spotted a cool picture across the room that was nicely framed. As I got closer, I realized it was a picture of me and Aiyana. A local photographer had taken it the week before, mounted it all up and left it for me. Gosh, what a nice thing to do for someone you don't even know! If that wasn't nice enough, the picture is stunning.

He's taken other pictures at Placerita, too. Aiyana has a lot of pictures taken of her every Sunday, but I usually know about those, this one was a real surprise!"

That was a wonderful surprise and that was such a lovely thing to do. Dan spends lots of time taking care of Aiyana, showing her to the public and that is a special memory to keep. The name of the talented photographer is Tony Berru.

I was a little bit concerned about approaching Tony to ask if we could publish his gorgeous photo in the Rattler. After all, he is a professional, but he was extremely gracious about it and gave me his permission. Thank you so much for giving us the chance to share your work.

I was extremely pleased to find out that he is in the process of producing a set of note cards of the birds from our area. We are excited that we will be able to sell them in the gift store and online to benefit the Nature Center

Addition from Teresa Jacobs, Gift Shop Supervisor

Tony Berru will also bring in samples of the large prints hanging on our wall. His plan is to show the larger prints, and he will make a picture book. Customers and docents can choose from the prints, and order the one (or ones!) they want. There will also be post cards and note pads, including a description of the subject.

I have been searching for a vendor like this for a long time, and I am grateful that Dan Duncan introduced us. Tony's samples reflect his eye for perfection as well as his expertise and professionalism. Hopefully we can get some of this merchandise in time for Christmas. The postcards and note cards would be perfect as gifts.

Have a great holiday season!

On the Road with the Rattler



RuthAnne Murthy, Sue Sutton and Joan Fincutter before the board meeting.



Dave Taylor in a happy mood



Bill Kahl grabbed The Rattler on time



Sandra Cattell, enjoying the morning



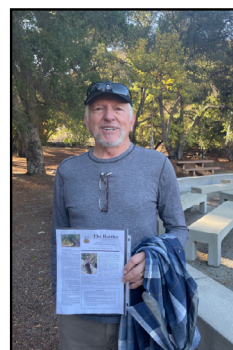
Mara Cohen is enjoying the fall



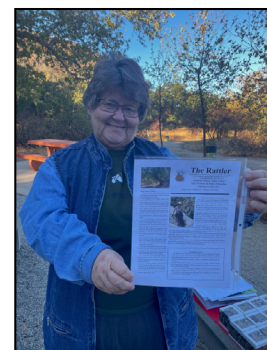
Glenda Perl with a big smile



Liz Bastiani sitting in the sun



Dan Kott took the pose with the Rattler



Diane Lang was our teacher that morning

Docent Training Placerita Canyon Natural Area



Become a Docent!

- *Learn about the natural environment*
- *Teach children about nature*
- *Make a difference in your community*

No special background needed,
just a willingness to attend training and to volunteer at least twice a month.

Training Starts Tuesday, January 11th, 2022
Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12 Noon

Docents attend a 9-week training program. Topics include native plants, ecology, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, geology, history, and interpretive techniques. Instructors include noted professionals in the various fields. The cost of the training is \$45, which includes all training materials (instruction manual, field guide, T-shirt, and related items.) Minimum age for Docents is 18. Visit our website (placerita.org/docents-volunteers/) for further information regarding the Docent program.

Other volunteer opportunities are also available at Placerita Canyon Natural Area that don't require the 9-week training program—call the Park Office at (661) 259-7721 and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator.

**For further information call Placerita Canyon Natural Area, (661) 259-7721
or Email ron@placerita.org**



Holiday Party for PCNCA

Sara and Fred Seeley were kind enough to host us all for the PCNCA Holiday Party. Pat Coskran and his son Sean got recognition for all the projects they have been involved in at Placerita, working as a great team. Irene Heerlein got special recognition for all the work she did in the Interpretive Center, making detailed information available to all. Cindy Gold got a creative genius impulse at 4.00am and created a new song "The Twelve Days of Christmas - Placerita Style" and it was so much fun singing together, but saying taxidermies full speed and keeping the tune was not as easy as it seems! Sara Seeley decorated her home with the most extensive collection of Santas that you can imagine. The game was to count them all, and Don Regis counted well. He left with a big bag full of goodies.

Sara and Fred treated us to barbecued chicken and tri-tip from Rattler's, so we were very grateful...and well fed! Thank you to all the cooks who brought appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Everything was delicious.

Thank you also to Linette and Rick Brammer who brought all the soda, water and ice for the party. A few docents helped them to decorate the garden with holidays lights : Herb Broutt, Maria Helena Christensen, Liz Bastiani, Sue Murachanian, and Jack Levenberg. It was wonderful to see all of you for our very first party after 2 very long years and we had a great time. Happy holidays to all.

Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates
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LET'S GO ON A HIKE






*Screenings available for schools and groups.
 For more information visit our website: placerita.org*



Docent's Activities on the Patio

Linette Brammer was asked to put together a display of the docent's activities in the kiosk on the patio. She did a wonderful job with the display and her husband, Rick helped her a lot.

The idea behind this project is to show our visitors all the wonderful opportunities that are offered to the docents at Placerita. After looking at the display, maybe a few of them will be inspired to join Docent training on January 11. We hope it will work!

Despite the Covid restrictions, our organization is alive and well, with many projects in the works. That is part of the problem in creating this exhibit: there is not enough space to show it all at one time. The pictures will be changed regularly. Many photos were taken just this past year. We are a very dynamic group, and there is much to be shown. Linette will try her very best!