

#### Hello Nature friends,

Who would have thought that the front cover of the Fall Rattler would be a photo of the stream with water in it? Taken in August? It is certainly an unusual sight, after a tropical storm brought almost 5 inches of rain recently.

Fall is always a wonderful season, there is a crispness in the morning air that we did not have at the height of summer. The days are getting shorter. I know it can be misleading since September can be one of the warmest months of the year here, but some changes are starting.

Fall is a season that shows itself through little details that need to be carefully observed. The leaves of the poison oak are starting to turn red. Some acorns are on the ground, and you might have noticed many more Dark-eyed Juncos than just a few months ago. Telegraph weed is growing very fast everywhere, you'll recognize those tall weeds covered with yellow flowers.

Docents are coming back from their vacations and are ready to tackle all our new programs with renewed vigor, ready for the fall season and all our new challenges!



### A Visit to Placerita

by Sandra Cattell

Thank you, Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo, for hiking Placerita Canyon with the Sierra Club in honor of California State Park week. We are always very proud to share this great Nature Center and natural area with our visitors.

# The Rattler

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# Placerita Canyon Nature Center Over 50 Years of Nature Education September-October 2023

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#### RIP Sue Wallander--Class of 2004

July 3rd, 2023

I am deeply sorry to let you know that Sue Wallander passed away . Sue and Allan moved to Georgia to be closer to their daughter Shelly. Allan passed away just a few months ago, and Shelly just told us that Sue passed away on July 3rd.

Sue was so patient and generous with her time and knowledge, a wonderful teacher all her life. She had put together a program about our local Native Americans, collecting artifacts and making some herself to bring as outreaches or for educational purposes at Placerita. She was a vice president in 2004. She and Allan were very active in all the special events for so many years and were very important to our Placerita family. Sue touched the lives of many docents and children, as the wonderful teacher she was. She leaves us with many happy memories, but it is a bittersweet to say goodbye.

#### RIP Suzy Hermann.

I am very sorry to let you know that Suzy Hermann, Class of 2013, passed away on June 18. She was very involved with Placerita Canyon Nature Center and the Sierra Club.

Some of the docents knew Suzy as their children's soccer coach, Sunday school teacher or their nurse. Suzy had unbounded enthusiasm for kids and all things Nature. She was loved by the snakes, and no one could handle the striped racer like Suzy. She was a bundle of energy and humor. She had total attention and cheer when talking to children in front of the school groups, and we loved it when



she would run through the classroom to emphasize an important concept. She was always smiling, always glowing. Suzy was a great communicator and advocate for nature. It is hard to imagine the school program without her passion.

Our condolences to her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Down Syndrome Association. Many docents came to pay their respects during the memorial service and PCNCA made a donation in her name. Suzy's enthusiasm and her love of service made the world a better place. We will miss her very much.

#### Open House a Huge Success! (And fun, too!)

By Cindy Gold

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the conflict in the world these days. But a shining example of how people come together in a positive way is our recent Open House! Over a thousand visitors gathered on May 13 to have fun playing games, doing crafts, learning about nature, and enjoying our beautiful park. It took months of planning, and over fifty dedicated docents and park staff to put together this treasured event. There were twenty clubs and organizations, from the Astrology Club to the Natural History Museum, to the Tree People. Among the activities, children learned how to churn butter, pan for fool's gold, make a corn husk doll, and do Native American crafts. Kids could shake the hand of Smokey the Bear and meet our rescue skunk Violet. Visitors planted seeds with the Sierra Club, saw sunspots through a telescope and examined polished rocks with the SPRC Rock Club. Family walks around the park, children's nature story time and looking at pond life through a microscope were some favorites. All activities were free to the public.

At the Walker Cabin, descendants of the first Walkers living in Placerita presented the park with a special reproduction of the old Placerita Camp sign, which will be on display. Also, two top of the line Fender Guitars, one electric and one acoustic were raffled off. We are grateful to Fender Guitars for donating the prizes. All proceeds go to the care of our rescue animals.

Thank you to all the clubs and organizations that participated in this day of fun. Special thanks to New York Life who provided volunteers to help with parking, and for their Children's ID program. And most of all, thank you to all the dedicated docents and park staff that put their energy, time, and heart into making the Open House a truly enjoyable and memorable day.

















#### **Board of Directors Election Results by Jim Crowley**

On June 3, we were pleased to announce the election results for the PCNCA Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors end of year meeting and potluck dinner held June 3, 2023 included a general membership meeting, and board election results. The election voting was concluded and the votes were tallied from 55 voting members of the PCNCA. These votes were spread among 10 candidates including one write-in. The Election Committee tallied 396 votes.

#### **2023 PCNCA Board of Directors voting results:**

Voted as Directors for a two-year term through May 2025 are Denny Truger, Sue Sutton, Cindy Gold, Ken Yasukawa, Pat Coskran, and Bill Webber.

Alternant Directors elected for a one-year term through 2024 are Joan Fincutter and Linda Jensen.

Continuing Board members previously elected and serving through May 2024 are as follows: Fred Seeley, Ron Kraus, Rick Brammer, Herb Broutt, Jack Levenberg and Sue Marachanian.

A thank you goes to our election committee consisting of Mara Cohen, Jim Crowley, and Jackie Thomason for arranging the system and conducting the election. And they salute those PCNCA members who voted with a big Thank You!



## Movie Night at Placerita

by Lori Wolf

Under a brilliant almost full moon, many PCNCA docents and their guests enjoyed a night of shared company, food, drink and a stunning and informative movie about hummingbirds entitled Super Hummingbirds. We learned many new things about these super athletes, such as how their wings more resemble hands than arms, they have a grooved, forked tongue that is perfect for catching nectar from long, narrow flowers, their heart rate while flying is 1,000 beats per minute and they have the fastest metabolism of any living creature.

A big thank you to all who were involved in putting this night of fun and entertainment together. The shared desserts were wonderful and hard to resist, so I will be heading back to the trails for some exercise and while I am there, I will be watching for our tiny athletic friends!



#### **Bird Display Renovations Completed** by Ken Yasukawa

In the May-June issue of The Rattler I de-

scribed the Nature Center's planned renovations of two displays about birds. The display panel in the Hummingbird

Garden, which was funded and installed in 2004 by Ron Krauss to honor his brotherin-law, Bill Goddard, has been completely renovated. Jim Crowley reworked and improved the box and Judy McClure acquired a new sign to identify the garden. New photos and information about hummingbirds are now beautifully displayed.

The three-sided display just outside the entrance to the Nature Center has also been renovated. Information about the Turkey Vulture, Long-eared Owl, and Red-tailed Hawk, which are housed in the courtyard, and an invitation for visitors to check out the Interpretive Center and Frank Hovore Classroom, have been added.

Many thanks to Frank Hoffman and the staff of the Nature Center for their assistance.



#### The Wildlife Sanctuaries

by Glenda Perl

A huge thank-you to RuthAnne Murthy and Olivia Miseroy for organizing an outstanding Enrichment field trip in the

We caravanned out to the Wildlife and Wildflower Sanctuaries in the Antelope Valley, stopping at numerous locations to walk among many varieties of wildflowers. But the only poppies we saw were on the sides of the 14 Freeway and on distant hillsides. We ate our sack lunches on picnic tables at a local park, then continued our adventure.

Part of the tour took us "off-trail" on a bumpy and dusty dirt road through one of the Sanctuary areas. The mountains all around were still covered with snow.



#### **Welcome Back to Summer Party!**

It used to be called "End of the School Year Party," but it was appropriate to change the title and Fred Seeley found a great new name for the fun evening.

Last year, we had to eat on the patio with the threat of Covid still on our minds so it was very liberating to be able to be together inside on that cool evening.

Linette Brammer and her team worked for hours to prepare for the party, and the tables with waves of ribbons, rubber duckies and the majestic collection of precious bonsai from Cindy Gold and Fred Seeley looked very festive.

Many docents came to celebrate with plenty of great food to share and we thank them for that. Ron Kraus even got a big plate of deviled eggs, his favorite! We all came back for dessert and had nice conversations with our friends.

Ron Kraus was a fun MC, as usual. He started with a review of the year, reminding us of all the projects and programs accomplished, what the future plans are, and the upcoming trips coming. We are a very busy and vibrant organization, and it is heartwarming to reflect on such a positive situation barely a few weeks after such an amazing Open House.

Twice a year, the potluck is the time when some docents are selected to receive recognition for having excelled in a special way.

Ron Kraus gave a special recognition to Cindy Gold. The list of projects she has been involved in is endless, but all is done meticulously, with attention to detail and perfection. She is always professional, attentive to people's feelings, friendly and fun... I will only mention she was in charge of two Open Houses and "Know Your Nature Center," and she is also our recording secretary. A rare woman.

Cindy Gold gave a recognition to Chelsea Morel for the beautiful mural she painted on the "Know Your Nature Center" exhibit on the patio. It enhances the display beautifully.

Herb Broutt gave recognition to Linette Brammer for being in charge of all the parties at Placerita, bringing the supplies and decorating the place in such a personal and creative way for each party.

Fred Seeley gave a recognition to Joe Morelli for the many repairs Joe has been involved at Placerita, and always with a smile. Joe has been named "The cleaning machine" for the enthusiasm and energy he demonstrates every year in cleaning up the pond!

Heidi Webber and Evelyne Vandersande both received beautiful plants from Fred Seeley as recognition for 25 years of composing the Rattler, our newsletter, together.

Jim Crowley announced the results of the election of the board of directors, and we thank him and his team for all their work. Please read Jim Crowley's article for all the details.

Maria Elena Christensen and Ron Kraus had a little fashion show to model the new tee shirt and caps from the Walker's Placerita Camp. They are available in the gift shop.

Thank you to all who worked hard to make such a great party come together, we all had wonderful time.

Leaving the Nature Center and standing on the steps, many of us enjoyed seeing the first bats flying over the parking lot. Summer is really here. Enjoy it!

#### It Looks Like a New Sign!

By Denny Truger.

Russ Kimura, Regional Park Superintendent, asked me if I would repair the PNC sign near the handicapped parking in front of PNC's office. It is just about the first sign you see as you walk up the steps to the Center. It did not look good and was becoming a safety hazard. Children seem to enjoy hanging upside down on the railing close to the sign!

The two top corners were broken, and not attached to the posts. The sign was being supported by just the two bottom bolts. I fabricated two brackets for the top two corners, reattached the top corners, wire brushed all the flaking paint and then painted the sign.

It looks pretty good now, is safe again and hopefully, gives a nice first impression to our visitors.





#### **Trail Treasures** By RuthAnne Murthy

"Everything Looks Dead"

I hear this all the time. "Look how brown the plants are this summer." What is really happening? This issue of the Rattler is a short digression from the usual Trail Treasures article. Native plants need to reduce water loss called transpiration in numerous ways. This article will discuss 10 ways.

- 1. There is less surface area for evaporation in plants with small leaves. (California buckwheat)
- 2. Plants with leathery or waxy leaves hold the water

within the leaves. (hollyleaf cherry)

- 3. Light colored leaves or shiny leaves reflect light away. (dove weed)
- 4. Succulent tissues store water. (Prickly pear cactus)
- Plants that have thorns or sharp edges keep herbivores from eating the plant to the ground. (California wild rose)
- 6. Leaves that are folded or face upward reduce the sun's angle and make their own shade.
- 7. Some plants photosynthesize through their stems. The plant can continue to produce carbohydrates even after the leaves fall. (wand buckwheat)
- 8. Hairy leaf surfaces trap dew and reduce wind evaporation. (yerba santa)
- 9. Losing all the leaves during the summer preserves water for the root system. (wild
- 10. Plants with extensive or deep roots preserve water for the next year's growth. (wild cucumber)

As you can see, our native plants have adapted to the Mediterranean climate to continue to grow and flourish. These qualities make our native plants Trail Treasures.



#### A New Queen at Placerita

by Rene Rojas

The bees in our classroom swarmed in July, but after a few days, the bee enclosure started filling up again and we are pleased to announce there's a new Queen in town. I've been looking for her and finally yesterday I found her!

Here is our new Queen.



#### A Visit with the Challenger Hiking Group

by Pat Coskran

My hiking group met Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo before she set out for a hike with the Sierra Club. Thank you to her for graciously sharing her time and attention.

My group explored the Ecology Trail's amazing sights, sounds and smells.

So grateful to be able to share our natural area.



#### Great New Way to ID the Plants in the **Park**

by Pat Coskran

The plant ID signs throughout the park now have QR code stickers. Aim your smartphone (in the camera mode) at the sticker and a link will appear. Click on the link and it will take you to the Calscape website description of the plant. Pretty cool.



#### Our New Placerita Canyon Kiosk

by Denny Truger

Daniel Dallas, as part of his Eagle Scout Award, removed the old Placerita kiosk, and built and installed a new one.

He received help from his father and a few other scouts from his Troop.

It is very impressive, and we appreciate the shade on the top. It makes reading easier in the bright sun, and prevents photos and flyers from fading too fast.



**Hearts for Sight All Over LA** 

By Sandra Cattell

What an amazing group of people, and what a terrific experience! Sierra Club sponsors monthly hikes for the Hearts for Sight Foundation, all around the LA area. Today they came to Placerita Canyon Nature Center.

The group was quite large, and we split them into two main groups, and then a couple of subgroups. Nine docents acted as sighted guides and/or nature interpreters, and we concentrated on touch, smell, and hearing to give our visitors a quality experience. I learned that not every blind person can read braille (but I had an amazing young woman who could, read out loud for others, and REALLY loved the braille map and relief of the golden oak). I also found out after the first sentence or two, the general agreement was "I can look this up later," and they wanted to keep hiking.



A Trip to the Ford Theater by Russ Kimura. Regional Park Superintendent 1

The following PCNCA docent's names were drawn from my Ranger hat by Ron Kraus: Frances Rawlins, Tom Adamiak, Beth Higby, Rose Krueger and husband or guest, Laura Skorich, Sandra Cattell, Glenda Perl, Denny Truger and wife, Melissa Rocha and Michael Chase, Irene Heerlein and Markus Heerlein, and James Crowley and Toni Crowley. It is not the Powerball Lottery, but it is a close second considering the crowd you are going with!

This is the first time that the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation is rewarding docent volunteers for their hard work. Each guest will receive a free ticket to The Improvised Shakespeare Company show at The Ford Theater on July 28th, 2023. The Ford Theater food vendor will be providing you a turkey sandwich or variety of pizzas and a drink prior to the start of the program. My staff will be driving you to The Ford Theater. A staff member will escort you into the theater and walk you to where to obtain your meal.

I'm so proud of all of you, as you are the most loyal, dedicated, and nicest group of volunteers that I have ever worked with in my 41 years in the Parks Department.



#### Going to the Library with Spiders and Snakes

by Glenda Perl

Bill Webber, Herb Broutt, and I brought nature to The Newhall Library.

Bill talked about spiders and walked around the room showing everyone our very small California Brown tarantula (in its enclosure, not his hand!). Next, Herb and I introduced our snakes, Clarence the King snake, and Rosie the Rosy boa. Finally, we invited everyone to pet the animal pelts.

Children and parents all seemed to have a good time!



What Are We Doing? by Pat Coskran

Pat is helping Dave Taylor engage visitors in a nature hunt. Participants locate and check off items on their handout and return to receive a cool badge featuring an animal living in Placerita Canyon.

This is a great opportunity to engage with families and practice our "docenting" skills. New docents should consider volunteering Friday or Saturday from 10:00-1:30. An added bonus is watching Dave startle and amuse visitors with his striped friend!





by Glenda Perl

A large contingent of PCNC docents (30!) strolled around the glorious botanical gardens of the LA Arboretum for our yearly bus trip. The weather cooperated with a pleasant temperature under a typical June gloom overcast sky.

Brilliantly colored male peacocks strutted their stuff to impress their thoroughly uninterested female counterparts ("Not tonight; I have a headache"). The ladies were more concerned with looking out for their babies. We all gathered for lunch at the aptly named Peacock Cafe.

A big thank-you goes out to RuthAnne Murthy for arranging this outing. And, we are all grateful to LA Supervisor Kathryn Barger for once again providing a city bus (with driver) to safely get us there and back.





#### Tree Down and Blocking the Trail?

by Rene Rojas

Have no fear, Dan Kott and Denny Truger are here to clear it all up, even on a very hot summer day!

Thanks a lot for your help, guys. We greatly appreciate it, and the visitors will be happy too. The tree came down on the Ecology trail, just behind the Nature Center building.

Quite a few oak trees have suffered this year in the park. It seems the heavy rain last winter may have dislodged their roots somewhat, and a very hot summer is adding to the stress. A few trees came down after our recent and very heavy tropical storm.

#### NCA 2023 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition

It will be on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 9:30 AM until about 11:30 AM. It will be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, in the Michael C. Long Auditorium. Eaton Canyon Nature Center is at 1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107.

Sue Murachanian will receive special recognition as Volunteer of the Year for Placerita Canyon Nature Center.

5,10, 15 and 20 years of service.

These docents are going to receive recognition for their hard work. It is impossible to express the deep gratitude we have for their continuous efforts, but here are their names and the number of years of service.

5 YEARS	10 YEARS	15 YEARS
BRIAN BRODERS	MARI CARBAJAL	HELEN SWEANY
HENRY CUAZ	GIRARD COHEN	
CINDY GOLD	RICHARD DONNER	20 YEARS
MELANIE GOLDER	SUZY HERMANN	SYLVIA ALTAMIRANO
ROSE KRUEGER	RON NICHOLS	BILL KOPATZ
JOHN WHITAKER	MICHAEL SUMME	JUDY McCLURE
	SUE SUTTON	
	ANNETTE UTHE	



#### Sue Murachanian, Placerita Volunteer of the Year

I decided to attend docent training in 2020. I was no longer teaching, and I was looking for new interests. I was on the freeway on the way home one afternoon and decided to stop by the park. As I drove in, I saw a sign advertising the training classes. As I entered the gift shop, I was greeted by Frank Hoffman whose enthusiasm and knowledge of the park convinced me to sign up for docent training. I wasn't a stranger to PNC as I grew up in the Santa Clarita Valley and Placerita has always been one of my favorite places. Now here I was making it official.

As our class of 2020 wrapped up training unfortunately the Pandemic shut us down. It took some time for the park to reopen and for some of us to find a place to get plugged in. For me it was the gift shop! I happened to be at the park one day when Teresa Jacobs was in the gift shop, so I introduced myself and asked if she needed any help. Teresa trained me that day and the gift shop quickly became my focus.

Over the next year as we were coming out of the Pandemic the gift shop team (including my husband Tevon) set out to update the gift shop to include electronic payment, fresh paint, new displays and some cool artwork!

In 2022 I found myself in a new and rewarding role as a member of the Board of Directors. This has allowed me to be involved at a deeper level. I have also enjoyed being a member of

many different committees and was recently asked to lead the Hospitality Committee. Through all of this I have met so many new people that I know call friends. Jack told me early on that "We are a family here at Placerita "and he is right. This could not have been more apparent when recently my family experienced a difficult loss. The support we received from our "Placerita family" was amazing.

What an honor to have been chosen Docent of the Year by a group of people that I truly admire.

Becoming a Docent at Placerita Canyon has been so much more than I ever imagined it would be. It has been my privilege to be able to give something back to the community I live in by volunteering at a place so dear to me. And it comes with the bonus of working with such a talented group of people with

the common goal of being Stewards of Placerita Canyon.

Thank you,

Sue



#### Saving the Video Player

by Denny Truger

Because of the last heat wave Cindy asked me if there was something we could do to cool the digital video controller for our video player. With the help of Amazon, I was able to install a cooling fan controlled by a thermostat.

When the temperature is above 100F, the patio gets too warm and the electronics can over heat. If the player could say "thank you," it would!



#### Native Plant Renewal Led by Robert Grzesiak

by Pat Coskran

This program is open to docents and friends every Thursday morning from  $8.00 \mathrm{am}$  to  $10.00 \mathrm{am}$ 

If you do not know Robert, you are in for a treat. He is a walking encyclopedia of plants and so willing to share his knowledge. We tackle small projects that everyone can help with, and we have lots of fun while we work. We hope many of you will come and try us out. See you Thursday and many thanks.







#### **Docent Enrichment**

Placerita Docents have many ways to keep on learning and studying many topics. They have a docent library composed of Nature books (thank you, Gary Freiburger, for keeping it up to date). There is a Nature Education program one Sunday every month. That program is open to anyone, but the docents can learn interesting details (thank you, Helen Sweany, for being in charge). Then there is a specific Docent Enrichment program to learn and have fun at the same time.

RuthAnne Murthy took up the challenge of teaching about 13 common creepy crawlies at Placerita. She made sure it was a very interactive program with teamwork projects, sharing information in front of the classroom, and prizes being won by the teams. It was a very exciting time, the docents learned and had fun doing so. Thank you, RuthAnne, for planning such a great morning.



#### **Breakfast of the Champions**

by Glenda Perl

What a fun morning! Today was the annual Breakfast of Champions at Placerita Canyon Nature Center. In addition to all of the calorie-free diet delights that everyone brought to the table for the potluck, long-time Docent-Par-Excellence Ron Kraus composed another round of our trivia game, "Are You Smarter than a Placerita Fifth Grader". It was a heated competition between the 5 teams of players!

In the end, it was a tie between the Brats team and the Squirrels! team. We are all eternally grateful to our oh-so-talented artist-in-residence Jill Goddard for her always creative creature hats, awarded to all of the trivia game winners (tadpoles swimming in the stream, with googly eyes!). Just WOW!



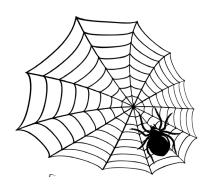
#### At the Boys and Girls Club

by Glenda Perl

Look at the faces on those kids! Today, Placerita Canyon Nature Center brought Nature to the Boys and Girls Club summer program at Old Orchard Elementary School. About 60 children of varying ages piled into the schoolroom for our one-hour presentation.

Sandra Cattell started the show with a Mexican Red Knee tarantula and Western toads. Then, Bill Webber, and I shared a gopher snake and a king snake.

At the end, everyone got to pet/feel the animal pelts as they left the room. The kids had lots of questions. The adult staffers seemed to enjoy the presentation as much as the kids!



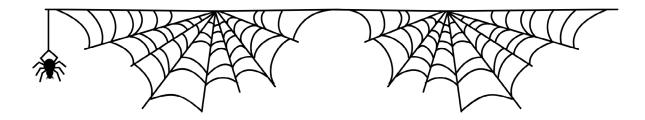
### **Unveiling at Placerita**

by Leon Worden

Bob Walker (of the Placerita Canyon Walker family) donated a replica sign to the Nature Center Associates during the Placerita Open House. It is a redo of the original and long-illegible "rate sheet" sign from Walker's Placerita Camp of the 1930s.

During the automobile tourism period, homesteader Frank Walker rented cabins to visitors, served BBQ dinners, had a dance floor, and of course offered gold panning opportunities on his property. (That's illegal in the park now, FYI.)

Ron Kraus. Board member from Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates, was the Master of Ceremony for the event.



#### Summer and Fall Programs

The Eaton Canyon Recognition ceremony will be on September 9 at 9:30AM. Recognition will be given to the Placerita Volunteer of the Year as well as to docents for their 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of service. (see article)

Annual Park Community Meeting-Nature Center Classroom Saturday, September 23, 5PM to 6PM

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

Blooms of the Season: Learn about native plants with RuthAnne Murthy. 4th Saturday of every month, meet on the patio at 9:30AM for a one-hour stroll. Bring your camera and questions.

Family Nature Walk: Every Saturday from 11AM to noon with Judy McClure. An easy 1-hour walk exploring the natural and cultural history of the area.

Hike with the Downhill Sliders: The third Wednesday of the month at 10AM. Program for docents and friends. Please bring water and poles. Docents, please check your Trails and Nuggets for the latest information.

Placerita Nature Tots: Second Saturday of the month at 9:30AM. For 3-to-6-year-olds. Program lasts 45 minutes to one hour, and will involve learning about the environment. To register: Nature tots@placerita.org

Nature Education: Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 2PM, PCNCA provides a free educational program open to the public.

Native Plant Renewal and Restoration: Every Thursday from 8AM to 10AM, led by Robert Grzesiak.

Twilight Hikes: This program is offered on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This program starts at 7PM in September and 6.30 PM in October, and runs for about one hour. Park staff and the Nature Center docents split groups and courses through the different trails in the dark.

Movie Night: August 26 from 6.PM to 10PM. Fund raiser for the animals. "Homeward Bound" Film at 7.30PM. Last movie of the season – September 23 – 6.PM to 10PM Title TBD

Book and Hike: 4th Sunday of the month from 9AMto 10:30AM. A new book will be discussed each month. Please register booksandhikes@placerita.org.

For docents only:

Fall Kick off: September 19 at 9AM.

Trip to Los Encinos in October: Docents, check your Trails and Nuggets for more details.









NATURE CENTER CLASSROOM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 5:00-6:00 P.M.



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