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Placerita is an Amazing Place

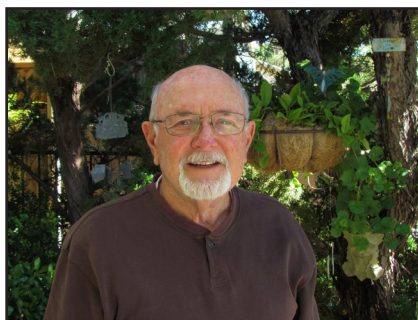
Docent training came to an end, and we have 18 new docents. Many of them jumped into action right away, and participated in different programs. We appreciate their help, their friendship and their enthusiasm.

We have had so many fun and successful programs lately that I am almost afraid I'll forget something, the list is so long: ghostly tales, Community Drum Circle, discovery days, bus trip, many school visits, graduation, and now all our efforts are directed toward Open house on May 9 (See flyer).

Open House is our way of thanking the community for their support over the last year. We hope you can come, visit and enjoy the big day.

The park is very beautiful right now and the last few showers kept the stream flowing. Frogs can be heard and flowers are blooming. Come and reconnect with the natural world.

HELLO
Spring



Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates (PCNCA)

Board of Directors Voting Season is Upon Us!

By Jim Crowley

PCNCA will conduct the Board of Directors election in May. It is time for the people interested in running for a Board position to seriously consider it. You have a chance to express your thoughts on how we can improve the park and our programs.

In the April/May 2026 time frame, all members will receive voting instructions. If you are at all interested, let one of the board members know you are interested in being added to the ballot. Please contact Jim Crowley about the responsibilities involved.

Here are some Board of Director (BoD) basics: Elected board members serve a two-year term, with half the BoD up for re-election each year. Additionally, two alternate directors are elected to a one-year term. Consider running for a board position to help make decisions and plans for our Docent organization. Eligibility requirements are simple...be a member in good standing (paid dues) and willing to attend a monthly board meeting.

Remember that all members have an ongoing open invitation to attend any or all Board of Directors meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1:00PM. Our upcoming meeting is on May 5th.. You are invited to participate, watch, and see how it all works. We highly encourage this! The voting will end on June 6th no later than 5:30PM. Votes will be counted on June 6th and the results will be announced the same evening at the first board meeting, in combination with the Welcome Summer Dinner.

Nature Tots in April

This month's Nature Tots program topic was animal "Heads and Tails." PCNC'S very own Denise Allen was the featured speaker! The room was filled with kids and parents (and docents). John Whitaker got things started. Carol Mercado played a cute video. Jennie Marsh, Lise Meyers, and Dee performed a singalong, and many joined in.

Then, it was time for Dee to read her book, *The Dog That Had No Tail*. Everyone loved the story of homeless (and tail-challenged) Snapper; they laughed at Snapper's foibles in trying to find a tail.

Congratulations, Denise Allen and thank you all the docents for your help and your enthusiasm. Everyone had such a great time, it was wonderful seeing all those smiles. Following the program, Dee met with families in the Gift Shop who purchased copies of the book, and she personally autographed each one.

Thirteen copies of the book were purchased by the families for their kids with all proceeds donated by Dee to the Nature Center.

There will not be a Nature Tots program in May, and families were encouraged to attend the Park's annual Open House on May 9. The next Nature Tots program will be on June 13.





Getting Ready for Open House 2026

By Cindy Gold,

chairperson for Open House

We're already planning our very popular Open House event! It will be on Saturday, May 9 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We're starting an hour earlier this year to accommodate hot weather. We'll have all our favorite activities – nature crafts, local clubs, animal demos, children's games like panning for gold and Walker Cabin tours, to name a few, as well as some new surprises. We'll also have more parking shuttles to greatly cut down on waiting time. All activities and parking are free so it's a great day of family fun. Mark your calendars and we'll see you on Saturday, May 9th!



Downhill Sliders

It was a beautiful sunny day with a slight breeze, and we went up Towles Canyon to the Narrows. Thank you to Sondra Fox who graciously took the group photo.

We saw so much along the trail: black walnut, Clematis, Chinese Houses, Sticky monkey-flower (many of those), Mariposa lilies, and Canyon Dodder (it is a good year!). It was nice being together on this gentle hike.

Ken Yasukawa gave us a lot of information about the birds that were hearing. We will keep this hike in mind for the summer because there is plenty of shade.

Thank you RuthAnne for planning this program.




COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
Parks & Recreation



**PLACERITA CANYON
NATURE CENTER**

Free
Entry

NATURE CENTER

OPEN HOUSE



Kids Gold Panning

Family Crafts & Games

Animal Presentations

Caricatures & Treasure Hunt

Local Clubs & Organizations

Native Plant Sale

*Public Parking at Disney
Ranch lot with Free Shuttle
Service to and from park.*

May 9, 2026

SATURDAY

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

19152 Placerita Canyon Rd
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Who Doesn't Love Hummingbirds?

By RuthAnne Murthy

One of the most peaceful places at the Nature Center is the Hummingbird Garden. It is graced with the beautiful fountain built from river rock by some of our docents years ago.

But with time, the plants needed to be replaced. One of our very generous volunteers made a donation to purchase them, and Judy McClure and RuthAnne Murthy purchased native plants with tubular flowers that the hummers love.

Then on February 21st a whole band of docents, newbies and seasoned, showed up to do the planting.

First Cesar, newbie Ellie Medina's boyfriend, put in a new drip system, thank you very much. And then the docents planted 21 new plants. The donuts and coffee gave us the energy to get it all done in an hour, thank you Judy!

It's just further proof that Placerita docents work together and get things done. Thank you to all!



Canyon Dodder
Cuscuta subinclusa

Trail Treasures

By RuthAnne Murthy

Witches' hair is a wonderful nickname for dodder because of its bright orange color and stringy form. It is an annual plant that grows from seed in the chaparral and coastal sage scrub below 5000 feet in elevation. It is part of the morning glory family. It is a parasite that is rootless and vine-like. There are 12 species of dodder in Southern California that display in a range of colors from pale yellow to bright orange. Canyon dodder is bright orange.

Dodder is leaf-less and lacks chlorophyll so it cannot produce its own carbohydrates through photosynthesis. It attaches itself to the host plant with rods called haustoria. The haustoria draws nutrients and water from the host plant which weakens or even kills the host.

The tiny flowers are about 1/8 inch in diameter and are a waxy- white. They grow in clusters from April to October.

Medicinal uses include treating the urinary tract and the spleen, psychiatric problems, and blood disorders. It is somewhat toxic, so great care was used when utilized.

The bright color and unusual form is a feast for the eyes, and that is why it is a wondrous trail treasure.

Ellie, From the Class of 2026

Hi! My name is Elizabeth Medina, but most people call me Ellie. By the time you're reading this, I hope to officially be a full-fledged docent with the Placerita Canyon Nature Center's Docent Program, and I'm so excited to be part of this wonderful community.

Placerita Canyon holds a special place in my heart. During my time at College of the Canyons, it was one of the places that helped me through some of the toughest moments of my college years. Spending time on the trails gave me a chance to reset and reconnect with nature when I needed it most.

Professionally, my background is in visual storytelling, so I spend much of my time behind a video camera or editing videos and photos. While I love what I do, sitting at a computer for long hours can be physically and mentally taxing.

Joining this amazing docent team is my way of getting outside more, meeting new people, continuing to learn, and giving back to a place that has meant so much to me.

I love photography, hiking, camping, animals, and learning new things, especially when I get to share what I've learned with others. I also love helping people, so when Senior Docent RuthAnne asked if anyone had experience with irrigation for the wildflower watering system at the Hummingbird Garden, I jumped at the opportunity.

My wonderful boyfriend, Cesar Loza, is very knowledgeable about irrigation, and together we were happy to help restore the garden alongside some of the other incredible docents.

I hope to help in even more ways, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Placerita family!



The Laundry Room with a View!

A few months ago, the Nature Center received a grant to buy a new washing machine and a dryer, and we were extremely grateful. We use lots of towels for animal care, and it was quite urgent to have a solid replacement.

The laundry room was cleaned up and repainted, so everything was nice and fresh.... but a little bit sterile. To the rescue were Keira Banks (full-time Art major at CSUN) and Colleen Moulay (student from the class of 2026). They brainstormed a plan for a mural.

They came up with a very creative design that includes many of our animal ambassadors, plants, and other outdoor creatures that call Placerita home.

Keira sketched the full-size Placerita residents on the walls, and together Colleen and Keira are painting this extraordinary mural.

The number and variety of animals and plants keep on growing according to their enthusiasm and demand. It is a masterpiece worth a visit!

Thank you so much Keira and Colleen, your work of art, talent and patience is very much appreciated.



A Visit from a Day Program

by Pat Coskran

A few weeks ago, I had the unexpected pleasure of touring a group from a Day Program in the San Fernando Valley. It was their first visit to Placerita Canyon Nature Center; I happened to see them in the courtyard and did my best to make them feel welcome.

We are developing a reputation as an inclusive place for all to enjoy.

I'm proud to be part of this team.

Declining Populations of North American Birds

By Ken Yasukawa

In a recent article published in the journal *Science*, three authors concluded that human activities might have accelerated declines in bird populations. Using information from 1,033 North American Breeding Bird Surveys (1987–2021) [the BBS is one of the most comprehensive and standardized datasets in the world] for 261 species from 54 families of birds in 10 habitats, the authors found a decline in abundance of all birds per route, with hotspots of decline in southern and warm parts of North America and hotspots of accelerating decline in the Mid-Atlantic, the Midwest, and California. Furthermore, such declines were seen in multiple habitat types, including grasslands, marshes, and open woodlands.

Overall, 122 species (47%) exhibited significant declines, of which 63 also showed acceleration of this decline, and 67 showed declining per-capita growth rate. The authors also observed a correlation of bird declines with high and increasing temperatures, and that the decline was further accelerated by agricultural intensity. These findings suggest that bird abundance decline is accelerating, driven by agricultural intensity, although this study does not demonstrate conclusively that temperature increase, human population growth, and agricultural intensity cause the accelerating decline. Their study raises concerns for many North American bird populations and warns us that human activity may be causing birds to disappear.

Leroy, F., M. A. Jarzyna, P. Keil. 2026. Acceleration hotspots of North American birds' decline are associated with agriculture. *Science* 391:917–921.

Some Improvements in the Park

It is difficult to see what is happening in every part of the park so you might not have noticed a big improvement to the steps leading to the water tank. It was getting dangerous to use them, they had been damaged by years of water runoff and use by the hikers.

It was a wonderful Eagle Scout project. The work was very well done, adding steps to make it safer and filling up places that had been washed out. The steps are completely transformed!

Another Eagle Scout project was to add a new bench with a shading roof, close to the water tank. The hillside trail is steep and in the sun for the last part, so it will be a welcome addition for the visitors.

The new bench and shade shelter were constructed by Nicholas Mesta, and the stair improvement project was completed by Daniel T. H. Walker...both are Eagle Scout Candidates that I'm sure will achieve that goal. Frank Hoffman, Recreations Service Supervisor, checked on their work and was very impressed.



Jim Crowley did a fantastic job taking photos of each graduate, and already installed them as a special "wall of fame" for the class of 2026. It makes it really easy to recognize people and learn their names while you're on site at Placerita, or you can take a photo of the exhibit and keep it on your phone.

Graduation of the Class of 2026

by Glenda Perl

Say hello to the 2026 PCNC Docent Naturalist graduating class! We had our graduation party and potluck dinner on Saturday, April 28. The graduates received their suitable-for-framing certificates and name pins. Nine students were awarded "perfect attendance" hats. Each student also received a special gift from their mentor. Even Bjorn, the Service Dog, received special recognition (a bright red bandana). Congratulations, graduates!



Colleen Moulay

I am thrilled to be a part of the 2026 Docent Class at The Placerita Canyon Nature Center. After cancellation of the program last year, I began volunteering just about every week under Ranger Frank's wings. I feel very fortunate and love it here!

Among many things, I enjoy talking to people about animals and plants. I also love listening to children and adults share their stories and tell me things I don't know.

Throughout my life, nature and all living creatures have been fascinating to me. My family moved to Santa Clarita in 1976 from a small, wooded town in Connecticut. To be honest, I didn't realize or appreciate the beauty here until I began hiking in 2018. Since then, I have been an avid hiker and consider it my passion.

I am a very proud mom of one beautiful and amazing daughter. Annette is a Student at Cal Poly Humboldt University in the Dual Degree Program working toward her Master of Arts in Environment and community and Bachelor of Arts Environmental Studies with an emphasis in ecology and Restoration Science. Before heading off to school she too volunteered and was fortunate to have Frank Hoffman as her mentor.

I have four large and loved dogs as well as a few reptiles and ranch animals. I love to sing karaoke and belong to The Voices of the Canyons Choir at College of the Canyons.

I look forward to becoming a docent, continuously learning, and giving to our community.



A Fallen Oak Tree by Judie Davis

Following a week of rain, wind, and freezing overnight temperatures, an oak tree fell sometime overnight between Thursday and Friday, February 20th, in the park. The massive tree completely blocked the park roadway approximately 50 yards east of the Walker cabin.

Speculation continues regarding the potential involvement of the destructive GSOB beetle. The recent tree assessment conducted in the park indicated that the tree was relatively healthy. Several park docents present on Friday observed that vermin had tunneled into the root base and that there appeared to be possible black fungus-like material enmeshed in the roots, as well as possible evidence of past fire damage.

Regardless of the cause, the fallen oak serves as a reminder of the immense and awe-inspiring power of the natural world. Fortunately, the park was closed at the time, and no vehicles or visitors were exposed to any danger. The county tree team promptly cleared the area and reopened the roadway early Monday morning, February 24th.



no problem painting the roof. She is such a trouper!



Girl Scouts and Honor Students Under the Middy Sun by Henry Cuaz

Several volunteer groups continue to remain engaged in meaningful projects at the park, most recently assisting Robert Grzesiak and his invasive plant removal team.

Just days before St. Patrick's Day, more than forty volunteers were kneeling among the clover, looking to restore the meadow and the river's island areas of the park by removing non-native plants.

Eager, organized, and resilient, four teams of high-achieving adolescents cleared two riverbanks, began the daunting removal campaign at the meadow and cleared every invasive grass on the island.

All this effort was expended under a warm sun and with minimal supervision! They were scouts, junior and senior High School students who worked well together and with minimal supervision!

When it was time to collect the tools and say goodbye, these scouts and junior/senior high students proudly posed for photos before the mountain of weed-filled bags (15): the tangible measure of their collective collaboration.

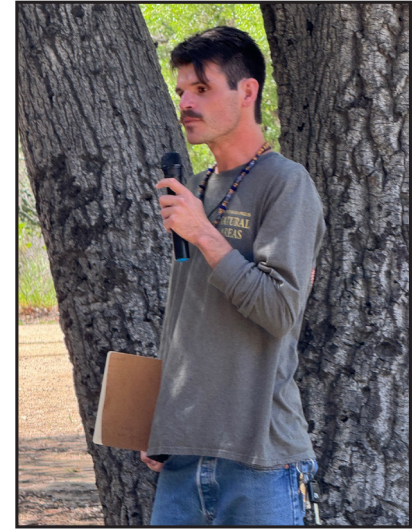
Our park and its docents are reflections of the patrimony of our community. Thank you, Ranger Frank, Robert Grzesiak, Judy McClure., Barb Heinzl, Bill Rogers, Henry Cuaz.

Nice and Fresh

Bill Webber chose the color for the new storage unit, and Joe Morelli and his wife Cathy painted it.

Cathy is an iron worker and a welder, from local 433. She was the second woman to do that right out of High School (her best friend was the first one!).

Thank you so much, it looks great...and the color matches the new leaves on the sycamore. Thank you, Joe and Cathy, for taking on this project on such a hot day. Cathy had



Strange, Ghostly Tales of the SCV at Placerita

Each month we have a different topic for the educational program, and in March we asked Evan Decker to tell us ghost tales in the picnic ground. We were taken by surprise by the success it was.

Guests kept on arriving even when the parking area was filled up. Once all the benches were filled, people came with folding chairs, or many just sat in the grass.

Evan Decker was fascinating; he is a wonderful storyteller. He has been involved with Mentryville since he was 14 years old and was a tour guide at the Hart Mansion, in Hart Park, for many years.

When he happened to be in those houses late in the evening, he would sometimes hear some strange noises, and it was a little creepy. However, some people told him about unexplainable experiences they had in those places.

We were introduced to a society checking on supernatural manifestations in SCV. They came to test the cabin, but we were disappointed to find out we do not have a local ghost!

The public took part in the presentation, many had ghost stories to tell; it was interesting and lots of fun.

We received many requests to repeat this presentation, and we might do something similar in October.

Thank you so much, Evan Decker, story-telling is an art and you do it very well.





Books & Hikes– April 2026

What was the deadliest, American, man-made disaster of the 20th Century? The collapse of the St. Francis Dam. This tragedy occurred in Santa Clarita’s own backyard. On March 12, 1928, at around midnight, the St. Francis Dam suddenly collapsed, sending a 180-foot-high wave down San Francisquito Canyon.

To bring attention to this catastrophe, and the many lives that were lost, Books and Hikes featured Floodpath, by Jon Wilkman, on March 22, 2026. Wilkman provides a historical account of this moment in time, to include a discussion of events leading up to the construction of the St. Francis Dam, as well as the aftermath that ensued following the death and destruction of over 400 residents, hundreds of animals and livestock,

and thousands of acres of land. Dan Kott, PCNC Docent Naturalist and former DWP employee, was our “Floating Facilitator” for this event and provided a wealth of knowledge regarding the Dam and the Los Angeles Aqueduct. And, our very own Debbie C shared the steps she took to procure signage in order to sufficiently memorialize the men, women, and children who died in this horrific event. The Memorialization Initiative is a work in progress as Debbie continues to advocate for the placement of more strategic markers en route to St. Francis.

Floodpath is a well-sourced account of this disaster, but it is no substitute for actually visiting the site. Approximately one week before our meeting, several B&H members gathered at St. Francis to hike the new interpretive trail (2 years old) and see the dam remnants for ourselves. Standing at the top of the mountain, only then could we truly imagine the events that unfolded approximately 100 years ago and the terror the victims must have felt...a very sobering experience but also an acknowledgement to those who came before us. We have a responsibility to remember.

B&H would like everyone to know that Spring is the time of year when we focus on birds and/or birding. On April 26, we are featuring the book Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World, by Christian Cooper.

Finally, please join us on Sunday, 5/17/26, when B&H covers Secrets of the Oak Woodlands by Kate Marianchild. This book profiles 22 plants and animals, all coexisting within the CA Oak ecosystem. Secrets reveals the “secret” universe surrounding our beloved CA Oaks – it’s a must-read. Hope to see you there!

Blooms of the Season

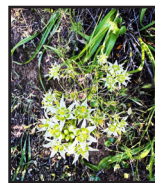
by RuthAnne Murthy

It is a gentle hike throughout Placerita Canyon. It is held on the 4th Saturday of every month at 9:00.

This past Saturday, we had a group of over 20, and the canyon didn’t disappoint! We saw a whopping 41 species of wildflowers. Some were fading and making seeds for next year, and others were on the cusp of blooming out. Some were their perfect selves! What a treat!

Two spectacular blooms of special interest were the Fremont white star camas and the wooly blue curls.

We always find something of interest so come and join us.



Discovery Days

By Sue Murachian

On Saturday, March 14th the Amphitheater Committee, in collaboration with the Walker Cabin team, held our first Discovery Days event. The idea behind the event was to provide a more in-depth look at our park’s history featuring the discovery of gold in Placerita Canyon and the Walker family’s decades-long relationship with Placerita.

We had an estimated 150 guests in attendance. The event began in the Amphitheater with a brief overview of the discovery of gold in Placerita Canyon given by Ron Kraus, followed by another brief presentation of the Walker family history given by Jennie Marsh, Dee Allen and Sandy Corkle. Ron led guests on walks to the Oak of the Golden Dream, sharing park history along the way. Fransico Lopez (our very own Evan Decker) added to the day’s festivities!

Tours of the Walker cabin were offered with Jennie, Dee and Sandy in period clothing. They gave guests a chance to experience what daily life was like for the Walker family while living in the Canyon. Can you imagine doing laundry for 12 children on a washboard!

Thank you Heidi & Bill Webber and Joe Morelli for bringing gold panning back to Placerita for the day, this activity is always a big hit with the kids and adults alike!

After the Success of our first “Discovery Days” the Amphitheater Committee plans to make it an annual event!

How Did the Walker Family Survive?

By Jennie Marsh

Frank and Hortense Walker had excellent skills in a variety of trades as well as access to key tools.

One particularly important tool was their bucket. It was used for a variety of key tasks but probably the most vital one was hauling water back to the cabin from the creek and, later, the well.

Water was needed for cooking, doing laundry, cleaning, watering gardens and livestock, and last, but not least, bathing.

When the Walker Cabin docents demonstrate how laundry was done back in the 1920s, a galvanized steel bucket was a piece of the puzzle that was sorely missed. We knew exactly what was needed based on a special photo of the Walker’s youngest son, Richard, unhappily sitting in such a bucket. So, we took a chance and reached out to our docent community asking for a similar bucket. We were so lucky: Generous Joe Morelli offered a perfect one! Now we have the complete laundry setup!

The bucket symbolizes the strong work ethic and ingenuity of the Walkers as they labored to survive in Placerita Canyon.

Thank you, Joe!





Visit to the Tree People

by Dennis Cain for Docent Enrichment

A group of intrepid docents travelled to Coldwater Canyon Park to visit the Tree People campus, situated on 40 acres of beautiful hillsides in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains.

We were treated to an overview presentation by Lren Feder, Amanda Begley (who played a major role in a Docent Enrichment seminar on Watersheds in 2024), and Eric Wilson.

Lauren is the Development Engagement Manager, Amanda is the Associate Director of Watershed Health (and Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator for the Safe Clean Water Program), and Eric serves as the Watershed Health Senior Program Manager.

The Tree People organization consists of about 140 employees dedicated to addressing environmental progress in Community Forestry, Restoration & Conservation (including in burn zones in Castaic and San Francisquito Canyon, and Green Valley), Urban & School Greening, Education and Outdoor Equity, Policy & Advocacy, Research, Watershed Management, and stewardship through the Tree People Land Trust. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2023.

They are also heavily involved in GSOB defense and have been awarded a grant starting in 2026 from the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy to build a regional GSOB Response coalition to address 4 priorities:

- Standardized GSOB Data Methods
- Best Management practices
- Education & Public Engagement
- Research Impact

Amanda and Lren also led us on a tour of the grounds, including the Nursery, an Urban Watershed Garden, and a beautiful lookout point with views of the Hollywood Hills and Verdugo Mountains. We could even spot the flowing Los Angeles Aqueduct cascade!

Amanda will be at our Open House in the Tree People booth...go say hi to her, and thank them for participating in a recent Books & Hikes program and helping to plant new oaks in the park!

They also have many volunteer opportunities in the Santa Clarita Valley area to help restore burn areas and plant oaks.



Gift Shop News!

By Sue Murachanian

The Gift Shop continues to grow with our community and PCNC programs.

March has been our top selling month of 2026 to date. We had three school tours request the gift shop, which improved our sales significantly in an already busy month.

Our top selling items are consistently PCNC long sleeved T-shirts and Folkman-is puppets, although the geodes are a close third with the school tours!

The Gift Shop supports our park programming by offering Placerita Canyon, Walker Cabin, and Books & Hikes merchandise. This month we had the pleasure of featuring Docent Dee Allen's book *The Dog That Had No Tail*. Sales are going very well, and Dee is generously donating the profits back to Placerita!

We have an energetic Gift Shop team which includes Teresa Jacobs, Glenda Perl, Liz Bastiani, Judie Davis and me, Sue Murachanian. We are preparing for the upcoming Open House where we will also offer a native plant sale, snack bar and raffle.

Hope to see you all there!

Spring and Summer Schedule

Important change in Park Schedule: The park will be closed on Mondays. The gate at the park entrance will be locked, and no parking is available. Parking on Placerita Canyon Road is not allowed. From Tuesday to Sunday, the hours of operation are 8:30am to 7:30pm from March 1 to October 31. The office opens at 10:30am and closes at 7:30pm.

OPEN HOUSE: May 9 from 9am to 2pm.

Books and Hikes: 4th Sunday of the month from 8am to 9:30am. Please register at booksandhikes@placerita.org.

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

Bird Walks: First Saturday of every month with Docent/Naturalists Ellen Coleman, and the second Saturday of every month with Ken Yasukawa. It starts at 8am March-November and 9am December-February. Bring binoculars, water, and a field guide.

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

Hike with the Downhill Sliders: 2nd Monday of the month, check Trails and Nuggets for information.

Nature Education: Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm, PCNCA provides a free educational program. Check the webpage to learn about the topic.

Native Plant Renewal and Restoration: Every Thursday at 9am, led by Robert Grzesiak. Bring garden gloves and water. Just show up to work, do not send email.

Placerita Nature Tots: 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30am. For 3-to-6-year-olds. Program last 45 minutes to one hour, and will involve learning about the environment. To register go to Nature_tots@placerita.org

Docent Enrichment in May: Bus trip to Botanic Garden in Claremont (for docents only= DTBD)

Movie Night: May 18 at 6:30pm in the amphitheater. The Super Mario Bros will be shown, it is the number ONE Super Mario movie. Voting for the board will be finalized on May 31, docents please vote for your Board of Directors.

Back to the Summer Party: docents only - Saturday, June 6 at 6pm. Potluck dinner and results of the board election.